

**CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL**  
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**Minutes of the Annual Public Meeting of Craven Arms Electoral Area and the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.00pm in the Community Centre Craven Arms**

**Present:**

Councillors:

Mr D Mills (Chairman), Mr N Stephens, Dr Asif Rao, Mr M Trafford, Dr K Bartlett, Mr R Conway, Cllr S Greenway, Cllr D Evans

**In Attendance:**

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

**Apologies:**

Cllr A J Willets, Cllr R Conway and Cllr C Leworthy

**Members of the Public:**

Two members of the public were present.

**ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING**

**98/16 Chairman Annual Report:**

The Chairman Mr D Mills gave a report on the various items that the Town Council had considered during the year, which included grants to local organisations, the appointment of the Town Council as Sole Corporate Trustees of Craven Arms Town Council, cuts to Local Services by Shropshire Council and the consultation survey undertaken by the Town Council, anti-social behaviour, Christmas Lights and Planning and Highway Matters.

The Chairman thanked Town Councillors and the Clerk for the work undertaken during the year.

There will be Parish and Town Council elections on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017, Cllr S Greenway and Cllr C Leworthy would not be standing for re-election and were thanked by the Chairman for the contribution they had made as Town Councillors on behalf of the Local Community.

**99/16 Report by Lisa Bedford on local Shropshire Council Services and the Local Youth Group:**

Lisa Bedford reported that following expressions of interest from Parish and Town Councils discussions will take place in the next six months with individual councils on the transfer of some local services. A library strategy was currently being undertaken by Shropshire Council with existing library services to remain until April 2018. The current Ringway Contract for Highways and Amenities Services will cease in April 2018 with a review of the current arrangements of the Highways and Maintenance Grant.

In respect of Youth facilities Shropshire Council had reduced the annual grant to £2,000 and local youth facilities will need to look for grants from local organisations. In respect of Craven Arms support had been provided by the Town Council and CASCA had provided the use of rooms, there will be a Play Activities day at Craven Arms on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

The Chairman thanked Lisa for her detailed report and for answering questions raised at the meeting.

**100/16 Report by Jean Jarvis MBE – The Community Arts Sport Centre Craven Arms**

Jean reported on some of the activities that took place at the centre, Children's Activities, Youth activities, Community lunches, the expansion of the pre-school nursery, supporting Darwin College for Students with Special needs and the fortnightly Empathy Group. A grant of £10,000 had been received from Awards for All for landscaping the nursery play area.

The centre employs eight part-time staff but also relies heavily on volunteers, however with funding from Shropshire Council now dropping from £55,000 a year to £11,500 the centre has had to make savings and will be looking for support from local organisations and businesses

Jean also referred to the sponsorship work being undertaken Craig Nicholson to provide local activities for the youngsters of Craven Arms.

The Chairman thanked Jean for her report and for answering questions raised.

## **Town Council Meeting**

### **101/16 Declarations of Interest:**

Nil

### **102/16 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were agreed by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **103/16 Matters arising from the Minutes:**

No Items

### **104/16 Chairman's Items:**

The Chairman reported that he would be claiming his allowance of £100 for expenses but would be donating this to the Craig Nicolson sponsorship.

### **105/16 Highway Items:**

The Town Council to report to the Highway Agency the pothole outside the Newington Garage Craven Arms.

### **106/16 Financial Items:**

The Town Council approved the accounts for payments included on a summary which will be attached with the Minutes the Clerk reported that the Town Council will have balances of £207585 at the end March 2017.

### **107/16 Planning Items:**

Planning Application – 17/01265/ADV – Erect and display 2 signs and 1 projecting sign, 2 window graphics and 3 poster frames – Post Office 1 Corvedale Road Craven Arms.

### **108/16 Reports from Other Organisations to which the Council have appointed a Representative:**

The Chairman reported on the recent Local Joint Committee held at Acton Scott.

### **109/16 Next Meeting:**

The Annual Meeting of the Town Council will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 following the Parish and Town Council Elections.

Town Council meeting Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Chairman