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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes for the meeting held at the **Wellington Civic Offices** on **Tuesday 6th September 2011** commencing **7:00pm**.

Present:

Deputy Mayor: Cllr F Burns
Cllr P Fairclough
Cllr C Lewis
Cllr R Perkins
Cllr B Tillotson
Cllr P Morris-Jones
THREE members of the public

Cllr A Forster
Cllr R Aveley
Cllr G Riley
Cllr Mrs C Brittain
Cllr R Sloan

Cllr J Gorse
Cllr Mrs A McClements
Cllr Mrs D Roberts
Cllr D Chaplin

In attendance: Howard Perkins, Town Clerk
Caroline Mulvihill, Assistant to the Town Clerk

86/11 Prayers

Prayers were said by Rev. Richard Kirby

87/11 Introduction

The Deputy Mayor explained with the Mayor Cllr Lesley Street being on holiday ,he would be chairing the meeting. He then requested members of the Council to take a look at the new Council website highlighting a particular quote "People of Wellington have a sense of belonging and civic pride in their town" with which members agreed.

Deputy Mayor Frank Burns ended by thanking the officers for arranging invitations to both civic events, Remembrance Day and the Literary Festival, opening with Fay Weldon. He again requested Councillors to attend.

88/11 Apologies

Mayor Cllr Mrs L Street - Holiday
Cllr G Cook - Holiday
Cllr S DeLauney - unwell
Cllr P McCarthy – family commitments
Cllr M Hosken – family commitments
Cllr Mrs K Tomlinson – unwell.
Apologies accepted

89/11 Declarations of Interest

Members only need declare any interest they may have in items of business in this Agenda. Cllrs Chris Lewis, Angela McClements, Frank Burns, Adrian Forster, Ralph Perkins and Dorothy Roberts declared interests made at the Planning Committee of 30th August 2011. (Minute 52/11 – TWC 2011/0667) and in item 8 on the Agenda.

No other declarations of interest were received.

90/11 To receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2011

Proposed: Cllr Joan Gorse Seconded: Cllr Graham Riley and resolved unanimously that subject to the alteration of the date of the minutes to read "Tuesday 12th July 2011", the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

91/11 Matters arising from those Minutes:

- (i) MINUTE 76/11 TRAINING – Cllr Joan Gorse thanked the Clerk for the very thorough training he gave to new members of the Council. This was supported by Cllr Pat Fairclough who agreed training was very important and as none was available elsewhere it had been very welcome and should continue / be repeated when needed.
- (ii) MINUTE 79/11 PEACE MEMORIAL – The Clerk confirmed the date of these minutes should read "5th July" and not "16th June". He then went on to update members that progress had been slow on this project due to it being a joint one with the Borough Council. All updates would be given as and when they were available.
- (iii) MINUTE 84/11 SMOKERS FACILITY AT WILLIAM WITHERING – The Clerk confirmed after investigation, it had been found a smoking area had been created at the rear of the premises and no smokers would be standing on the street to smoke.
- (iv) MINUTE 84/11 MAYOR'S CHARITY – The Clerk distributed a Press Release to the Council, explaining how the Mayor would distribute the money raised by her charity this year. Noted.

To receive the Minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to consider and deal with the recommendations therein.

92/11 Planning Committee

Cllr Gorse presented the minutes of the meeting of 18th July 2011.

Proposed: Cllr Joan Gorse Seconded: Cllr Chris Lewis
RESOLVED that the Minutes be received and action taken be endorsed.

Cllr Joan Gorse presented the minutes of the meeting of 1st August 2011.

Proposed: Cllr Joan Gorse Seconded: Cllr Barry Tillotson
RESOLVED that the Minutes be received and action taken be endorsed.

Cllr Gorse presented the minutes of the meeting of 15th August 2011.

Proposed: Cllr Joan Gorse Seconded: Cllr Barry Tillotson
RESOLVED that the Minutes be received and action taken be endorsed.

Cllr Joan Gorse presented the minutes of the meeting of 30th August 2011.

