

Madeley Town Council

Minutes of the Leisure and Community Committee of Madeley Town Council held on Monday 15th January 2024, commencing at 6.30 pm at Jubilee House, High Street, Madeley.

PRESENT **Councillors:** **S Taylor (Chair), Anthony Morgan, Peter Cogings Stuart Cook and Helena Morgan- Mayor of Madeley Town Council**
 Sam Middleton Deputy Town Clerk taking minutes and Alison Hinks Town Clerk to give updates.

L24/042 **Apologies**
 Apologies received.

L24/043 **Remarks from the Chair**
 The Chair welcomed everyone.

L24/044 **Public Discussion**
 Local resident Hilary attended but had no questions to ask.

L24/045 **Declarations of Interest**
 Councillor Helena Morgan made a declaration of interest relating to the Park Lane Centre, Woodside.

L24/046 **Minutes**
Resolved:
 Councillors unanimously resolved that the minutes of the Leisure & Community Committee meeting held on Monday 6th November 2023 to be confirmed and approved for signature (Appendix A).

L24/047 **Finance- Appendix B-E.**

- 1** **Expenditure Transaction List**
To note expenditure transaction list.
 Noted.
- 2** **Income Transaction List**
To note income transaction list.
 Noted.
- 3** **Budget Cashbook Report**
To note Financial Status report.
 Noted

All reported noted and no issues arising.

L24/048 **Grant Applications**
 To consider applications received.

1.Park Lane Centre Youth Club

RESOLVED that £500 be awarded for the Youth Club to go on a trip. Cllr Helena Morgan

abstained in the vote due to declaring an interest.

2. Ironbridge Walking Group

RESOLVED that the group be given £135.00 be awarded towards the residents from Madeley Town Council's area that use the group.

L24/049 **Christmas Lights.**

The Town Clerk explained that that the committee had a budget for Christmas lights of £26,000 and that the current contract had come to an end. The council would be going out to tender for a new contractor. The committee discussed various options and ways forward for the lights.

It was proposed by Councillor Sue Taylor and seconded by Councillor Anthony Morgan that local businesses be approached to contribute and that the Finance and General Purposes Committee be asked for up to £10,000. Councillor Stuart Cook voted against, and all other members voted in favour.

L24/050 **Youth Officer update.**

The current Youth Officer has left the council to take another job. The current projects will continue until a new Youth Officer is employed. The Youth club and sports events that take place are continuing with All4Communities being paid to provide some services.

L24/051 **Wellbeing Officer update.**

The committee received a written and verbal update on projects that the Wellbeing Officer was running. This includes lots of drop ins at the library and plans for events at Sutton Hill.

L24/052 **Madeley Business Network Meeting.**

The Town Clerk explained the group had originally started on a positive note with lots of businesses attending, the last meeting in December only 2 people attended. It was agreed that for the time being we would not hold anymore meetings. The Town council would continue with the What's app group to inform businesses what was happening.

L24/053 **Update on forthcoming events for 2024.**

The Town clerk told the committee of the plans for Christmas parties this year. Instead of Christmas Grants Christmas parties will be held in Madeley, Sutton Hill and Woodside, there will be a singer and buffet at each event.

There will also be a D-Day celebration on 8th June as part of the High Street events.

L24/054 **Seasonal Gardening Scheme 2024.**

The garden team will be doing gardens again from 1st April. We are currently updating the register. Alex will be returning this year with Chris.

L24/055 **Madeley in Bloom and Allotments Competition.**

It was agreed to do things differently this year and encourage residents to nominate their neighbours. Gardens will then be judged.

The mayor will also pick the best allotment on each site.

L24/056 **Madeley Market.**

The Town clerk updated the committee on what was happening at the market. The market is

run by Telford and Wrekin council and there has been issues retaining traders. The Town council will continue to promote the market on its social media.

L24/057

Warm spaces.

The Town clerk reported that Wrekin Housing Trust has given us a grant to continue Warm and Cold spaces during 2024. The Warm spaces are running and are used by residents.

L24/058

Correspondence

The committee received an email from Karen Price from the Anstice Community Trust stating she was disappointed to have not been awarded a grant for the Christmas event for the volunteers.

The committee agreed that the deputy clerk would reply explaining what going to happen this year.

L24/059

Information

No information received.

L24/060

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Leisure and Community Committee of Madeley Town Council is provisionally scheduled to take place on Monday 4th March 2024 at 6.30 pm at Jubilee House, High Street, Madeley.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed

Dated:

