

Wellington Town Council

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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the virtual Full Council Meeting held via Zoom on Tuesday 9th June 2020 commencing at 7.04 pm.

Present:

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| Cllr A. Lowe – Mayor | Cllr D. Roberts | Cllr P. Davis | Cllr K. Tomlinson |
| Cllr P. Fairclough | Cllr J. Latter | Cllr J. Gorse | Cllr Usman |
| Cllr A. McClements | Cllr J. Pierce | Cllr U Ahmed | Cllr L Jinks |
| Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE | Cllr M. Hosken | Cllr S. Hall | Cllr S de Launey |

In attendance: Rev T. Carter, Andrew Roberts – Deputy Clerk and Karen Roper Town Clerk.

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| 172/19 | Welcome – The Mayor welcomed everyone to the 3rd virtual Town Council meeting which would be live streamed to give public access and transparency to the decision making process of the Council. The Mayor thanked the Deputy Clerk, Andrew Roberts for dealing with the technology which has enabled the meeting to take place on line. He also said that positive feedback from the public had been received since we had been livestreaming council meetings. He then invited Rev. Carter to take prayers; Rev Carter thanked members for the invitation and for continuing the work of the Council through the COVID pandemic specifically mentioning the virtual VE day. |
| 19:04 | Livestreaming of the meeting began |
| 173/19 | Apologies – Were received from Cllrs Cook, Alvey and Luter. The apologies were accepted. |
| 174/19 | Declarations of Interest – None declared at this point. |
| 175/19 | To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held 12th May 2020 - Cllr Hosken proposed the minutes for acceptance and was seconded by Cllr Jinks, members voted unanimously to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record. |
| 176/19 | Matter Arising – Casual Vacancy for Haygate Ward. The Clerk reported the 14 day notice period closed midnight 18 th May and the elections team had confirmed they had received a valid call for an election. Therefore an election would be arranged but not before 6 th May 2021, notices would be made available in March 2021 and a timetable issued. Cllr Tomlinson said she was disappointed because of the cost to the taxpayer. Cllr Gorse said she agreed with Cllr Tomlinson clarifying that, in her view, a co-option would have been a better option for electors in Haygate ward because they now have reduced representation for the next 12 months. |

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| 177/19 | <p>To receive and note the minutes of the following Wellington Town Council Committees and Consider the Recommendations made.</p> <p>a. Policy and Resources Committee dated 2nd June – Councillor de Launey gave the following report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live Streaming – Cllr Roberts had attended the meeting to contribute to the debate and had left on its conclusion. Following long discussion a vote was taken in favour of continuing to live stream virtual meetings of the Council. • Speed Indicator devices – The device was being initially installed on the Holyhead Road and prices were being sought for the installation costs of bespoke posts. • Haygate Road Crossing to the Bowring Park – The Clerk reported that T&W had confirmed they had added the request to the list of highways works. • Gateway Signs – Cllr Jinks said the newly erected sign at Apley Ave is covered by foliage and requested that the WEST Team be asked to trim it back. Cllr Tomlinson thanked staff for getting the new signs installed. • Bins – Cllr Morris-Jones MBE said these were set alight over the weekend and he asked that something be done to stop them being left on the street. Cllr Carter said that T&W Officers were working with residents and businesses try to resolve this issue. • Grants – The date for routine grant applications to be considered was agreed as the October meeting. • Internal Auditor – A date had been agreed for the external Auditor to inspect the accounts. • Reopening of the Town Centre – Cllr de Launey reported that meetings had been held on Friday and earlier today to look at how best to implement measures to allow the safe reopening of the retail sector. Members had received the notes. • Kindle Kindness – Cllr McClements reported that more than 80 units had been distributed in Wellington. She said that members can forward suggestions for the supply of further units. • Bowring Lease – Cllr de Launey reported the lease has now been signed. Cllr Davis said that Cllr deLauney should be congratulated for sorting this out as it was a public building put to a great use. Cllr Usman congratulated the Chairman of P&R on his achievement. Cllrs Tomlinson and Jinks said the service offered by the tenants is enjoyed by the public and café is a great asset to Wellington. <p>b. Planning Committee dated 20th May 2020 - Cllr Jinks presented the minutes. Cllr Gorse said Cllr Cook gave his apologies for this meeting because of health issues. Ref: 203/19 Wellington and District Cottage Care Hospital – the proposal was that the building would be retained and there would also be a wildlife area with a small pond.</p> |
| 178/19 | <p>Regeneration Board report of 20th May held via Microsoft Teams– Cllr Jinks said she would like to thank Sally Themans for her on going communications. Members agreed she was a great asset, doing an excellent job and giving value for money.</p> |
| 179/19 | <p>Re-Opening the Retail Sector- There was long debate with members commenting on proposed temporary measures to control parking, traffic and queueing. Cllr Carter said a full detailed plan would be issued and circulated through the Clerk. All of the temporary measures can change and will be regularly reviewed. Cllr Tomlinson said this item was not on the agenda and proposed moving on to next business. She was seconded by Cllr de Launey</p> |

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| 180/19 | <p>West Team Report – The Deputy Clerk reported the Team had been working in the following areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Securing play equipment at Bowring Park • Shawbirch – cutting back foliage • Arleston – cutting back foliage • Woolpack car park – litter collecting prior to food bank drive through • Charlton car park – litter collecting • Indoor Market – erecting Gazebos • Waste Bins – repainting • All Saints Church yard - tidying • Dothill nature reserve – footpaths cleared of empty cans, bottles and general mess. They were also involved in resurfacing the footpaths <p>Councillor Roberts said the Perspex cycle racks need cleaning and repairing. The Mayor said an audit of cycling and walking in Wellington was being undertaken.</p> |
| 181/19 | <p>The next meeting date (Virtual) would be called for 7.00pm on 14TH July 2020 Cllr Jinks proposed holding an August meeting and was seconded by Cllr Davis. All were in agreement.</p> |

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Chairman.....14th July 2020