

# Wellington Town Council

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## FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes for the meeting held at the Wellington Civic Offices on **Tuesday, 13th December 2011** commencing 7:00pm.

**Present:**

Cllr Mrs L Street, Mayor  
Cllr R Aveley  
Cllr Graham Cook  
Cllr P Fairclough  
Cllr J Gorse  
Cllr C Lewis  
Cllr Mrs A McClements  
Cllr R Perkins  
Cllr Mrs D Roberts  
Cllr B Tillotson

Cllr F Burns, Deputy Mayor  
Cllr Mrs C Brittain  
Cllr S deLauney  
Cllr A Forster  
Cllr M Hosken  
Cllr P McCarthy  
Cllr P Morris-Jones  
Cllr G Riley  
Cllr R Sloan  
Cllr Mrs K Tomlinson

**In attendance:**

Five members of the public  
Howard Perkins, Town Clerk  
Anni B Potts, Assistant to the Town Clerk

**145/11 Prayers**

The Reverend Kirby gave a short reading and said prayers.

**146/11 Introduction and welcome**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**147/11 Apologies**

Cllr D Chaplin - family commitment  
Apologies accepted.

*The Mayor then made a presentation of a Town Crest to Reverend Clark of Wellington Methodist Church who was taking a three month sabbatical in Wellington, New Zealand.*

**148/11 Declarations of Interest**

Members only need declare any interest they may have in items of business in this Agenda. No declarations of interest were received.

**149/11 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2011**

Proposed: Cllr Roberts, seconded: Cllr Tillotson, and RESOLVED that these be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record with the following amendment: *That Minute 139/11 be amended to read 'Policy & Resources Committee' and not 'Promotions & Liaison'.*

**150/11 Matters arising from those minutes:**

- i) **MINUTE 132/11: ERCALL LANE:** The Clerk confirmed that the Borough Council had added Erccall Lane to the gritting rota.

- ii) **MINUTE 132/11: CAR PARKING CONTROL:** The Clerk reminded the Council that the twenty-one day consultation period on the draft order for the TRO had commenced on 29th November 2011 and that, should any one wish to comment (either members of the public or councillors as individuals), these should be directed to Telford & Wrekin Council, the Town Council having already debated and submitted their comments twice.
- iii) **MINUTE 134/11: DAVID WRIGHT MP: LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCE REVIEW:** (Appendix A) The Clerk also confirmed that this was being discussed with Lucy Corbett, the new Regeneration Officer with Telford & Wrekin Council.
- iv) **MINUTE 140/11: MORRISONS:** (Appendix B) Noted with regret.
- v) **MINUTE 143/11: OLYMPIC FLAME:** The Clerk directed members to a copy of the letter from Lord Coe, Chairman of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Ltd in which he stated the route of the torch could not be changed. However, he did state his Nations & Regions Team would be in touch with the Town Council regarding another form of acknowledgement for Wellington (Appendix C & D). The Town Council were pleased with the response from the Leader of Telford & Wrekin Council.

**151/11 To receive the minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to consider and deal with the recommendations therein.**

**Planning Committee**

Cllr Tillotson presented the minutes of the meeting of **7th November 2011**.

Proposed: Cllr Tillotson, seconded: Cllr Roberts, and RESOLVED that the minutes be received and action taken be endorsed.

**Matters arising from those minutes:** None.

Cllr Tillotson presented the minutes of the meeting of **21st November 2011**.

Proposed: Cllr Tillotson, seconded: Cllr Roberts and RESOLVED that the minutes be received and action taken be endorsed.

**Matters arising from those minutes:** None.

Cllr Gorse presented the minutes of the meeting of **5th December 2011**.

Proposed: Cllr Gorse, seconded: Cllr Roberts and RESOLVED that the minutes be received and action taken be endorsed.

**Matters arising from those minutes:** None.

**Promotions & Liaison Committee**

Cllr Morris-Jones presented the minutes of the meeting of **10th November 2011**.

Proposed: Cllr Morris-Jones, seconded: Cllr Roberts and RESOLVED that the minutes be received and action taken be endorsed.