Proposed: Cllr Joan Gorse Seconded: Cllr R Perkins
Cllr Barry Tillotson wished it to be known he did pass on his apologies for this meeting and for the minutes should reflect this. It was also explained to the Council that due to declarations of interest, Minute 52/11 had resulted in application TWC/0667 being passed to the Town Council to determine.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be received and action taken be endorsed.

93/11 Promotions & Liaison Committee

Cllr Fairclough presented the minutes of the meeting of 21st July 2011.

Proposed: Cllr Pat Fairclough Seconded: Cllr D Roberts
RESOLVED that the Minutes be received, the recommendations be approved and action taken be endorsed.

94/11 Matters arising on the minutes

- (i) Cllr Fairclough thanked Marilyn Pietroni for her presentation. She then briefed the Council on the content of this. It had recently transpired no funding was available for the proposals at the Donkey field so further action would be taken.

(ii) Cllr Pat Fairclough then thanked the office staff for completing and distributing the Literary Festival brochure. The Deputy Mayor suggested all members accessed the Town Council website for information and Cllr Pat Fairclough explained if tickets were needed they had to be requested in the office.

(iii) Cllr Chris Lewis requested information on Veterans Day. The Clerk agreed to send interested members an invitation containing all information relating to this forthcoming event.

95/11 Policy & Resources Committee

Cllr Graham Riley presented the minutes of the meeting of 30th August 2011.

Proposed: Cllr Graham Riley Seconded: Cllr Chris Lewis

RESOLVED that the Minutes be received, the action taken be endorsed and the recommendations be approved

96/11 Matters arising from these Minutes

(i) MINUTE 18/11 (IV): BANNERS – The Clerk briefed the Council. The Committee had recommended Baymedia be employed because of the lower quotation and the lease of the brackets. Concerns were raised over not using a local company but it was explained the Council had to examine cost and the lowest quote had not been submitted by a local company despite one having been asked for.

97/11 Planning Application TWC/2011/0667 Wellington Health Centre.

Many members of the Town Council spoke on this item, following which it was proposed by Cllr Aveley, seconded by Cllr Morris-Jones and RESOLVED this Council object strongly to the application on the following grounds:

- the proposal to create a retail pharmacy would adversely affect the three existing pharmacies already operating in the town, especially Lloyds Pharmacy, which was located in premises almost adjoining the Health Centre. No additional benefits would be offered to the community as a result of the granting of this application, which would adversely affect commercial sustainability in Wellington;
- the proposal would not create more consulting rooms for a busy practice, rather it would remove them to the further detriment of the patients who were registered at the practice, some of whom were already leaving the practice because of this;
- the proposed opening hours for the proposed pharmacy were unnecessarily long and could not be policed adequately at night;
- there would be no safe access/egress to the proposed pharmacy during all the hours proposed for its opening;
- the proposal would adversely affect employment in Wellington, threatening that currently being enjoyed in existing pharmacies

Members agreed unanimously this should be “Green Carded” via Cllr Rob Sloan. Cllrs Joan Gorse and Phil Morris Jones were prepared to attend the Plans Board Meeting to support the objection if required.

98/11 To receive relevant correspondence

i) INTERCITY WEST COAST – Town Clerk read a letter that had been received stating Inter City West would “listen and do as much as possible to accommodate all wishes of the Town Council”

Cllr Roger Aveley expressed concern over un-manning Wellington Station. This would be discussed at the next Policy & Resource Committee.

ii) LANTERN PARADE – The Clerk reported Carol Williams wished to expand the lantern parade this year because it had been a great success last year. Because local schools, children and community were to be involved, members approved the action of the Chair of the Promotions and Liaisons Committee in authorising payment of £500 for the lanterns and £150 to employ a piper to lead the event on the 3rd December 2011.

99/11 Proposed Development at Ercall Wood School

Details of the Borough Council's consultation had been sent to each member. Councillors raised concerns if the new school went ahead it may have a negative effect on road congestion, noise levels, and adding to the current water drainage problem. It was felt the community would welcome a new school due to the wider educational advantages which would become available for more children.

