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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes for the meeting held at the Wellington Civic Offices on Tuesday 14th February 2017 commencing at 7:05pm.

Present:

Cllr M Hosken (Chairman)	Cllr D Roberts	Cllr J Gorse (arriving later)
Cllr C Mason-Morris	Cllr A McClements	Cllr L Carter
Cllr P McCarthy	Cllr J Alvey	Cllr R Perkins
Cllr S Hall	Cllr F Burns (arriving later)	Cllr A Lowe
Cllr P Fairclough		

In attendance – 2 members of the public, Karen Roper – Town Clerk, Reverend John Grice from All Saints Church and Police Inspector Gary Wade.

In the absence of both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor it was proposed by Cllr Alvey, 2nd by Cllr Lowe and agreed by members to elect Cllr Hosken as Chairman for this meeting. Cllr Hosken agreed.

108/16 Welcome – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and called on Reverend Grice to take prayers.

109/16 Presentation – The Chairman announced that Reverend Grice was moving to a new parish, so behalf of the Council he presented him with a shield thanking him for all the work he had done in the parish. Other members said how much they had enjoyed his Civic services and thanked him for his warmth and general efforts to improve things in Wellington. Everyone wished him all the best in his new role.

110/16 Anti-Social Behaviour and Britain First Visit – The Chairman invited Inspector Wade to update members and he made the following points:

- There had been 2 Working Group meetings
- The new PCSO has been moved from Donnington to Wellington who is already working to deliver:-
 - o 2 surveys one for residents and one for businesses
 - o Holding a business Working Lunch on 15th February
 - o Engaging with drinkers
 - o Engaged with local business owner to gauge impact
 - o Taking on an Environmental audit
- There is a higher than normal concentration of accommodation and services for vulnerable people in Wellington which attracts people wishing to access them.
- The CCTV and lighting around the area is being assessed and the Police and Crime Commissioner is keen on ensuring it is fit for purpose.
- It was noted that Police were working with licensees to try to stem the supply of strong cheap alcohol.

- The Police need a concrete evidence base before legislation and prosecutions can be made so it is so important that incidents are reported.

Cllr McCarthy commented that to stop drinking in the street would not necessarily disperse the problem to other areas in his view. He felt that people openly drinking in the churchyard was intimidating particularly to older residents but they would not report it routinely to the Police. Cllr Alvey asked about the proposed Britain First visit. Inspector Wade said the current information was that the group would not be coming to Wellington on 25th February and would assemble in Telford marching to Derby House and the Police station. They had previously incorrectly identified a shop sign in Wellington as being an ISIS icon. This has been checked and experts agree this is not an ISIS symbol. The Police are putting extra resources/ patrols into Wellington on the day and the week leading up to it, the clear message is Wellington is open for business. Telford will have support units drafted in in case of trouble including Horses and Dogs.

7.45pm Rev. Grice and Inspector Wade left the meeting.

111/16 Apologies – Were received from, Cllrs Morris-Jones, Allen, deLauney, Brittain, Fikeis, Cook, Tomlinson and Tillotson. Members proposed and agreed acceptance of the apologies.

112/16 Declarations of Interests – None were declared at this time.

113/16 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th January 2017.

It was proposed by Cllr Alvey, seconded by Cllr Carter and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 10th January 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

7.46pm Cllr Burns joined the meeting

114/16 Matters arising from those Minutes - Verbal report from the Clerk.

- **PCSO Project** – The Clerk reported this project had stalled whilst the Police and the Borough discussed responsibility for parking.
- **Parking** – Cllr Alvey asked for an update on the installation of the ticket machines. The Clerk said the working group was due to meet by the end of February but an installation date had been indicated by the Borough of early April.

115/16 To receive the minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to consider and deal with the recommendations therein.

115/16(i) Planning Committee dated 18/01/2017

Cllr Roberts presented the minutes of the meeting dated 18th January 2017, these were seconded by Cllr Burns. It was RESOLVED by members that the minutes be received and action taken be endorsed.

115/16(i) Planning Committee dated 31/01/2017

Cllr Alvey presented the minutes of the meeting dated 31st January 2017, and commented on minute reference 126/16 stating that the plans had been changed by the developers to the point where he felt they were in breach of their original proposals. The Planning Committee were split in their vote and members felt that further information was needed in relation to whether or not the 'residences' would be for sale or rent for people over the age of 55years. The impact of sale or rental homes would be to partially reduce the availability of those most needy cases. Cllr McClements was asked to green card the application as it was originally granted for an Extra Care this was then downgraded to a 'Wellbeing' facility which is not equal provision of services creating exceptional circumstances that need clarification. It was RESOLVED by members that the minutes be received and action taken be endorsed.

Cllr Gorse arrived at 7.50pm

115/16(ii) Policy & Resources (P&R) Committee 07/02/2017

Cllr Lowe presented the minutes of 7th January 2017 these were seconded by Cllr Burns and agreed by members.

