

# Wellington Town Council

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## FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes for the meeting held at the Wellington Civic Offices on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 commencing at 7:05pm.

### **Present:**

Cllr P Morris-Jones MBE, Mayor	Cllr D Roberts	Cllr J Gorse
Cllr D Allen- Deputy Mayor	Cllr S deLauney	Cllr P McCarthy
Cllr A McClements	Cllr L Carter	Cllr M Hosken
Cllr S Hall	Cllr F Burns	Cllr A Lowe
Cllr J Alvey	Cllr R Perkins	Cllr C Brittain
Cllr P Fairclough	Cllr C Mason-Morris	Cllr G Cook
Cllr S Fikeis		

**In attendance:** - 18 members of the public, Karen Roper - Town Clerk and representative from the Shropshire Star.

### **76/16 Welcome – The Mayor**

Cllr Morris-Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the Clerk to lead the prayers.

**77/16 Presentation** - The Mayor called representatives from the following groups forward to receive grant cheques presented by Councillors.

- Belmont Community Hall – presented by the Mayor
- 1<sup>st</sup> Wellington Brownies – presented by Cllr Allen
- Wrekin Open Mic – presented by Cllr deLauney
- Wellington and District Twinning - presented by Cllr Carter
- Wellington History Group - presented by Cllr Hosken
- Telford Stags – presented by Cllr Mason-Morris
- Friends of Dothill – presented by Cllr Alvey

Each of the recipients informed the meeting of the purpose of their group and indicated how the money would be spent.

**78/16 Apologies** - Were received from, Cllrs Tomlinson and Tillotson. Members proposed and agreed acceptance of the apologies.

**79/16 Declarations on Interest** – None were declared at this time.

**80/16 Mayors' Report on Activities** – The Mayor informed members of the following events he had attended over the past month.

Tuesday 25th October 2016	Townswomen Lunch at the Buckatree Hotel
Saturday 29th October 2016	Cultural evening NCT
Monday 31st October 2016	Service for new vicar at All Saints
Saturday 5th November 2016	Fireworks Wellington cricket club

**81/16 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th October 2016.**

It was proposed by Cllr Hosken, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Carter and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 11th October 2016 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a true and accurate record.

**82/16 Matters arising from those Minutes.**

The Clerk reported that she was still collecting information and forwarding it to the Police for use in evidence in providing solutions to anti-social behaviour in Wellington. Cllr McCarthy addressed the meeting stating that people were being put off from going to All Saints Church because of the people drinking and generally hanging around the area. Cllr Alvey said it was not just people but their dogs causing problems. Cllr McCarthy said he would like to invite Inspector Wade to discuss these issues at the December meeting and propose a motion to approach the Borough Council to legislate. Cllr Gorse said she stood by the comments she made last month that the problems need to be solved not just moved elsewhere and she requested a list of the agencies involved in the meeting attended by the Clerk. Cllr Allen said the designated area should be defined and we should go ahead and support the action to show we care and are willing to do something about the problem.

**83/16 To receive the minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to consider and deal with the recommendations therein.**

**83:16:1 Planning Committee dated 26/10/16**

Cllr Alvey presented the minutes of the meeting dated 26/10/16, these were seconded by Cllr Gorse. It was RESOLVED by members that the minutes be received and action taken be endorsed.

**83:16:2 Promotions & Liaison Committee dated 26/10/16**

Cllr Carter presented the minutes which were 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr Hall and RESOLVED by members that they be received and action taken be endorsed.

**83:16:3 Wellington Festival Committee**

Cllr Mason Morris said information was still being analysed but initial indications were that the Festival had attracted about 1,500 attendees (some from Leicester, Derby and the West Midlands) and donations of £1,300. She thanked Caroline Mulvihill, John Alvey and everyone else who had helped to make this years' Festival a success and shared plans for future events. The Mayor congratulated Cllr Mason-Morris on a very successful well organised Festival of events.

**83:16:4 Policy & Resources (P&R) Committee:**

Cllr deLauney presented the minutes of 1st November 2016, stating the main item of business as the draft confidential budget which if members wished to discuss would need to be taken in closed session. Cllr deLauney proposed acceptance of the minutes and to close the meeting to discuss the budget. These proposals were seconded by Cllr Hosken and agreed by members.

**Other matters arising from the minutes:**

- **Office Move** – The process has been referred to the legal officer at Telford and Wrekin who was working on the leases to deliver information to the December Meeting.
- **PCSO** – This project has moved forward with Telford and Wrekin, the next steps are to develop a service level agreement with the Police.

- **Wellington Environmental Services** - The project is moving forward and the apprentice would be starting any day, members had been asked to identify any hot spot areas needing extra attention.

**83:16:5 Bowring Working Group** – Cllr Morris Jones MBE presented the minutes as a true record these were seconded by Cllr Allen and agreed by the Council.

**83:16:5 Vision Working Group** - Cllr Burns said the Group has met but still needs to agree terms of reference, a further meeting would be held on 14<sup>th</sup> November.

**84/16 Items for Information** – Team Wellington had indicated they were against the issue and re-issue of street trading licences as they were working hard to upgrade the retail offer of Wellington.

Team Wellington made the following points;

- Creation of fumes / noise
- Not contributing to the economy.
- Undermines the resident shops / businesses
- Selling substandard goods

Councillors made the following points;

- They bring Christmas spirit and colour to the streets
- They create an ambience
- They are characters and do no wrong
- They have been trading in Wellington for a long time

An offer was made for them to trade from the Market which members felt should be supported. The matter would be referred to the Planning Committee.

**85/16 The Date of the Next Meeting was agreed as 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016.**

The meeting was closed to the press and public at 19.56hrs

Signed .....13<sup>th</sup> December 2016