

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Annual Public and Annual Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 26th May 2015 at 7.00pm in the Community Centre Craven Arms

Present:

Councillors:

Mr T Willets, Mr C Leworthy, Mr N Stephens, Mr D Evans, Mr D Mills, Mr G Cowley, Mrs S Greenway, Dr Asif Rao, Mr M Trafford and Mr R Conway

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Shropshire Councillor Mr L Chapman

Members of the Public:

Four Members of the Public were present

ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

1) To receive the Annual Report of the Chairman of Craven Arms Town Council.

The Chairman Cllr T Willets reported on the items that the Town council had considered during the year which related to planning, highways, amenity items etc. and had provided grants to the Community Centre, Youth Forum and other local organisations.

The Chairman had attended the meetings of the Craven Arms and Rural Area Local Joint Committee which look at local issues affecting the area

The Town Council were still awaiting the outcome of SAMDev which will confirm the land identified for Employment and Housing to the Year 2026, it is anticipated that the Planning Inspectors findings will be received by Shropshire Council during August 2015.

Cllr T Willets informed the meeting that after two years as Chairman he would not be seeking re-election.

2) To receive a Report from the Shropshire Councillors Mr D Evans

Councillor David Evans reported the difficult financial decisions that have been made by Shropshire Council in reducing the annual budget with a further £40million of cuts to be found in 2015/16.

SAMDev had been completed and submitted to the Planning Inspectorate who should produce the final report for implantation by Shropshire Council by the end of August 2015.

David Evans had been elected Chairman of the Shropshire Council Southern Area Planning Committee.

3) To receive a Report from the Local Police

PC David Preston attended the meeting and talked about policing issues in the Craven Arms area and the need for local residents to report any incidents of concern on the 101 telephone number, emergency calls should still be made on 999. PC David Preston referred to the national police website where details of incidents within a local area can be viewed. PC David Preston was thanked for his attendance at the meeting and for answering questions raised

4) To receive a Report on Youth Matters from Lisa Bedford Shropshire Council.

Lisa referred to the proposals for the decommissioning of youth services by Shropshire Council with an allocation of £3,000 being provided to the Craven Arms and Rural Joint Committee to distribute.

Lisa referred to the Girls Group in Craven Arms which was seeking volunteers to help and the work of the Craven Arms Youth Forum. The work of Lisa, Neville Stephens and Clive Leworthy on the Craven Arms Youth Forum was appreciated by Town Council.

5) To receive a report from Jean Jarvis MBE Chief Executive South Shropshire Furniture Scheme on their support to The Community Arts Sports Centre Craven Arms and the Grant Application made to Craven Arms Town Council.

Jean Jarvis provided an update on the activities of the Craven Arms Arts and Sports Centre and the support work provided by the South Shropshire Furniture Scheme and answered questions concerning service level agreements with Shropshire Council and the funding of the Centre.

The Centre was still dependent on grant funding and had made an application to the Town Council for a grant of £7,000 which will meet 50% of the electrical wiring costs which will be undertaken this year.

The meeting thanked Jean Jarvis for her presentation and answering the questions that were raised.

ANNUAL MEETING

1/15 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr D Evans – Personal and Prejudicial – Shropshire Council Planning Committee Chairman South Region

2/15 Election of Chairman for the ensuing Year:

Cllr D Mills was proposed by Cllr D Evans and seconded by Cllr R Conway and elected Chairman for the Year

3/15 Election of Vice-Chairman for the ensuing Year:

Cllr C Leworthy was proposed by Cllr D Evans and seconded by Cllr N Stephens and elected Vice-Chairman for the Year

4/15 Appointment of Committees and Representatives to outside Organisations:

Finance and General Purpose Committee:

D Mills, C Leworthy, D Evans, N Stephens, M Trafford, K Bartlett

Planning and Environment Committee

D Mills, C Leworthy, R Conway, T Willets, G Cowley, S Greenway, M Trafford, K Bartlett

Amenity Committee:

D Mills, C Leworthy, D Evans, R Conway, N Stephens, S Greenway, M Trafford

SSAPTC – K Bartlett, N Stephens

Craven Arms and Rural Local Joint Committee – D Mills, C Leworthy (Reserve)

Craven Arms Youth Group – S Greenway, Dr Asif Rao

Footpaths Officer – R Conway

5/15 Minutes:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 28th April 2015 were agreed by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6/15 Matters arising from the Minutes:

No Matter arising

7/15 Chairman's Items:

Cllr T Willets as the previous Chairman reported that he had attended the opening of the Derwen College facilities in Shrewsbury Road Craven Arms.

8/15 Grant Applications:

It was proposed by Cllr R Conway and seconded by Cllr C Leworthy and agreed by the Town Council that a grant of £7,000 be approved for the Community Arts Sports Craven Arms.

9/15 Highway Items:

a) Concerns were raised about blocked Drains in Market Street these would be reported to Shropshire Council.

b) The Street-Light to the rear of 45 Shrewsbury Road had been repaired by Eon this being a solar panel light for which parts were difficult to obtain.

c) Shropshire Council had issued the consultation notice for the proposed waiting restrictions on Greenfields Road which has previously been agreed by the Town Council.

10/15 Amenity Items:

- a) The Clerk reported that the picnic table and bench provided by Shropshire Council should shortly be installed in the new play area at the Craven Arms Playing Fields.
- b) Cllr C Leworthy reported that a Saturday football team should make use of the pitch on the Craven Arms Playing Fields in the forthcoming football season.
- c) Cllr T Willetts reported on the meeting with Inspector Thomas concerning the recent problems in Craven Arms and a meeting was to be arranged with the Crime Safety Officer to discuss security measures around the Community Centre and Field.
- d) The Clerk referred to the Youth Provision Survey being undertaken by Shropshire Council. The Town Council were opposed to the commissioning of this service to other parties as it should continue to be provided directly by Shropshire Council.

11/15 Financial Items:

- a) The Clerk had completed the annual returns to the external auditors which included the financial statement and the governance statement these were approved and signed by the Clerk and the Chairman of the Council. The Accounts had also been audited by the Councils Internal Auditor with no items of concern to report. The Town Council had balances of £202,774.08 at the 31st March 2015.
- b) The following accounts were approved for payment:

Zurich Annual Insurance	886	1,167.70
K L Adams - Internal Audit Fee	887	350.00
Cyril Bason - Toilet Supplies	888	12.10
G R Morris Toilet Cleaning/Grass Cutting/Amenity Work	889	1,140.00
B Lewis - Relief Toilet Cleaner	890	30.00
Arrow Country Supplies - Toilet Supplies	891	248.19
J C Electrics - Repairs to Toilets	892	100.30
Inland Revenue - Tax	893	141.00
C E Williams -Salary/Expenses	894	600.24
Community Arts Sports Centre	895	7,000.00

12/15 Planning Items:

- a) The Town Council had no objections to the following planning applications:
15/0142/TCA – To crown reduce 1 no Ash tree by 25% within the Newton Conservation Area – 146 Newton Craven Arms
15/01615/Ful – Erection of garage and demolition of existing garage – Ireland Cottage Halford
- b) The Clerk to complete the Shropshire Council Planning Consultation in relation to the current Committee process for determining major/contentious planning applications where it was proposed to discontinue the existing three area committees and replace with one area committee. The Town Council were of the opinion that the existing three committee structure should be retained and that a local member who represents the community should be allowed to take part in the debate and vote on an application within their area.

13/15 Next Meeting

Tuesday 30th June 2015

Chairman