**Matters arising from those minutes:**

- i) **MINUTE 64/11 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:** Congratulations had been received from Mr Brian Ward of the Wrekin Lions, for the Remembrance celebrations and this was warmly received. A number of small suggestions were made as to improvements for the following year and it was agreed that these would be taken on board.
- ii) **MINUTE 66/11 SWITCHING-ON OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & LANTERN PARADE:** Similar congratulations and delight were expressed with the 3rd December celebrations and particular thanks were expressed to the anonymous organiser of the secret firework display and sponsor of the Christmas Tree. The Mayor extended her thanks to Mr Mick Talbot for securing the new wreath matrix and the wreaths to the railings at All Saint's Church.
- Cllr Morris-Jones proposed that a token of appreciation of £25 be sent to Dothill Primary School's music department for their part in the event. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Aveley and agreed unanimously.

- Cllr Brittain spoke of the Wrekin Owls who sang for two hours and proposed that a letter of be sent to them. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Morris-Jones and agreed unanimously.

### **Policy & Resources Committee**

Cllr deLauney presented the minutes of the meeting of **6th December 2011**.

Proposed: Cllr deLauney, seconded: Cllr Riley and RESOLVED that the minutes be received, the action taken be endorsed and recommendations approved, subject to the following:

#### **Matters arising from those minutes:**

- The Mayor apologised that she had not given Cllr Hosken's apologies for this meeting and asked that those be noted.
- The Clerk reported that five bollards were being added to the street poles in Walker Street to help deter illegal parkers.
- **MINUTE 84/11 APPLICATIONS FOR MATCH FUNDING:** Cllr deLauney proposed, Cllr Burns seconded, and members agreed UNANIMOUSLY not to approve the recommendation contained in Minute 84/11 (iv) but to refer the matter back to the next Committee meeting on 3rd January 2012 owing to the receipt of new information regarding the proposed match-funded projects.
- **MINUTE 85/11 POLICE GRANT FOR A CAR:** An extensive debate discussed whether the Town Council should fund this for a further three years. The Clerk reported that the Police had found a cheaper lease deal on a new car and that they would probably be prepared to pay for the livery if the Town Council could support the vehicle with a further £3,000 grant. Cllr deLauney reiterated the Policy & Resources Committee were not seeking approval of the grant, only the inclusion of a figure in the budget to support it should it be granted.
- **MINUTE 86/11: BUDGET:** Cllr Morris-Jones expressed his disappointment that the budget was being set so late this year.

### **Personnel Sub-Committee**

Cllr deLauney presented the minutes of the meeting of **1st November 2011**.

Proposed: Cllr deLauney, seconded: Cllr Riley and RESOLVED by vote (fifteen votes for and four abstentions) that the minutes be received and action taken be endorsed.

**Matters arising from those minutes:** Some concern was expressed that some of the issues raised within the minutes had not been discussed in more detail with other members. The Clerk asked if the Council wished to implement provisions of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 to discuss the matter in more detail. This was declined upon a vote. The Mayor asked if other Councillors would be able to attend the next meeting to take part in the discussion, but only to comment. Cllr deLauney agreed to this, in principle.

### **Conservation Working Group**

A copy of the minutes of the meeting dated 8th December 2011 was distributed around the table to each member. Cllr Morris-Jones presented the minutes of the meeting of **8th December 2011**.

Proposed: Cllr Morris-Jones, seconded: Cllr Brittain and RESOLVED that the minutes be received and action taken be endorsed.

**Matters arising from those minutes:** None.

#### **152/11 To receive relevant correspondence:**

- TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL: DELAY IN OPENING CIVIC & LEISURE CENTRE:** The Clerk stated that the works to the toilets and kitchen areas would also be delayed as a result of this. Cllr Gorse enquired about the facilities of the new Civic Centre and the Clerk agreed to organise another tour for Councillors to see the building for themselves. It was also proposed by Cllr Gorse, seconded by Cllr Burns and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY to

invite Cllr Arnold England to address the January Council on aspects of the future use of the new building.