Cllr Graham Riley pointed out that allotments had been allocated within the scheme and this could help the Town Council to meet local demand.

It was proposed by Cllr Barry Tillotson that the proposed scheme be agreed in principle, dependant on further consultation. This was seconded by Cllr Rob Sloan and it was RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY.

100/11 To receive and update on the relocation of the Town Clock.

The Clerk stated dependant on surveys, the Clock should be in place by 30th September 2011.

The delay had been caused by the need to conduct a survey for the location of the box to contain all the electrical equipment. Members requested Peter Jones of the Tick Tock campaign be informed, and welcomed the news.

The Clerk explained the cost to the Council would now increase to £3,500, to which members agreed (Town Council minute 62/11 also refers)

It was proposed by Cllr Gorse and seconded by Cllr McClements that the Council welcome the clock back by holding a small reception on 8th October 2011.

It was then proposed by Cllr Fairclough and seconded by Cllr Roberts by way of amendment that a reception be held later in the year to celebrate the return of the clock and the completion of all improvements to the town. The amendment after having been put to the meeting was declared lost, seven members voted in favour and eight against. Upon being put to the meeting, the original motion, which was the endorsed as the substantive motion, was carried, eight members voting in favour and seven against. It was then RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY.

101/11 To receive and approve the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of 8th July 2011

Cllr Graham Riley presented the minutes of the meeting of 18th July 2011

Proposed: Cllr Graham Riley Seconded: Cllr Roger Aveley

RESOLVED that the Minutes be received, the recommendations be approved and action taken be endorsed.

102/11 To receive and approve the minutes of the Civic & Leisure Centre Management meeting of 20th July 2011.

Cllr Graham Riley presented the minutes of the meeting of 20th July 2011

Proposed: Cllr Graham Riley Seconded: Cllr Roger Aveley

RESOLVED that the Minutes be received, the recommendations be approved and action taken be endorsed.

103/11 Matters arising from the minutes.

(i) MINUTE 7.1 / 7.2 – KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT: Cllr Phil Morris-Jones requested a breakdown of figures and to see a specification. The Clerk drew the Council's attention to the Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee of July minute 23/11 where this detail had been set out. The matter would be discussed again at the forthcoming meeting of the Civic and Leisure Centre Management Committee.

104/11 To consider proposing a new name for Wellington Civic Quarter

Cllr Chris Lewis proposed "Wellington Civic and Leisure Centre" and "Larkin Way" to be kept.

Proposed: Cllr Chris Lewis Seconded: Cllr Pat Fairclough, and RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY.

105/11 To receive the resignation of Cllr David Chaplin from the planning Committee and to fill the vacancy.

Proposed: Cllr Barry Tilliotson Seconded: Cllr Chris Brittain and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY that Cllr Roberts be appointed to replace Cllr Chaplin on the Planning Committee.

106/11 To receive a report from our representative on the Wellington Town Partnership

Cllr Roberts reported the August meeting had had to be postponed due to holidays and that there was therefore nothing to report until the next meeting. Noted and agreed.

107/11 To receive urgent matters for information only

The Clerk expressed a wish to ensure that all Councillors were aware of the following.

- GRIT BINS – Additional bins would cost £140 each but due to the severity of last winter in case more were required the Policy & Resources Committee would discuss this at their next meeting.
- The Town Clerk distributed a copy of a letter from Janet Groves with regard to Libraries being closed.
- The Town Clerk distributed a copy of an email regarding Bus Routes for Market Drayton.
- A copy of the budget was given to relevant Councillors for them to consider for next year and this would be discussed in early October.

The Deputy Mayor reminded the Council of the Grants Presentation Evening that would be held on 26th October at 7pm. He hoped many could attend.

108/11 To agree the date of the next meeting

The date for the next meeting was agreed as 11th October 2011.

Signed

11th October 2011