

# Wellington Town Council

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## WELLINGTON FESTIVAL WORKING GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held in person, on 13<sup>th</sup> October **2021** commencing at 10:30am.

Present

Cllr A Lowe (Chairman)	<b>Apologies:</b>
Cllr J Pierce	Cllr D Roberts
Cllr Pat Fairclough	
Cllr Joan Gorse	
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 Roberts. Accepted
- 4. To confirm the 'notes' from the last meeting 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021**  
Cllr Pierce confirmed and Cllr Gorse seconded
- 5. Matters arising from those minutes:**  
PA has found out more details (cost and availability) for a number of acts (see list below).  
PA contacted Liam McClelland to check availability for the virtual art gallery and other technical support and he's happy to join the team.  
**OUTSTANDING ACTION: JP to speak to Jake Taylor (The Music Vault) regarding local artists**
- 6. Discuss suggestions for festival performances**  
A discussion was had regarding suggestions sent in (via various methods) and the following were agreed (as actions for PA)  
**ACTIONS:**
  - Confirm Family History Day (at COLDS)
  - Continue discussions with Sue Pointon about a production of Godspell
  - Confirm Promote (Tadlop singers)
  - Confirm The Endings (to be requested at The Wrekin)
  - Confirm Calligraphy taster sessions
  - Confirm Aardman Animations and COLDS as a venue

- Confirm to try to book Wrekin College for Lesley Smith
- Confirm Festival Fancy Dress walk up The Wrekin
- Book Telford Steel Band
- Pass on details for Carol Harris to Meet The Author
- Continue discussions with The Orbit
- Continue discussions with The Belfrey Arts Group (meeting attended by PA) and the possibility of either hiring as a venue and/or hosting an Open Day
- Research JD Magic
- The Wellington Market have agreed to let us use the stage for the festival weekend, if required
- Confirm Marc Petty – Walking With Giants walking talk
- Book Wrekin Rowers for a talk
- Book Shropshire Boatmen to perform at Wrekin Rowers talk
- Book Severn Harmony (as support for Lesley Smith)
- Book Resident Poet, Heather Reid, to read the Sea Shanty at Wrekin Rowers talk
- Confirm with the library re: Human Library
- Confirm Children's Meet The Author with the library and ask them to liaise with Julie Phillips (Meet The Author organiser)
- Confirm Cook and Uke
- Confirm involvement with Tori Arts
- Continue discussions with Bulgarian Dancers
- Continue discussions with Polish contact – Dorota
- Confirm Telfordaires
- Request open day at Sunnycroft
- Confirm Book Club suggestion of 4 Larkin poems and venue as the John Bailey Club
- Request Poems and Pints host – S Harrison
- Continue discussions with Questing Knight Games at The Belmont
- Request CTS as a location for the Art Gallery
- Decided against a virtual art gallery (if we can have a live one)
- Committee Room to be booked for Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## 7. **Any other business**

To be discussed at the next meeting:

Discuss options for The Orbit showings

Discuss promotion of the festival

Discuss rebranding/new logo

Discuss whether or not to use a pre-booking system

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

The date of the next meeting was confirmed to be held on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

This meeting began at 10:30am and was concluded at 12:20pm .

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