Councillor Mason-Morris asked for clarification that only 15% of the budget had been spent on the grant funding, this was confirmed by the Clerk but she also said that applications were being currently being received. Councillor Mason-Morris suggested any underspend on the grants budget could be put towards a community open day. It was agreed that this suggestion be put to the next P&R Committee.

Cllr Mason Morris said the £6,000.00 PIYHS funding allocated to the Autumn Sizzle that would no longer be going ahead should be diverted back to the project board to fund another event in Wellington.

The remaining subjects were on the Full Council agenda for decision, there being no further questions, members agreed that the minutes be accepted and the proposed actions be endorsed.

115/16 (iii) ICT Working Group Notes of 9th January 2017.

There were no questions from members. Cllr Mason Morris proposed the acceptance of the notes these were 2nd by Cllr Hall and agreed by members.

116/16 To Appoint the Town Councils' Bankers

It was proposed My Cllr Alvey 2nd by Cllr Burns:

- To formally appoint Barclays Bank PLC as the Town Councils' Bankers and
- To formally recommend that the following be appointed as the authorised persons as
 - Cllr Phil Morris-Jones
 - Cllr Patricia Fairclough
 - Cllr Ralph Perkins
 - Cllr Denis Allen

A vote was taken and all members were in agreement.

117/16 Office Base Resolution –

It was proposed by Cllr Burns 2nd By Cllr Lowe That the Town Council formally resolve to agree

A phased move of its office base to the Lower Library subject to the agreement of the leases and the following terms and conditions ;

Phase 1

1) Construct the proposed new town council offices in the current lower library.

2) Construct the new council chamber, including access to the disabled toilet but do not install the proposed partition screen.

At this point the town council will relocate to the new accommodation.

Phase 2

1) Following completion of Phase 1 (tendered cost circa £81,000) T&W will transfer the balance of the current £108,000 total cost (circa £27,000) to the town council.

2) The balance of £27,000 will be utilised fund an access solution from the offices to the services and a new Lesley's Room and kitchen at the Town Councils' discretion.

3) The town council can access the 'switch room' for the storage of tables and chairs.

Breathe Easy Group – The Council received comments from the group that they would find access difficult. The Clerk had consulted the Manager of the Leisure Centre and would suggest alternative buildings including the Aleston Community Centre.

The proposal was voted on and agreed by all with Cllr Carter abstaining due to his office at Borough Council.

118/16 Artefacts Resolution -

Members were shown items donated to the Council by Mr & Mrs Turreff, a certificate and commemorative Key. The Mayor had suggested that they have more affinity with Donnington & Muxton Council. It was proposed by Cllr Hosken 2nd by Cllr Roberts and agreed by members to hold a ceremony to formally present the donated artefacts to Donnington and Muxton Parish Council (as displayed).

119/16 PIYHS Street Murals – Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Lowe ‘*To formally resolve to take full ownership of the street murals from H2A on completion of the project.*’ 2nd by Cllr McClements and agreed by members.

120/16 ICT Policy documents Resolution – It was proposed by Cllr Roberts 2nd by Cllr Burns and agreed by members *To formally resolve to adopt the following policies (as attached)*

- *Wellington Town Council Computer and Information Security Policy*
- *Wellington Town Council Data Protection Policy*

121/16 NHS Motion: It was proposed by Councillor M. Hosken, 2nd by Cllr Alvey and agreed by all Councillors to instruct the Clerk to write to the appropriate authorities to express *The Councils’ extreme concern at the proposal to close the Malling Health GP practice and Walk In services located on the Princess Royal Hospital site. (Copy of letter attached)*

The Council totally disputes the figures being quoted for repairs and rebuilding as unfounded and requests an explanation of this figure.

The Council asks that Telford is recognised as having a fast growing population due to the many new housing developments and thus in great need of this critical service.

122/16 Motion ‘Hate Not Here’ campaign: Councillor Carter proposed will move the following:

“The Members, Officials and employees of this Council reject all forms of racism, discrimination and intolerance.

This Council, through its own work and through working with others across our Community, will always make it clear that those seeking to visit our Parish to undermine the unity of our unique community will never be welcome.

As a small but tangible demonstration of this commitment, this Council will sign up to, support and actively promote the West Mercia Police ‘No Hate Here’ campaign.”

This motion is seconded By Cllr Angela McClements and members invited to sign a poster in support of the campaign.

123/16 To Receive Urgent Matters for Information Only

- Cllr Mason Morris informed members of the dates of the spring Festival being 7/8/9/10th April and welcomed the support and attendance of the full council.
- Cllr Carter commented on the DWP proposal to close the Job Centre in the town and said that discussions were taking place to try and avoid another empty property
- Cllr Fairclough reminded members of the Mayor’s charity concert taking place on 18th Feb 7.30pm at the Methodist Church.

124/16 The Date of the Next Meeting was agreed as 14th March 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed14th March 2017