

# Wellington Town Council

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## **PROMOTIONS & LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held at the Wellington Civic Offices on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015** commencing at 11.00am.

### **Present:**

Cllr K Tomlinson – Chairman  
Cllr Sylvia Hall  
Cllr Lee Carter  
Cllr Cindy Mason-Morris  
Cllr Chris Brittain  
Cllr Denis Allen  
Cllr Pat Fairclough

Jean Wordsworth - Lions  
Eve Clevenger – Walkers are  
Welcome representative  
Ross Vickers

**In attendance:** Caroline Mulvihill, Assistant to the Town Clerk.

### **52/15 Welcome and Introductory Remarks**

Cllr Tomlinson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **53/15 Apologies for Absence**

Kevin Tanner – Ill health, Committee agreed to send a card with their best wishes.  
Bob Coalbran  
Ian Davies  
Cllr Sherrel Fikeis

Apologies accepted

### **54/15 Declarations of Interest**

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

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**55/15 To confirm the minutes of the last meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015.**

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman of the meeting as a true and accurate record.

**56/15 Matters arising from the last meeting minutes.**

(i) **Minute 66/15(i): Victorian Market:**

Caroline reported that everything was in place for the forthcoming market on Saturday. 14 stalls were expected on the day in addition to the monthly farmer's market. Street entertainers, Wellington Brass band, circus workshop and a face painter were also confirmed as attending. The event runs 9.00am – 3.00pm. It was agreed that if the weather was bad that the Wellington Brass Band would move to the alcove by the old Play and Party shop if a gazebo was not available.

Radio Shropshire should be contacted to help promote the event.

Various Councillors' confirmed that they did not receive Rob Francis's Winter guide in their Telford Journal as expected. Areas not receiving included: Admaston, Bratton, Shawbirch, Dothill and Park ward.

(ii) **Minute 46/15(ii): Purchasing of event banners:**

Caroline confirmed that the event banners had been received. The Christmas light switch on event was advertised using them and so will the Victorian Market. Jean Wordsworth commented on how good the tree barrier covers look with the new branding logo, the Committee all agreed.

(iii) **Minute 46/15(iii) Design of new Town Council website and branding:**

No feedback was received back into the office from Councillor's on the new design of the website. The decision to 'go live' with this will now be made at the next Policy & Resources meeting on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

(iv) **Minute 47/15(ii) Christmas Light Switch on event:**

On arrival Caroline learnt from Trevor (Shropshire Events) that the PA man had refused to set up the sound up New Street due to high winds and his concern over Health and Safety. Caroline tried to get him to come back later when the weather picked up but he refused. It was agreed that Caroline should write to Trevor (who booked him direct) to request that another supplier for a PA system is found for next year as the lack of sound was detrimental to the enjoyment of the event by the public.

The day itself ran smoothly with all guests turning up and performing on time. The weather was extremely cold and it was felt this had a knock on effect as audience attendance figures were low. The local shops also reported that they were quiet all day.

A sub-committee consisting of Cllr Fairclough, Cllr Brittain, Jean Wordsworth and Ross Vickers would meet to discuss the event in detail and improvements for 2016.

**57/15 Correspondence:**

**1) Resignation from Mr and Mrs Marmion from the Literary Festival Committee;**

Cllr Fairclough reported to the Committee that two long standing Literary Festival Committee members had resigned from the Committee due to ill health. Proposed by Cllr Fairclough, seconded by Cllr Allen and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY that a Wellington Town Council plaque is presented to Mr and Mrs Marmion along with Mrs Boulter who used to assist Olwen Marmion with the Peggie Harrison Poetry Competition.

**58/15 Literary Festival:**

Cllr Fairclough explained to the Committee that this year the Telford and Wrekin Library Service ran the Peggie Harrison Poetry Competition, unfortunately due to staff cuts they will no longer be able to assist. This now leaves the future of the competition in the balance.

The Photography Competition that ran this year had 150 entries with the Bridge School also entering. The Mayor and Cllr Fairclough presented the Bridge School their prizes at an assembly and they were most grateful.

Next year is the festival's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Ideas to make this a big occasion need to be brainstormed. At the next festival meeting it will be discussed which direction the festival takes i.e. Arts to be included?

Proposed by Cllr Morris-Mason, seconded by Cllr Allen and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY that the Literary Festival should become an Arts Festival.

Some niche events had low attendances but the main events were full.  
The Shropshire Star was responsible for some bad and inaccurate reporting.  
The Committee formally thanked Cllr Fairclough for her contributions and hard work.

**59/15 Walkers are Welcome:**

Eve thanked the Town Council for the grant that they were awarded.

Work with the Friends of Dothill, clearing pathways etc. was complete and was now much improved.

3<sup>rd</sup> December at 9.30am path maintenance would commence on Christine Avenue towards Ercall Lane.

The Walking Festival would like an advert in the Literary Festival programme in 2016 and the banner advertising the festival has been delivered.

Discussions are needed with the Wellington Rambles as since they have moved their walk dates there was now a clash. Eve to take discussions forward.

**60/15 To receive information on other future events and activities.**

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