

Madeley Town Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Madeley Town Council held on
Tuesday 9 May 2022 held at Jubilee House, High Street, Madeley commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present **Councillors:** S Chadwick (Mayor), AR England, R Evans, J Jones, R Meadows, K Middleton, H Morgan, P Taylor, S Taylor, D White

Electors: None Present

Attending: Represent from Telford & Wrekin Youth Parliament and Town Clerk

APM **Introduction and Welcome**

22/01 Cllr S Chadwick (Mayor for 2021/22) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APM **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 4 May 2021**

22/02 **Resolved:**

To approve the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 4 May 2021.

APM **Presentation by Telford & Wrekin Youth Parliament**

22/03 The Member and Deputy Member of the Telford & Wrekin Council Youth Parliament presented to all those present an updated on their role and vision for the youth parliament. Over five thousand young people in Telford voted for four prospected candidates who put together a recorded election statement. The Youth Parliament is non-political. The count was the second highest in the West Midlands. The Member said that their priority for their term in office is mental health. The Deputy Member said that their priority for their term in office is sexual harassment, racism, and free sanitary products. Both members said that they do not want youth to be overlooked.

Cllr White said that it was identified at the Madeley Town Councillors Away Day in October 2021 that the voices of young people are overlooked, and the Town Council need advice on how to approach this. Cllr Middleton said that CAMHS are now engaging with the Young Peoples Forum and Telford & Wrekin Council Health & Wellbeing Board are also prioritising young people. Cllr A England said that young people should be represented on the CAMHS Board.

Cllr Evans suggested that the Member and Deputy Member of the Youth Parliament should meet with the Telford & Wrekin Council Leader and Cabinet.

Cllr Chadwick thanks Member and Deputy Member of the Youth Parliament for attending the Annual Parish Meeting and offered the support of Madeley Town Council during their term of office

APM **Mayor's Annual Report**

22/04 The Mayor gave a verbal report on the Council's activities and Mayoral activities during 2021/22:

"As my term ends as Mayor, I would like to say it has been an honour and privilege to hold this position. I have met some great people who work hard for their local communities and causes. Some of the things I have also been involved in include:

The High Sherriff of Shropshire – we met and toured Madeley (The Anstice), the Hub on the Hill and the Park Lane Centre to show her the great stuff going on in the area. Attending the Staffordshire Community Foundation Awards where the Park Lane Centre received an award for their support through COVID to the local community. Attended the Pride of Telford Wards – seeing lots of people awarded, so many young people which was nice to see.

Being involved in handing out Kindles to Care Homes during COVID – enabling them to have access to free books from the library and connect with family via video streaming.

Helping to relaunch the new ownership of the Post Office in Madeley – enabling local jobs to be saved.

Christmas Lights Switch-on – with the Anstice in full use, compared to last year when the lights were simply ‘switched on.’

Judging the Easter colouring competition from pupils at the local primary schools.

Mayor’s fundraising event with Johnny2Bad – a great evening and lots of money raised for Telford Crisis Support Network.

I am now happy to hand the reins (and badge) over to Helena, who will do a great job!”

Noted.

APM
22/05

Annual Reports - Committees

05.1

Leisure & Community

Cllr S Taylor presented a report of the Leisure & Community Committee’s activities during 2021/22:

“Objectives

Community Events - to organise a series of agreed public events throughout the year and to support other organisations and groups with the realisation of their own community events

Community Development - to provide grant assistance to support activities that help groups to address their own needs, and to support or initiate projects that provide services for the elderly and young people in particular

Introduction

The Committee met on four occasions and the following report represents a small selection of the business conducted. Further details can be seen in the appropriate minutes.

Community Events

Christmas Lights – This event was again held on a Saturday afternoon unfortunately, due to the weather conditions the Christmas market and all the outside events were cancelled on the day, however the inside events at the Anstice went ahead. Despite the inclement weather the event was again very successful with a large turnout of residents.

Financial support for Christmas events in Sutton Hill and Woodside continued in 2021.

Unfortunately, due to covid no other community events took place but they will resume for 2022.

Community Development

The gardening scheme continued in 2022, with two gardeners working four days a week from mid-March until the end of October. They have continued to be a great team cutting grass for eligible local residents. This scheme is continuing for 2022.

The Plastic Free Steering Group had unfortunately put on hold for 2020 and part of 2021 due to covid. The group is now meeting again with a view to Madeley becoming a plastic free community in near future.

Grants

Grants and Donations, in cash and in kind, continue to be awarded however the number of applications was reduced due to covid. It is hoped that the applications will increase again as the covid restrictions are removed. Recipients were community groups, charities, and agencies working for the benefit of residents.

Grant funding towards the cost of organised Christmas Activities planned by local community groups that provide cultural, social, and recreational activities for the elderly began in 2005. This year £4,000 was allocated to support these activities.

Grant funding towards the cost of an organised activity for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations planned by local community groups was also agreed this year with a budget of £4000.

Conclusion

The Leisure and Community Committee needs to be responsive to the needs of the local community and work closely with public agencies to provide required services and facilities.

The work of Officers is essential to the achievement of desired objectives and, in this respect all the Staff of the Town Council has been admirable in their energy and enthusiasm, skills and support."
Noted.

05.2

Environment

Cllr D White gave a verbal update on the Environment Committee's activities during 2021/22 stating that it has been a busy year due to the new CAT contract with T&W Council which is half funded by Madeley Town Council. The new CAT SLA was transformed the environment in Madeley, Sutton Hill and Woodside and has tackled ongoing problems that have been outstanding form sometime. The CAT has a good Team Leader who is working closing with the find and fix teams who are all now working smarter. The Town Council has made a 3-year financial commitment to the CAT SLA.
Noted.

05.3 Finance & General Purposes

Cllr H Morgan presented a report of the Finance & General-Purpose Committee's activities during 2021/22:

"It has been a busy year for MTC, particularly with getting back to normality after Covid. We are ending the year in a very positive position financially with a good state of reserves which will help us continue with the development of Woodside, Sutton Hill and Madeley.

I would like to express my thanks to our committees within MTC who have all done a brilliant job in driving the development of our council forward whilst also ensuring careful management of budgets.

I would like to pay particular attention to the Christmas lights as we are extremely proud of the events, we hold every year, and you will have seen our newly purchased lights which have increased the festive feel in our high street.

The environment has been a big conversation topic for all our committees and how we can do our bit to ensure we are a sustainable council. We have recently pledged to move to electronic payslips as part of our T&W payroll contract which will not only help our carbon footprint but will also save costs. We have also had a positive CAT/Enforcement Team which we have committed to continue funding. I am sure you will agree with me that our community is very well maintained. I would like to express my thanks to that team for their hard work.

We have had a positive audit by T&W Council, and we have updated councillors on the results of this and actions recommended. We have also made positive headway updating our health and safety policies and have a working action plan.

I am pleased to also report that despite Covid interrupting all usual business, the Anstice is once again thriving with lots of events happening. We are proud to provide financial support to this much-loved community building."

Noted.

APM To invite the Public to raise any matters of interest

22/06 There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Signed:

Mayor of Madeley Town Council

Date: