

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Craven Arms Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th August 2020 commencing 7.00pm at the Craven Arms Community Centre.

Councillors:

Cllr D Mills (Chairman) Cllr N Carter Cllr A Rao Cllr D Evans Cllr S Demos Cllr J Rickson Cllr N Stephens

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Cllr V Bailey, Cllr S Demo and Cllr R Conway

10/20 Members of the Public:

No Members of the Public Present

02/20 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr N Stephens and Cllr N Carter declared a Personal Interest as members of the Craven Arms Discovery Centre.

03/20 COVID 19 :

The Town Council paid tribute to all the volunteers who had offered their help to the Local Community during the COVID 19 Lockdown and the work of Shropshire Council and the Health Authority in dealing with the recent outbreak of the virus at Craven Arms.

The Clerk reported that he had submitted a grant application to the COVID 19 Small Markets Town Fund for £5,000 to help local organisations and voluntary groups to help encourage visitors to the area and re-establish themselves after the shut down due to the Coronavirus epidemic. The following schemes had been suggested

- A) Outdoor Market Local Produce Facility/Spring or Summer Open day Craven Arms Discovery centre – Partnership with Grow Cook and learn
- B) To provide greater use of the recently provided Gym Facilities at the Craven Arms Community Centre – partnership with HALO.
- C) To help with activities/projects suggested by the Craven Arms Youth Forum.
- D) Provide additional seating facilities at the Children's Play Area – Craven Arms Playing Fields
- E) Local enhancements – New Planter
- F) Christmas Lights Committee – Provision of Christmas Trees and lights.
- G) Other small groups such as the Nursery at Craven Arms.
- H) Re-establish Craven Arms Chamber of Commerce.

The grant could be used for providing additional information on website, social media etc.

04/20 Exclusion of Press and Public: Public Bodies (admissions to meetings) Act 1960

It was agreed by the Town Council the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting to enable to discuss the land and buildings owned by Connexus at the Craven Arms Discovery Centre.

The Town Council had been notified that Connexus wish to consider transferring the ownership of the freehold of the building and land at the Craven Arms Discovery Centre to either the Town Council or to Grow Cook Learn.

The Clerk read a letter from Grow Cook Learn who have expressed a wish to take on the freehold of the building and land and requested that the Town Council support this proposal.

It is understood that any proposed transfer would have to be agreed by Shropshire Council as this was part of the initial transfer agreement of the land and buildings to the South Shropshire Housing Association (Now merged with Connexus)

It was agreed by the Town Council that Cllr D Mills, Cllr D Evans, Cllr AJ Willetts and the Clerk meet with representatives of Connexus and Grow Cook Learn to enable a full evaluation of the implications of the proposal with a detailed report being made to the meeting of the Town Council to be held on Tuesday 27th October 2020.

05/20 Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th September 2020 – venue to be determined dependant on COVID 19 restriction.

Chairman