

# Wellington Town Council

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## WELLINGTON FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held via Zoom, on **20<sup>th</sup> November 2020** commencing at 11:30am.

Present

Cllr A Lowe (Chairman)	Paola Armstrong
Cllr J Pierce	
Apologies	Cllr J Alvey

- 1. Welcome and Introductory remarks.**  
Cllr Lowe welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Declaration of Interest**  
None received
- 3. Apologies for absence:**  
John Alvey  
Apologies accepted.
- 4. To confirm the 'notes' from the last meeting 17th March 2020**  
This was not deemed to be necessary due to Covid-19 preventing the Wellington Festival of May 2020
- 5. Matters arising from those minutes**  
None due to change in circumstances
- 6. It was decided that an informal chat was the best way to move forward.**  
A discussion was had to talk about a virtual festival to be held in May 2021.

AL suggested a DIY festival where "you bring the festival to us".  
ie, no "performers", celebrities, speakers, minimal cost.

Festival budget thus largely still available for a post-Covid Festival in October 2021 or early in 2022.

**ACTION: all members to think about a suitable name for this festival**

AL suggestions:

Art Gallery – a collaboration of all artworks (on any medium e.g. painting, drawings, photographs etc) to be put on some form of media (e.g. a video) to music so that a gallery of artwork could be viewed at a time convenient to the viewer.

To be discussed in more detail at next meeting - whether or not to have a theme (eg Wellington or “my hometown”) , who will put the video together and would we be able to put it on the WTC website?

AL also suggested to involve the schools with a competition for

- Best Joke
- Short Story (where we give them the first line)
- Poetry (The Peggy Harrison Poetry Competition)

**ACTION: to be discussed in more detail at the next meeting and to determine what age categories, can we combine the competition and have different categories?**

**ACTION: PA to contact Helen Donaghue to see if she would organise this**

Further discussion was had about the type of events that could happen on assumption that Covid still limits gatherings and it was decided that further investigation would be required for:

The search for a Wellington resident poet

**ACTION: PA to contact Steve Harrison**

The possibility of a socially distanced Writers Workshop

**ACTION: PA to contact John and Joy Clayton**

A Zoom book club session

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A socially distanced Meet The Author session

**ACTION: PA to contact Julie Phillips**

A Zoom reading and Q&A session

**ACTION: PA to contact Diane Saxon**

A Poems and Pints Zoom session

**ACTION: PA to contact Steve Harrison**

**Addition:**

**ACTION: PA to contact the History Group about the possibility of doing a Zoom talk with a Q&A session**

It was also decided that it would be better to have a 3 day festival over the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021. However, where the events could be viewed at any time (e.g. winning competition entries or the Art Gallery) – these could be kept on the website for the duration of May.

## **7. Date and time of future meetings**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed to be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 11:30am