- ii) **TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL: CONSULTATION ON 2012/2013 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE SCHEMES:** The Clerk reported that Cllr Mrs Roberts had submitted five proposals for consideration and reminded other councillors that they could make nominations, too. Further works were proposed by:
- o Cllr Street: the sinkage in the road on Victoria Road, outside the Civic Centre,
  - o Cllr Roberts: Wrekin Road,
  - o Cllr Brittain: North Road where the drains had been covered by the chicanes,
  - o Cllr Aveley: A roundabout at Vineyard Road and the road by the Catholic Church. Cllr McCarthy reported that he had already asked about a roundabout at Vineyard Road and been informed that there was insufficient turning area to do this,
  - o Cllr Tomlinson: Apley Avenue (including the missing signs),
  - o Cllr Hosken: Glebe Street island.
- iii) **TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL: BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE:** The Clerk reminded the Council that the consultation period for this would end on 23rd December 2011 and that any comments they wished to make as individuals should be in by then. Cllr Tomlinson encouraged members to visit the Telford & Wrekin website, too.
- iv) **TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL: LOCALISM ACT 2011:** The Clerk highlighted the main change which would be the Regulation of Standards. Cllr Aveley asked that this could be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting and this was agreed unanimously.
- v) **TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL: TRAFFIC/SPEED CONTROL AROUND WREKIN COLLEGE:** Mr John Alvey spoke with regard to Haygate Road expressing his disappointment that some of the issues he had raised had not been addressed in the letter from Telford & Wrekin Council and that the responses contained were unacceptable. He therefore asked District Councillors to look at this issue again.

*Cllr Tomlinson gave her apologies and left the meeting at this point.*

#### **153/11 To consider, again, the nomination of a representative member to serve on the Shropshire Playing Fields Association**

A representative had not been nominated in May 2011 and, as the Town Council had received an invitation to the AGM, the Clerk asked the Council if it wished to nominate a representative for the period to May 2012. They declined, preferring to carry the matter over until next May.

#### **154/11 Propositions/Resolutions**

To consider the following proposition/resolution of which proper notice has been given:

***"DIRECT RAIL SERVICE WITH LONDON:*** *We propose that we ask for representation for Wellington on the Shropshire, Telford and The Marches Strategic Rail Group. Telford is under represented on this group, the Borough Council representative has admitted that she has not attended a meeting and it is clear that no one is going to fight our corner. Franchises are to be allocated early next year and we must be in a position to ensure that our voice is heard with regards to the trains stopping at Wellington."*

Proposed: Cllr D Roberts. Seconded: Cllr P Morris-Jones.

Cllr Sloan proposed an amendment to the proposal to read:

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There being no objection from the proposers, a vote was taken and the amendment was agreed UNANIMOUSLY. The vote was then taken on the substantive proposition and it was RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY the proposal be approved and adopted.

**155/11 To receive a report from our representative on the Wellington Town Partnership**

Cllr Roberts reported the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 14th December 2011.

**156/11 To receive a report from our representatives on the Association of Local Councils**

Cllr Perkins gave a short report regarding the AGM he had attended earlier this month. Elections were held in accordance with the meeting rules and it was announced that the Association had reintroduced the word 'Shropshire' into their title. It was also agreed that their constitution be reviewed as it did not allow for the seven vice-presidents the association had. Noted.

**157/11 To receive urgent matters (for information only)**

- The Clerk distributed copies of an eMail from '**Street Games**' which was a national initiative and award-winning sports charity looking to hold a workshop in January.
- The Clerk distributed copies of an eMail from **Nova Training** who had also asked if they could hold an event in Market Square on January 16th. The event would be a 'World Skills Have a Go' event. No objections were received.
- Cllr Roberts spoke of the **Wrekin Forest Partnership** which would give Wrekin Park protected status.
- Cllr Roberts spoke of the **Bus User Group** meeting which she had recently attended. She mentioned that there was some bus shelter money available, but it would need match funding.
- The Clerk brought to members' attention the date of the next **Policy & Resources Committee** meeting, which would be held on 3rd January and not 10th January as expressed in the minutes.

**158/11 To agree the date of the next meeting**

The date for the next meeting was agreed as **10th January 2012**.

Signed .....  
10th January 2012