

Wellington Town Council

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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes for the meeting held at the Wellington Civic Offices on Tuesday 13th September 2016 commencing at 7:05pm.

Present:

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

In attendance: - Police Inspector Gary Wade, 4 members of the public, Karen Roper Town Clerk, Rev. John Grice from All Saints Church and joining the meeting at 7.40pm John Campion, Police and Crime Commissioner.

Note: Gary from Leegomery Computers was in attendance from 6.00pm – 7.30pm to assist members with the first meeting using their lap top computers.

44/16 Welcome – The Mayor

Cllr Morris-Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Rev. John Grice to lead the prayers.

45/16 Apologies - Were received from Cllrs, Tomlinson, deLauney, Fairclough and Tillotson, members proposed and agreed acceptance of the apologies.

46/16 Declarations on Interest – None received.

47/16 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th July 2016.

It was proposed by Cllr Hosken, 2nd Cllr Mason Morris and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting Full Council meeting held on 12th July 2016 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a true and accurate record.

48/16 Matters arising from those Minutes and not on the Agenda - None

49/16 To receive the minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to consider and deal with the recommendations therein.

49:16:1 Planning Committee

Cllr Alvey presented the minutes of the meetings dated 13/7/16, 03/08/16 and 24/08/16. It was proposed by Cllr Alvey, seconded by Cllr Roberts and RESOLVED by members that the minutes be received and action taken be endorsed.

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49:16:2 Promotions & Liaison Committee

The Mayor said he had received a complaint regarding the recent lack of attendance of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee rendering the meeting inquorate so that no decisions could be made. He thanked Cllr Mason–Morris for standing in as Chairman for the last meeting. There was a question raised about ex-officio and co-opted members of the Council being able to vote to ensure future meetings are quorate. It was requested that the Governance Review group (to be elected later in the meeting) considers Terms of Reference and develops a protocol for this and all Committees. Cllr Carter said he considered the Mayors action inappropriate as apologies with valid reasons had been given. The Mayor said he had been asked to raise this issue by a member of the public. It was proposed by Cllr Mason-Morris 2nd by Cllr McClements to accept the minutes – all were in agreement.

49:16:3 Wellington Festival Committee

Cllr Mason Morris presented the minutes of the meetings held on 21st July and 2nd August 2016. She reported that 11,000 tickets had already been allocated and that the Shropshire Star had agreed to extensively promote the Festival. Cllr Alvey requested assistance from Council members to collect money and host the events. The minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr Mason Morris, seconded by Cllr Alvey and agreed by full council.

49:16:4 People of Wellington Celebrate (POW) (formally known as the Carnival Committee)

Cllr Fikeis reported that she was attending meetings to organise this event due to take place on 24th June 2017. The intention was to hold the occasion in the town square to support local businesses and to involve all communities. Members were invited to attend the next meeting due to take place on Monday at the Plough Public House.

49:16:5 Policy & Resources (P&R) Committee:

Cllr Lowe presented the minutes of 2nd August and 6th September 2016,

Matters arising from those minutes:

- **Commonwealth Flag** – Cllr Alvey asked for confirmation regarding the existence of the flag flying policy. The Clerk confirmed the policy was in place but this item had been presented in case the Council wished to review it. Cllr Alvey suggested this issue be considered by the Governance review Group.
- **Anti Social Behaviour** – Cllr Alvey reported on an incident in the Town Square – the Mayor said a meeting had taken place earlier today and this issue was being dealt with.
- **Wellington Environmental Services** - The Clerk had circulated a cost benefit analysis for the acquisition of a vehicle. Cllr Carter said this information was not available to members at the last P&R committee and proposed the decision to purchase is referred back to allow time to assess whether the Council were getting value for money in line with the original model for the Environmental Team proposals. This was seconded by Cllr Gorse.

Members made the following comments;

- Has consideration been given to how this investment will relate to the cuts in litter picking being undertaken by the Borough?
- Information given at the Policy and Resources meeting was a verbal report
- The Working Group needs to meet to discuss taking the project forward.
- This project has not moved forward for the past 2 years and needed progressing.

Members were asked to vote on referring this decision back to P&R as proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Gorse. The vote was lost. Cllr Burns requested a meeting of the Working Party is arranged as soon as possible.

49:16:6 Personnel Report

Cllr Lowe verbally reported that the Events and Communications Manager position had been evaluated and an appropriate offer had been made to the post holder which she had verbally accepted. It was agreed that congratulations were passed on to the member of staff.

50/16 7.40pm John Campion Police and Crime Commissioner joined the meeting.

The Mayor welcomed Mr Campion who apologised for being late and addressed the Council detailing his background, responsibilities and initial experiences of the first 4 months of his 4 year term. His focus was on supporting victims and making the force more efficient by use of technology. He urged Councillors to respond to the current consultation and be the 'eyes and ears' for their community. Members had the opportunity to ask questions on the numbers and powers of PCSO's and Special Constables. Discussion took place relating to the decriminalisation of parking, anti-social behaviour and working in partnership. Mr Campion urged members to contact him directly by any means including Facebook and Twitter.

51/16 Pension Arrangements

The Clerk requested formal agreement from the Full Council of the previously circulated report on pension's discretions. Cllr Alvey thanked the Clerk for being transparent in circulating the document and it was RESOLVED by members to support the decision of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting on 2nd August 2016, ref 36/16 (a).

52/16 Election of Working Party to take forward the Visioning/Planning Event Report - Cllr

Allen proposed the following members, Cllrs. Burns, Perkins, Mason Morris, Roberts, Lowe, Hall and McCarthy, this was seconded by Cllr Lowe and agreed. There was further discussion regarding co-option from community groups and it was agreed the Committee itself would agree the Terms of Reference including voting rights. Cllr Burns requested the first agenda is compiled by the Clerk.

53/16 Election of Working Party to Review Governance –

The Clerk explained that the Council has policies and documents that need introducing and updating and a working group is needed to review the examples forwarded by the Clerk. Cllr Allen proposed appointment of the following members, Cllrs Mason-Morris, Burns, Perkins, Alvey, Fikeis, Tillotson and a Liberal Democrat representative, this was 2nd by Cllr Mason –Morris and agreed by the Council.

54/16 Matters for Information Only.

- **Civic Centre Management Group – Library Move** - Cllr Burns reported on the meeting held earlier today which had received the opinion of the Town Council as recorded in the July minutes. Telford and Wrekin were currently waiting for quotations for the work.
- **Gasworks Bench** – Cllr Cook reported that the bench was due to be installed shortly.
- **Complaint** – Cllr Burns said there should be a protocol for dealing with complaints relating to individual Councillors in a closed session.

55/16 The meeting was closed at 8.30pm and the date of the next meeting was agreed as 11th October 2016.

Signed11th October 2016