

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 8th August 2017 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre Craven Arms

Present:

Councillors:

Mr D Mills (Chairman), Dr Asif Rao, Mr M Trafford, Mr A J Willetts, Cllr R Conway, Cllr D Evans, Cllr N Carter, Cllr V Bailey, K Pugh.

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Cllr S Demos, Cllr N Stephens

The Chairman welcomed Cllr N Carter and Cllr V Bailey to their first meeting of the Town Council both of whom had signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as a Town Councillor.

Members of the Public:

Lisa Bedford attended the meeting to make a presentation on the Grant Application submitted by the Craven Arms Youth Club.

33/17 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr D Evans – Chairman Planning Committee South Shropshire Area Shropshire Council

34/17 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 25th July 2017 were agreed by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

35/17 Matters arising from the Minutes:

No Items

36/17 Chairman's Items:

- a) The Chairman reported that a meeting had been held with Barclays Bank to discuss the proposed closure of the bank in Corvedale Road Craven Arms. Although it was confirmed that the bank will close and the premises sold the ATM machine will remain until April 2018 and that they would look to then find an alternative site for the machine in Craven Arms.
- b) The Clerk reported damage to the entrance of the Picnic Area Corvedale Road Craven Arms which had to be repaired urgently to prevent unauthorised access of Large Vehicles/Caravans. The matter had been reported to the police and an insurance claim will be made for the cost of the works undertaken.

37/17 Christmas Lights Working Group:

The Town Council agreed that the working group for the Christmas Lights will be Cllr D Evans, Cllr, S Demos and Cllr R Conway who would liaison with the Local Fire Service.

38/17 Financial Items:

The Town Council considered and debated the following grant applications:

- a) Home-Start Shropshire – application for £2,000 to support the service in Craven Arms – The Town Council agreed to defer this application to a future meeting of the Council to enable a representative from Home-Start to make a presentation on their application.
- b) Craven Arms Youth Club – application for £1,000 Outreach/Youth Drop In, £1,000 for Football Project and £250 for holiday Activity – It was proposed by Cllr M Trafford and seconded by Cllr Asif Rao and agreed by the Town Council that a total grant of £2,250 be made to Craven Arms Youth Club.

- c) CASCA – Revenue Grant Contribution of £12,000 for the financial year 2017-18, consideration to a five-year grant commitment and future partnership working.
The Clerk reported that the council would not legally be able to provide a five-year commitment for a revenue grant contribution.

It was suggested that any Partnership Working this relating to grant application support should be undertaken through the CAPFA Committee.

It was proposed by Cllr D Evans and seconded by Cllr V Bailey that a grant of £12,000 be made for the financial year 2017/18 payable by £1,000 monthly instalments from April 2017 and that this grant application be subject to an annual review.

An amended proposal was made by Cllr Asif Rao and seconded by Cllr A J Willetts that a Revenue Grant Contribution of £7000 be made for the financial year 2017/18 and that consideration then be given to a capital grant of £5,000 for an identifiable project.

The amended proposal was voted on and not supported by the Council.

The original proposal was then voted on and approved by the Town Council with Cllr T Willetts and Cllr Asif Rao abstaining from the Vote.

39/17 Planning Items:

No planning items to consider

40/17 Next Meeting:

Next meetings: Tuesday 29th August 2017 at the Community Centre Commencing 7.30pm

Chairman