

# Wellington Town Council

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## FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes for the meeting held at the Wellington Civic Offices on Tuesday 10th January 2017 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 G Cook
Cllr P McCarthy	Cllr M Hosken	Cllr C Brittain
Cllr S Hall	Cllr F Burns	Cllr A Lowe
Cllr J Alvey	Cllr R Perkins	Cllr S Fikeis
Cllr C Mason-Morris		

**In attendance** – 4 members of the public, Andrew Roberts – Deputy Town Clerk and Reverend John Grice – All Saints Church.

### 98/16 Welcome – The Mayor

Cllr Morris-Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**99/16 Apologies** – Were received from, Cllrs Tomlinson, McClements, Carter and Tillotson. Members proposed and agreed acceptance of the apologies.

**100/16 Declarations of Interests** – None were declared at this time.

**101/16 Mayors' Report on Activities** – The Mayor informed members of the following events he had attended over the past month.

14th December 2016	Visit and Lunch at Charlton School
15th December 2016	Judge Best Dressed Shop Window and Market Stall Christmas
17th December 2016	Open Carols in the Square Event – Present Best Dressed Shop Windows and Market Stall prizes
18th December 2016	Open age Concern Shop in Walker Street Attend Music Concerts at Wellington Methodist Church, Wellington

### 102/16 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th December 2016.

It was proposed by Cllr Alvey, seconded by Cllr Allen and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 13th December 2016 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a true and accurate record.

## 103/16 Matters arising from those Minutes

- **#PRH4Me campaign update** – The Clerk reported that a meeting was to be held with Cllr Shaun Davies, Leader Telford & Wrekin Council, the local MPs Mark Pritchard (The Wrekin) and Lucy Allan (Telford) with the Secretary of State for Health Jeremy Hunt on proposals made by the NHS Future Fit Board. It was further reported that reports would be issued following the meeting.
- **PCSO Update** – there was an update report given by both the Clerk and Cllr deLauney on the latest position in relation to the forthcoming introduction of the PCSO joint working on-street car parking enforcement regime to be undertaken within the Wellington and Newport Town Council areas. Cllr deLauney confirmed that it was been proposed that a meeting with the new local Superintendent Tom Harding would be held imminently. Noted.  
The Mayor reported that he had invited the new Superintendent Tom Harding West Mercia Police to a future Full Council meeting to be introduced to Members. Noted.
- **Car Parking Update** – the notes of the recently held Car Parking Working Group meeting held on 6 January 2017 were tabled and circulated to the Members. The present position was noted by Members.

## 104/16 To receive the minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to consider and deal with the recommendations therein.

### 104/16(i) Planning Committee dated 21/12/2016

Cllr Alvey presented the minutes of the meeting dated 21st December 2016, these were seconded by Cllr Roberts. It was RESOLVED by members that the minutes be received and action taken be endorsed.

The following points were highlighted;

- Minute Number 107/16: Planning Application – TWC/2016/0694: Aldi Foodstore Ltd., Grooms Alley, Wellington – Cllr Alvey advised members that he had received information that suggested that portions of the re-furbished store would be made available for existing businesses currently operating within the Town. Members were informed that there was no information received on this aspect within the planning application documentation that had been received from Telford & Wrekin Council. Members referred to the on-going questions that had been raised in relation to car parking enforcement and the triangular parcel of land adjacent to Bridge Road. The Clerk confirmed that he was awaiting confirmation on these aspects.

### 104/16(ii) Policy & Resources (P&R) Committee 03/01/2017

Cllr deLauney presented the minutes of 3rd January 2017 these were seconded by Cllr Lowe and agreed by members.

The following points were highlighted;

- **Office 365** – Cllr deLauney informed members that the ICT Working Group had met recently one of the issues was how to deal with email boxes and how individual email boxes could be integrated with Office 365 accounts.
- **Bank Account Update** – It was noted that difficulties were still being experienced with office staff discussing the agreed move of the Bank Account.
- **Budget 2017/18** – it was noted that this was a separate agenda item and would be considered later in the meeting.
- **Wellington Environmental Services** – it was reported that the Team had attended to a number of the previously identified areas by some members of the Council, since the last meeting of Council. Members of the Team had received positive comments from a

number of local residents in these areas. Cllr Alvey requested as to whether a schedule of the cleaned areas could be provided – this was agreed. Members were again requested to provide identified hotspots that could be attended to by the Team.

- **Project Board** – Cllr deLauney reported on the meeting of the Project Board that had been held in December – he confirmed that a meeting of the Board would be held on 12 January 2017. He confirmed that there would be some exciting developments in the Town shortly. These centred on the impending completion of the former Stead & Simpson shop in the Market Square, which would bring these premises into use. The former Co-operative Bank would also open on the 12 January 2017 by Team Wellington. There was also a discussion in relation to Section 106 monies being made available as a result of the Haygate Fields development. The Clerk confirmed that he would approach Telford & Wrekin Council to establish what monies would be available for the Town, particularly from the Haygate Fields development.

There being no further questions, members agreed that the minutes be accepted and the proposed actions endorsed.

**104/16(iii) Vision Working Group** – Cllr Burns reported on the meeting of the Working group that had been held in December. He confirmed that due to the Town Clerk's absence due to ill-health the scheduled meeting of the Working Group that had been arranged to take place in January had been cancelled and would be re-arranged.

#### **105/16 Budget 2017/2018**

Cllr deLauney presented the Budget for 2017/2018 that had been received and recommended for approval at the previous meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee that had been held on 3rd January 2017.

It was proposed by Cllr deLauney, seconded by Cllr Lowe and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Town Council:

- (i) accepts, approves and adopts the draft budget for 2017/18 (copy attached to the signed minutes) and
- (ii) in consequence, raise a precept of £379,600 against a forecast expenditure of £420,600
- (iii) request Telford & Wrekin Council to pay a grant of £10,085 from the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2017/18.

#### **106/16 Items for Information –**

None.

#### **107/16 The Date of the Next Meeting was agreed as 14th February 2017.**

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

**Signed .....14th February 2017**