

**CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre Craven Arms**

**Present:**

Councillors:

Cllr D Mills (Chairman) Cllr Asif Rao,  
Cllr M Trafford Cllr A J Willetts,  
Cllr D Evans Cllr N Carter,  
Cllr N Stephens Cllr V Bailey  
Cllr R Conway Cllr S Demos

**In Attendance:**

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

**Apologies:**

Cllr K Pugh

**Members of the Public:**

Cllr N Carter gave a reminder of the Holocaust Memorial Day on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018 when an interfaith meeting will be held at the Methodist Hall Craven Arms to which all members of the Council are invited.

**68/17 Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr D Evans – Chairman Shropshire Planning Committee South Shropshire Area  
Cllr N Stephens – Craven Arms Youth Group

**69/17 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 31st October 2017 were agreed by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**70/17 Matters arising from the Minutes:**

No Items

**71/17 Chairman's Items:**

The Town Council discussed the Shropshire Council consultation document on the future funding of youth activities which proposed a reduction in the annual budget from £234,959 to £135,000 resulting in future grant payments only being provided to the large Market Town Areas.

The Craven Arms Local Joint Committee Area received £3,000 for the current financial year and although this is a relatively small amount for the funding of youth activities within the Craven Arms Area it did help to obtain additional match funding from other organisations.

The Town Council strongly objected to the proposals in the consultation document as it is vital that youth facilities are provided within the rural/small market town areas and should not just be restricted to the large market town areas where more facilities and opportunity for funding was available.

It was agreed by the Town Council that a letter of objection be sent to Shropshire Council requesting that the proposed formulae for distribution of youth activities should be amended to include the continued provision of grant funding for the rural/small market town areas.

**72/17 Highway and Amenity Items:**

- a) **Highway/Amenity Items:** Cllr N Carter reported on the repair of various highway items that had been undertaken by Highways England and Shropshire Council.  
The new disabled parking bay in Corvedale Road and the new waiting restrictions in Greenfields Road Craven Arms had now been installed.

The Clerk reported that Network Rail plan to clear the litter on the train embankment along Brook Road and behind the Craven Arms Hotel on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

- b) **Christmas Lights Working Group** – Cllr D Evans reported that the Christmas lights/trees had been erected and opened on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The Town Congratulated all those involved and particularly members of the Fire Service for their help with the installation work.
- c) **Purchase of Bus Shelter** The new bus shelter to be sited on Shrewsbury Road adjacent to Harry Tuffins Supermarket and the Corvedale Road Roundabout had been ordered and should be installed during January 2018.
- d) **Out-Door Gym Equipment** – The Clerk reported that through the help of Lisa Bedford Shropshire Council the Town Council had been awarded £10,000 by the National Lottery Awards for All to purchase/install outdoor gym equipment at the Craven Arms Playing Fields.

The £10,000 will be added to the £5,000 already received from the Shropshire Energize Project. A scheme will now be considered for installation by June 2018

### 73/17 Financial Items:

The Clerk presented a summary of the Income and Expenditure as at the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The Town Council approved the following accounts for payment:

Inland Revenue	1109	120.00	Tax
C E Williams	1110	748.25	Disbursement
Royal British legion	1111	40.00	Wreath
K Gripton	1112	30.00	Amenity work Hire of
CASCA	1113	500.00	Hall
Cyril Bason	1114	8.40	Supplies
CAPFA	1115	1,000.00	Grant already approved
Farlow Farm Nursery	1116	343.20	Christmas Trees
G R Morris	1117	450.00	Amenity work
Water Plus	1118	64.81	Water Rates - Field

### 74/17 Planning Items:

- a) Planning application 17/04694/Full – 4 Stokewood Road Craven Arms – Remove existing door and replace with aluminium double door and window. – No Objection
- b) The Town Council considered the annual Review of the Craven Arms Place Plan which had been updated with the Summary of growth and Investment in Craven Arms for period 2016 - 2036 with the identification of the future Critical Strategic Infrastructure Requirements, Priority Projects and Key Projects all of which were dependent on obtaining Funding. The update was noted.  
Cllr A J Willets requested that the Council consider as a matter of urgency the use of former Labour Club Land which the Town Council owns in Corvedale Road Craven Arms this will be paced on the agenda for the January 2018 meeting.

### 75/17 Reports from Other Organisations:

Cllr D Evans reported on Shropshire Council Items and his concerns about the future provision of the Highways/Environment Grant and the role of the Shropshire Councils Rural Enabling Officers.

### 76/17 Next Meeting:

Next meetings: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at the Community Centre Commencing 7.30pm

Chairman