

Madeley Town Council

Minutes of the Leisure and Community Committee of Madeley Town Council held on Monday 1 September 2025, commencing at 6.30 pm at Jubilee House, High Street, Madeley.

PRESENT **Councillors:** **Sue Taylor, Peter Cogins and Sarah Harrison.**

Alison Hinks, Town Clerk taking minutes

L26/012 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr S Heighway (unable to attend), Cllr A Morgan (prior commitment and Cllr H Morgan (unable to attend). Cllr R Meadows did not attend the meeting. sent apologies she has another meeting. Committee accepted apologies.

Resolved:

Councillors unanimously resolved to accept the apologies and reasons presented to the Leisure & Community Committee.

L26/0013 **Remarks from the Chair**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

L26/014 **Public Discussion**

No residents attended.

L26/015 **Declarations of Interest**

No declaration made.

L26/016 **Minutes**

Resolved:

Councillors unanimously resolved that the minutes of the Leisure & Community Committee meeting held on Monday 2 June to be confirmed and approved for signature (Appendix A).

L26/017 **Events Programmer 2025/26**

The committee went through the event programme for the remainder of 2025 including: Car Boot Sale, McMillian, October Half Term, Remembrance, Christmas Lights Switch-on, Santa Sleigh and Over 60s Xmas Lunches.

Councillors suggested that a promotional flyer should be sent to all primary schools advertising events.

Cllr S Harrison suggested that Cross Bar are contacted to provide sporting activities at future events.

Councillors suggested that the library organise a pre-nursery library drop in to help prepare early years for a nursery setting.

Cllr S Harrison said that a scavenger/foraging activity would be ideal for key stage 1 and key stage 2 children in the October Half Term.

Councillors suggested that Aldi and Lidl are approached for community grants to support future community events.

Councillors requested a breakdown of the costs for Woodside Youth Club.

The Town Council presented to Councillors a copy of the Leisure & Community accounts and grants received for community activities during 2025.

L26/018 Grants

018.1 Big Heart Yoga – requested £1,500 for community yoga classes.

Councillors asked that Big Heart Yoga are contacted to ask how much they will be charging the community to attend the yoga classes. If a charge is taken, then the grant is declined.

RESOLVED:

Councillors unanimously resolved that if the classes were free Councillors would like to offer free room hire and provide free tea and coffee for the community yoga classes only.

018.2 Dawley Wanders Football Club – request for £250 towards a new training kit.

RESOLVED:

Councillors unanimously resolved that £250 would be given if the football club agreed to undertake a football session at Sutton Hill for the local young people. If not in agreement, a £100 would be given.

018.3 Friends of Telford Town Park – request for £250 towards timber and wood preserve to replace existing wood fencing and decking.

RESOLVED:

Councillors unanimously resolved that a £200 be given to the Friends of Telford Town Park.

018.4 Telford Amateur Boxing Club – request for £1,500 to replace worn and old equipment.

RESOLVED:

Councillors unanimously resolved that £700 would be given if the boxing club held a 6-week boxing taster session at Sutton Hill for the local young people. If not in agreement, a £100 grant will be given.

Minutes altered as agreed at meeting 3rd November 2025 (L26/032) to say:

£700 and if they could supply free sessions it be increased to £1000 not £100 as minuted originally.

L26/019 Christmas Lunch for Pensioners

Resolved:

Councillors unanimously resolved that a hot Christmas lunch would be provided at The Hub on the Hill and the Park Lane Centre and a £1,500 would be allocated for each event.

Residents from Madeley, Sutton Hill and Woodside over the age of 60 would be allowed to attend either of these venues at no cost. These events will be limited to 60 people in both venues. The Madeley Senior Social will continue to host a hot Christmas buffet as part of the Madeley Senior Social programme at a cost of £6 per person. This will be open to residents of Madeley, Sutton Hill or Woodside or regular attendees at the Madeley Senior Social.

L26/020 Remembrance Sunday

The Town Clerk updated Councillors on a recent meeting with the Madeley Branch of the Royal British Legion requesting that the parade for the Remembrance Sunday Service starts from St Michaels Church. The Town Clerk expressed concerns about the length of the route, adding an additional 20 minutes to the parade and the need for additional event marshals for the 9 roads leading onto Station Road.

There will be a church service at St Michaels Church prior to the procession starting at 9.30am, where attendees will be invited to join the procession from the bottom of Madeley High Street to go straight to the war memorial.

Due to the timescales, there would be no change to the parade route for 2025. The Town Clerk has invited the Madeley Branch of the Royal British Legion to attend an early 2026 Full Council meeting to discuss their requests to change the parade route.

L26/021 Ironbridge Gorge Passes

RESOLVED:

Councillors unanimously resolved to purchase 6 corporate passes for Ironbridge Museums Trust which can be used by residents of Madeley, Sutton Hill and Woodside.

L26/022 Madeley Matters

RESOLVED:

Councillors unanimously resolved Full Council should consider that once a year Councillors should distribute Madeley Matters to the households in their elected area. The other 2 editions of Madeley Matters should be distributed via shops, businesses, and schools.

L26/023 Madeley Community Library

RESOLVED:

Councillors unanimously resolved that the librarian should provide a fortnightly Madeley Community Library outreach service at The Hub on the Hill allowing residents to have library and first point support.

L26/024 Health & Safety and the Grass Cutting Service

The Town Clerk went through the recent vibration and noise assessment undertaken on the equipment used by both grass cutters. The vibration and noise assessment report and action plan received highlights the daily and weekly checks that are needed to be undertaken before grass cutting work begins and the monthly and annual checks OH checks needed to be undertaken with each member of staff.

The Deputy Town Clerk to present a report to Full Council on the option available for the future grass cutting service.

L26/025 **Correspondence**
No correspondence.

L26/026 **Information**
No information.

L26/027 **Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the Leisure and Community Committee of Madeley Town Council is scheduled to take place on Monday 3 November 2025 at 6.30 pm at Jubilee House, High Street, Madeley. This meeting will be to discuss the Leisure & Community budget.

The following meeting of the Leisure and Community Committee of Madeley Town Council is scheduled for 5 January 2026 at 6.30pm at Jubilee House, High Street, Madeley. This meeting will be a joint Councillor/Staff meeting to discuss 2026 community events programme.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed

Dated: