**Crewe Town Council**

**Town Development Committee**

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**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 4th September 2018**

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| ***Present*** | Councillors Houston, B Minshall, P Minshall, Jill Rhodes, Roberts, Straine-Francis, Walton, D Yates and S Yates |
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|  | In attendance: Simona Garnero (Marketing and Events Officer), Lindsay Lewis (Town Centre Project Officer) |
| ***18/03/01*** | **To note the resignation of Cllr P Minshall as Chair of the Town Development Committee** |
|  | Members ***noted*** the resignation of Cllr P Minshall as Chair of the Town Development Committee. |
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| ***18/03/02*** | **To elect the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Town Development Committee** |
|  | Cllrs Houston and Cllr D Yates were elected as Chair and Deputy Chair of the Town Development Committee respectively. |
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| ***18/03/03*** | **To offer a vote of thanks to Cllr P Minshall** |
|  | Cllr Houston offered a vote of thanks to Cllr P Minshall. |
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| ***18/08/04*** | **To receive apologies for absence** |
|  | There were no apologies offered. |
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| ***18/08/05*** | **To note declarations of Members’ interests** |
|  | There were no declaration made. |
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| ***18/08/06*** | **To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 24th July 2018**  |
|  | The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed as an accurate record. |
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| ***18/08/07*** | **Public Participation***A period not exceeding 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments* |
|  | Members of the Crewe & District Bus Users raised the following concerns to Members:1. The low frequency of the bus service on weekends and bank holidays badly affect the possibility of Crewe residents to take part to the events planned in the Town Centre. Members ***noted*** the concern of the Crewe & District Bus Users members present and will seek for clarifications from Cheshire East Council on the possibility of a flexible service of the bus in presence for town centre events
2. The future of the Little Bus (flexible transport service). Members noted the concern of the Crewe & District Bus Users and agreed to refer the matter to the Clerk of the Planning Committee, and to back up the response that Crewe Town Council made to Cheshire East Council during the consultation process.

Ms Sinead Wheeler **[[1]](#footnote-1)** raised her concern on the level of empty buildings in Crewe, and briefed Members on the opportunity to co-operate with the social enterprise Dot Dot Dot for the development of a property guardian system in Crewe. Members asked the Town Clerk to identify a Crewe Town Council officer to lead the investigation of this opportunity. |
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| ***18/08/08*** | **To review the year to date financial position for the Town Development Committee**  |
|  | Members ***noted*** the year to date financial position of the Town Development Committee. |
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| ***18/08/09*** | **To consider a proposal for temporary hoardings for the Royal Arcade** |
|  | The Town Centre Project Officer updated Members on the proposal for temporary hoardings for the Royal Arcade.Members **resolved** to act as responsible body for the procurement of the supplier in the understanding that Cheshire East Council will then cover the cost of the entire project. |
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| ***18/08/10*** | **To consider a proposal on the Heritage scheme and first plaque** |
|  | The Town Centre Project Officer updated Members on a proposal on the Heritage scheme and first plaque.Members **resolved** to sponsor the Mirion House blue plaque. Members **resolved** that the plaque’s style will follow the traditional blue plaque’s style and will include the Mayoral Crest.[[2]](#footnote-2) |
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| ***18/08/11*** | **To consider a project to install a large screen in Crewe Town Centre** |
|  | The Town Centre Project Officer updated Members on a project to install a large screen in Crewe Town Centre.Members ***noted*** the update and requested the Town Centre Project Officer to produce a more detailed project plan to be discussed at the next Committee. |
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| ***18/08/12*** | **To receive an update on the Crewe Ranger project** |
|  | The Town Centre Project Officer updated Members on the Crewe Ranger projectMembers ***noted*** the update.[[3]](#footnote-3) |
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| ***18/08/13*** | **To receive an update on the Crewe Place Branding Project** |
|  | The Marketing and Events Officer provided a briefing on the Crewe Place Branding project.Members ***noted*** the update. |
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| ***18/08/14*** | **To receive an update on the Crewe Remembrance Service** |
|  | The Marketing and Events Officer updated Members on the Crewe Remembrance Service event.Members ***noted*** the update. |
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| ***18/08/15*** | **To receive and consider an update on the Let It Glow** |
|  | The Marketing and Events Officer provided a briefing on the Let It Glow event.Members ***noted*** the update. |
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| ***18/08/16*** | **To receive and consider an update on the Events Programme 2018/2019** |
|  | Members ***resolved*** to exclude the public and representatives of the press from the Town Development Committee meetings under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 during the consideration of Item 16 due to the confidential nature of the businesses to discuss.The Marketing and Events Officer provided updated Members on the Events Programme 2018/2019.Members ***noted*** the update. |
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| ***18/08/17*** | **To note the date of next meeting –** **Tuesday 6th November 2018** |
|  | Members ***noted*** the date of the next meeting.[[4]](#footnote-4) |

1. Ms Wheeler is a Crewe Town Council Officer, but in this circumstance she speaks privately on behalf of her community [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Cllr D yates left the room at 20:05hrs, and joined the meeting again at 20:07hrs [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Lindsay Lewis left the meeting at 20:26hrs [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Meeting closed at 21:30hrs [↑](#footnote-ref-4)