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CIVIC COMMITTEE MEETING

4 September 2021

To: Members of Whitchurch Town Council's Civic Committee: Cllrs A Hall, R Hall, M Phipps, A Cooper, G Ebbs, M Ridgway, R Hewson.

Dear Councillor,

Dated this fourth day of September 2021, you are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Whitchurch Town Council's Civic Committee to be held at 20:00 on the ninth day of September 2021.

The meeting will be held in the Edward German Room, Whitchurch Civic Centre, SY13 1AX.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please provide prior notice of your apologies.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Luke Trevaskis'.

Mr Luke Trevaskis

Note to Public:

Due to Covid-19, capacity at public meetings may be limited.

Please note that meetings are audio recorded and you are requested to inform the meeting if you are recording or filming.

Permission to speak at a meeting during public participation will be at the discretion of the Chairman. No person shall speak on more than two items and for no longer than a total of three minutes. Any questions shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate. If any representations are considered outside the remit of Whitchurch Town Council, residents shall be referred to the principal authority or other appropriate body.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies** - to receive apologies for absence.
2. **Declarations** - to receive declarations of members' interests.
3. **Minutes** - to consider the minutes of the last meeting.
4. **Public Participation** - members of the public are invited to make representations.
5. **Markets** -
 - i) To consider any update from the Friday Market working group and agree actions.
 - ii) To consider register of interest from prospective Friday Market cafe operator and agree terms.
6. **Renovations** - to consider any update from the working group regarding the renovation work to the bar lounge and kitchen/hall, and agree actions.
7. **Civic Centre Lease** - Shropshire Council has considered the works required to the Civic Centre and has expressed a position to settle outstanding contributions to repairs should Whitchurch Town Council still wish to proceed with obtaining the freehold of the Civic Centre. It is recognised that this matter has been ongoing for several years and the continued uncertainty is not helpful for either party, causing a significant obstruction to proper long term management of the building. There has been varying resolutions passed across several council meetings and if the Council is not minded to proceed with the freehold transfer, Shropshire Council has requested to be officially notified in order to seek instruction on the current arrangements to see what action may need to be taken. Shropshire Council has offered to attend a meeting to discuss the freehold transfer and the Committee is asked to consider next steps.