

# Wellington Town Council

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## WELLINGTON FESTIVAL WORKING GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held in person, on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 commencing at 10:30am.

Present

Cllr A Lowe (Chairman)	<b>Apologies:</b>
Cllr J Pierce	Cllr K Tomlinson
Cllr Pat Fairclough	
Cllr Joan Gorse	
Cllr D Roberts	
Cllr J Alvey	
Paola Armstrong	

- 1. Welcome and Introductory remarks.**  
Cllr Lowe welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Declaration of Interest:** None
- 3. Apologies for absence:**..Cllr Tomlinson. Accepted
- 4. To confirm the 'notes' from the last meeting 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021**  
Cllr Pierce confirmed and Cllr Gorse seconded
- 5. Matters arising from those minutes:**  
PA spoke with Marc Petty about requests for Philip Larkin stories etc. – a “Can You Help” request to go in next edition of TIOW with LA21’s email address.

PA has sent email and created social media posts requesting suggestions for the Wellington Festival 2022 – sent on 17/8/21. Responses will be collated and brought to the working group at the next 2 meetings. Closing date for suggestions 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021. Also put the request on WTC website and scheduled a PR story for early September – photo to be taken today.

PA has sent the suggested schedule to Resident Poet

Confirmation of Festival Presentation at 1pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September in the Market Square.

**6. Discuss suggestions for festival performances**

A discussion was had regarding all the suggestions that had been sent in to date and a note was kept of the different categories of acts.

Decisions made included:

Booking Lesley Smith – it was voted that she would perform as Margaret Thatcher.  
To be noted that Cllr Gorse objected to this decision

To book Gareth Williams for a talk (The Country Houses of Shropshire).

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**ACTION: PA to find out more details (cost and availability) for a number of acts including:**

Aardman Animations

JABS – Love Lee Productions

Carol Harris

Julian Smith (Saxophonist)

The Belfrey theatre group

Maggie O'Farrell

Bertie Pearce

The Endings

Polish group – family event

Alison Wakeman

JG proposed that the Belfrey Photographic group are contacted to organise a photography display but alongside this, we would have a virtual Art Gallery. JA seconded.

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**ACTION: JP to speak to Jake Taylor (The Music Vault) regarding local artists**

It was agreed that there would be a virtual visual art gallery

**ACTION: PA to contact Liam McClelland to check availability for the visual art gallery**

**7. Any other business**

None

**8. Date and time of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed to be held on Wed 29<sup>th</sup> September at 10:30am but this has since been changed to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

This meeting began at 10:30am and was concluded at 12:25pm .

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