

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 25th July 2017 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre Craven Arms

Present:

Councillors:

Mr D Mills (Chairman), Mr N Stephens, Dr Asif Rao, Mr M Trafford, Mr A J Willetts, Cllr R Conway, Cllr D Evans.

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Cllr S Demos, Cllr K Pugh

Members of the Public:

Jean Jarvis CEO South Shropshire Furniture Scheme and Chris Boote a Volunteer Trustee for the South Shropshire Furniture Scheme gave a presentation on the grant application submitted in respect of CASCA. The Furniture Scheme recognise the importance of the Community Centre as a Community Asset and has the appetite to continue with the management of the centre over the next five-year period but will require financial support and a longer-term partnership form the Town Council.

Income to the Community Centre has reduced by approximately £45,000 due to withdrawal of funding from Shropshire Council and although cuts have been made mainly to staffing costs there will still be a shortfall in the year 2017/18 and therefore the South Shropshire Furniture Scheme are seeking a revenue support grant of £12,000 from the Town Council.

22/17 Declarations of Interest:

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

Cllr N Stephens – Grant Craven Arms Youth Club

23/17 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th June 2017 were agreed by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to deletion of Cllr D Evans in the Declarations of Interest.

24/17 Matters arising from the Minutes:

The Clerk to include on the Agenda for the next meeting membership of the Christmas Lights Working Group.

25/17 Chairman's Items:

- a) Cllr D Mills and Cllr D Evans will be meeting the Local MP Phillip Dunne to discuss the planned closure of Barclays Bank from the 8th October 2017. A public meeting has been held and questioned the data produced by Barclays Bank in support of its closure with a further public meeting to be held on the 11th August 2017.
- b) The Town Council considered the Car Park Strategy produced Shropshire Council and was pleased to note that there are no proposals to implement a car park charge in Craven Arms on the Newington Way and Corvedale Road car park sites. The Council will respond to the consultation supporting no charge for car parking in Craven Arms and to raise objection to the proposed withdrawal of the free fifteen-minute parking and the extension of the period of car parking charges from 6pm to 8pm in the various Town Areas throughout Shropshire.
- c) The Town Council noted that there would shortly be a consultation on library services within Shropshire.

26/17 Highway Items:

Cllr D Evans reported that the footpath work in Brook Road near to the playground area had been completed and requested that the Town Council cut back the tree branches which over hang Brook Road along the railway fencing which borders the roadway. The Clerk will endeavour to have the trees cutback.

27/17 Amenity Items:

- a) Cllr D Evans to donate a replacement seat for the broken bench opposite Halford Church gate.
- b) The Clerk reported that the previous Christmas Lights Committee had forwarded a cheque of £3,488.29 in respect of funds that were help this will be held by the Council and used for funding the continuation of the Christmas Lights in Craven Arms which will be undertaken by a working group of Council Members and the Local Fire Service.

28/17 Financial Items:

- a) The Town Council approved the accounts for payments and the summary of Income and Expenditure to-date.

Inland Revenue	1075	120.00	Tax
C E Williams	1076	719.78	Disbursement
DC Gardening	1077	312.00	Playing Field
N Power	1078	479.41	Energy Lighting
G R Morris	1079	1,360.00	Amenity Work
M J Lewis	1080	310.00	Relief Cleaner
Bank	Bank	9.75	Bank Charges
British Gas	Bank	356.20	Public Conveniences - energy costs

- b) The Town Council will consider the grant applications received from Home-Start, Craven Arms Youth Club and the South Shropshire Furniture Scheme at a meeting to be held on Tuesday 8th August 2017 commencing 7.30pm at the Community Centre.

29/17 Planning Items:

No planning items to consider

30/17 Reports from Other Organisations to which the Council have appointed a Representative:

Cllr D Evans reported at the new exhibition that had been installed at Craven Arms Discovery Centre.

31/17 Co-option of Town Councillors:

The Town Council agreed to co-opt as Town Councillors Mr N Carter 1 Burnside Close Craven Arms SY7 9QW and Mrs V Bailey 14 Newington Way Craven Arms SY7 9PS

32/17 Next Meeting:

Next meetings:

Tuesday 8th August 2017 at the Community Centre commencing at 7.30pm,
 Tuesday 29th August 2017 at the Community Centre Commencing 7.30pm

Chairman