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POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at the Wellington Civic Offices on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 commencing at 7.05pm.

Cllr S. de Launey – Chairman (SD)	Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE (PMJ)	Cllr S. Hall (SH)
Cllr L. Carter (LC)	Cllr J. Gorse (JG)	Cllr F. Burns (FB)

In attendance – Cllrs Lowe, Fairclough and Karen Roper – Town Clerk (KR).

- 121/19 Chairman’s Welcome** – Cllr. de Launey welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Cllr Carter for chairing the February meeting.
- 122/19 Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr Hosken due to another meeting. The apologies were accepted.
- 123/19 Declaration of Interest** – Cllrs Lowe and Fairclough declared that they were members of the Twinning Association.
- 124/19 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2020** – The minutes were proposed by Cllr Hall, seconded by Cllr Burns and RESOLVED by members as a true and accurate record.
- 125/19 Matters Arising**
- a. Speed Indicator Device (SID)** – The Clerk reported that the SID had been delivered to the Town Council Offices. The Street Lighting Team at T&W had been asked to do an audit of the lighting columns in the identified installation areas to ensure they are strong enough to hold its weight. In areas where the existing lampposts cannot be used, posts can be installed. Members agreed to follow device location recommendations given by the Highways dept.
- b. Defibrillator Report** – The Clerk said that one unit had been installed and Cllr Tomlinson was in discussion about the location of the second unit. The Planning Committee had reported on an idea to utilise telephone boxes to house defibrillator units if they are situated appropriately.
- c. Bowring Lease** – The Clerk reported that amendments had been advised and she would progress the matter with the Solicitor to identify a signing date for the lease.
- d. Gateway Signs** – Members reported that the sign at Bennetts Bank was in place but Apley Avenue was not, the Clerk was asked to progress this again. Cllr Burns proposed the following locations for installation of the next three signs:
- Dawley Road from Lawley just by the Motorway bridge
 - From Shrewsbury Junction 7 before Vesey Court
 - Admaston Road into Wellington, Park Ward
- The proposal was 2nd by Cllr deLauney and agreed by members.

- e. **Idverde** – The Clerk reported that she was meeting with Idverde officers on the 4th March. Members said they were generally happy with the current service provision. Cllr Morris-Jones MBE raised the problem of bins permanently being left out particularly in Market Street stating they should only be on the street on collection day. The Clerk was asked to raise this issue at the ICM committee also with planning enforcement officers and the fire service. Cllr Morris-Jones MBE praised Idverde for their excellent service dealing with the spilt contents of these bins during the storm over the weekend. Cllr Carter said there had been a management restructure and it was felt that Idverde were really striving to improve. The Clerk was asked for before and after photographs for the gum removal and positive reports be circulated through media channels.

126/19 Finance

Agenda items, 6a to 6d were proposed for acceptance by Cllr de Launey and approved by members. Cllr Gorse asked for answers to the following questions from last month's meeting to be given as soon as possible.

- Toilet income – why all paid on the same day
- Toilet income – why such odd amounts

127/19 ICM Report – Members received the notes from the meeting and made the following comments;

- **Cyclist Dismount signs needed urgently** – Clerk to chase and if funding is the problem the Town Council may be able to help.
- **Blatant drug dealing on the streets** – It was agreed that the Police should be asked what their long term aims and objectives are regarding this and other important issues.
- **Fly Tip** – Cllr Fairclough said there was a fly tip in Bratton Lane reported to the Town Council Office last Wednesday. The Clerk was asked to follow this up.

128/19 Plastic Free Wellington Relay Litter Collection Day 30th March 2020 – The Clerk reported that the event would cover areas not usually covered by Idverde. A press release had been done for Wrekin News and the Clerk was asked to add this to Facebook and Twitter accounts. AL, LC and SdeL volunteered to help.

129/19 Twinning Association Visit on 7th to 10th May – AL said the reception could not be held at the Civic Offices because the date is booked for the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The event can be held at the Walnut at a cost of £400.00. It was proposed by Councillor Gorse to pay the £400.00 from the Civic Activities budget, this was seconded by Cllr Morris-Jones MBE and agreed by members.

130/19 Ceremonial Office Holders – An expenses budget was considered for the Ale Taster and the Town Crier. It was agreed that this issue would be reviewed every year. It was proposed by PMJ and 2nd by SdeL that the Town Crier should be given £150.00 for expenses. It was proposed by JG and by SdeL that the Ale Taster should receive £100.00, for one year.

131/19 Flag Flying Policy – Cllr Carter proposed that the Wellington Town Council Flag be flown every day except when other flags are more appropriate. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Burns and agreed by members.

132/19 Members GBPR Training - Cllr de Launey suggested this be held at the Full Council meeting on 9th June 2020. The proposal was agreed by members.

It was proposed by Cllr de Launey, seconded by Cllr Carter and agreed by members that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following items.

133/19 Public Toilets – It was proposed and agreed by members that the future delivery of the provision of public toilets be reviewed and that fully costed proposals be brought back to P&R.

134/19 Carer Friendly Employer – It was proposed by Cllr de Launey and seconded by Cllr Gorse that we agree to formalise the position that Wellington Town Council is a Carer Friendly Employer.

135/19 To agree date and time of the next meeting as Tuesday 7th April 2020 at 7.00pm

Chairman.....7th April 2020