

**BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 21ST APRIL 2020**

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3rd April 2020

REPORT TO TOWN COUNCILLORS

AGENDA ITEM 7 – COMMUNITY ACTION - CORONAVIRUS

AIM

1. To receive a report from the PA to the Town Clerk summarising actions taken by and services being offered by local community groups in response to the Coronavirus emergency and Town Council action/support.

BACKGROUND

2. The Coronavirus pandemic has left vulnerable or “at risk” people and families with limited support as the nation is told to “Stay at Home” and not visit friends and family.
3. At the Town Council meeting held on 17th March 2020, it was agreed that Bridgnorth Town Council should be directly or indirectly involved with self-help and volunteer groups; more so to provide some assurances to the public that groups that were being set up had some oversight or legitimacy (deter/identify scams).

DISCUSSION/ COMMENT

4. The PA to the Town Clerk has been working closely with various community support groups, such as a newly established Bridgnorth Covid-19 Mutual Aid Facebook group, League of Friends of Bridgnorth Hospital, Shropshire Council’s Community Reassurance Team, Love Bridgnorth and Bridgnorth Community Transport Group.
5. Support and advice have been provided to the Covid-19 Mutual Aid group in establishing proper practices, such as GDPR, risk assessments and information to support a leaflet drop within the town.
6. At the time of writing this report, the Town Council has printed 4000 leaflets for the Covid-19 Mutual Aid group who have distributed them around the town. These leaflets provide contact details so those in need do not feel alone and can source supplies, advice and in some cases, a friendly voice at the end of the phone.
7. The Town Council website and Facebook page is providing residents with “live” information as it acknowledges that developments are fast moving and information could soon become outdated.

8. Articles are also being published regarding changes to Town Council services.

SUMMARY

9. The Town Council will continue to offer support to organisations and provide relevant, accurate information from trustworthy sources.

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