

# Church Stretton Town Council

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT SILVESTER HORNE INSTITUTE CHURCH STRETTON ON TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY at 7PM.

**Those present:** *Councillors:* Cllr Welch, Cllr Claytonsmith, Cllr Walker, Cllr Antill and Cllr Baker  
*Officers:* Mr. C. Maclean (Locum Town Clerk), Miss T. Morris  
*Members of the Public:* 0

**EDC535: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr. D. Chetwood (Town Clerk).

**EDC536: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**EDC537: MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting having previously been circulated, it was proposed by Cllr Walker, seconded by Cllr Claytonsmith and

**RESOLVED (unanimously) to confirm and sign minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and received at the Council meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 (Min 19.77bi)**

**EDC538: EDC PROJECTS FOR 2020/2021**

A report had been circulated which was expanded on and discussed:

- Publicise independent shops, possibly in Shropshire Star.
- A car sharing scheme is in operation in Ludlow. This is something the Council should consider.
- Economic development – report of the recently completed business survey will be presented to the next EDC meeting.
- Youth – Shropshire Council has reduced the number of youth workers from 6 to 3 for phased implementation of targeting disaffected youth, with Town Councils now expected to fund open access youth provision. Plans underway for re-establishing youth club with Mayfair and St. Laurence Church after Easter. Parish Councils to be asked to fund youth travel costs to youth club.
- Climate – Cllr Antill to present to the March EDC a “to-do” list 20 for 20/21. Aim to discuss rural bus service and/or car share scheme with surrounding rural parishes. Cllr Welch to talk to other Town Councils to see if it would be possible to join together to bulk-buy renewable energy.
- Christmas Lights Switch On – A budget of £500 has been agreed for organising the next Christmas Switch-On, possibly on Small Business Saturday (first Saturday in December) rather than Black Friday.

**EDC539: RE-TENDERING OF MARKET FRANCHISE**

A report had been circulated showing that the franchise for the Thursday market was last re-tendered in 2014 and it is proposed to re-tender by Easter this year. After a short discussion on future market requirements, it was proposed by Cllr Welch, seconded by Cllr Claytonsmith and

**RESOLVED (unanimously) that this Committee institutes a review of the current market franchise, factoring in options for future market developments and undertakes a re-tendering process.**

**EDC540: CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON**

A report had been circulated detailing feedback on the organisation and delivery of the Switch on Event in November 2019. Cllr Welch reported that Cllrs Luff and Claytonsmith had held a successful children's party in the SHI. A debrief meeting is to be held in February to take up the issues raised in the report, making recommendations for future events and recruiting new Councillors to help organise future events to February Council meeting. Cllr Walker said that Cllr Baker had done an excellent job in the organisation of the event.

Cllr Walker wishes to step down from the organising committee.

**EDC541: DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Set for Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 p.m.**

The meeting was declared closed at 8.23pm.

Chairman .....