

# Wellington Town Council

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## **FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

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

### **Present:**

Cllr P Morris Jones MBE (Mayor)	Cllr M Hosken	Cllr J Gorse
Cllr D Allen	Cllr A McClements	Cllr S Hall
Cllr P Fairclough	Cllr J Alvey	Cllr G Cook
Cllr K Tomlinson	Cllr F Burns	Cllr A Lowe
Cllr S Fikeis		

**In attendance** – 4 members of the public, Superintendent Tom Harding, Reverend Tim Carter from All Saints Church and Karen Roper – Town Clerk.

**125/16 Welcome** – The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and called on Reverend Carter to take prayers. Following prayers, Rev. Carter reported that John Grice was very appreciative of the presentation made at the last meeting and that he and his family had settled in well at his new parish in Tamworth.

**126/16 Superintendent Tom Harding** – The Mayor introduced Superintendent Harding who was invited to address the meeting. Superintendent Harding explained that since his appointment he had been busy settling in. He gave an update on the recent EDL and Britain First visit and members praised the Police for their handling of the situation. He then discussed the process and principles of an Integrated Community Management Team. A designated PCSO shared with Newport would provide an enhanced local service and parishes would continue to benefit from the sustained support from the Local Neighbourhood Policing Teams. Superintendent Harding explained sharing a PCSO post with Newport Town Council would be risk free for the first 12 months but their duties would not include Parking enforcement after March 2018 and line management would sit with the Police.

### Members commented:

- Uniformed visibility in the town is an important issue Superintendent Harding said the project would be additional to current provision.
- Concern expressed that the Town Council could not direct resources even though it was paying for the part time post if the 6 year agreement goes ahead. Superintendent Harding said he struggled to allocate resources to parking enforcement (except when offences are prolific or dangerous) when there are more serious issues to be dealt with.
- Could we have a 'Special Constables' approach in Wellington? Cllr Gorse said that Special Constables were on duty at the Christmas lights switch on and made a

tremendous contribution to the event. Superintendent Harding said a significant investment had been made to recruit and train Specials in the next 6-12 months.

- Cllr McClements reported Scrutiny were reviewing the decriminalisation of parking because Telford is one of a few areas where parking is not decriminalised.

**127/16 Apologies** – Were received from, Cllrs Mason-Morris, deLauney , McCarthy, Carter, Brittain and Roberts, members proposed and agreed acceptance of the apologies.

**128/16 Declarations of Interests** – None were declared at this time.

**129/16 Resignation** - To Note the Resignation of Cllrs Tillotson and Perkins. Members expressed their sadness at receiving notice of these and it was proposed by the Mayor 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr Allen to instruct the Clerk to write a letter thanking them for their service.

**130/16 To Receive the Mayors Report on His Activities.**

The Mayor reported he had been unwell this month so had attended fewer engagements than usual but had been to the following:

*March 3<sup>rd</sup> Photo-shoot at the Buckatree for the Bayley Mile*

*March 4<sup>th</sup> Charter Day*

*March 5<sup>th</sup> High Sherriff of Shropshire Inaugural Service.*

The Mayor was also pleased to report that tickets for his Civic Dinner to be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March had been sold out.

**131/16 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th February 2017.**

It was proposed by Cllr Hosken seconded by Cllr Burns and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 14th February 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

**132/16 Matters arising from those Minutes** - Verbal report from the Clerk.

- **Anti-Social Behaviour and Britain First Visit** – The Clerk reported the Environmental Audit and the Stakeholder meeting had gone ahead and PCSO Hall is acting on the results. The Clerk informed members she had written to the Police thanking them for their efforts in controlling the impact of the Britain First Visit.
- **Parking** – The Clerk said there was a further meeting due to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> March. Cllr Alvey said in his view the answer is a multi-story car park.
- **ICT Working Group** – The Clerk met with Cllr Mason-Morris and discussed ICT needs for the lower library and member's training needs.
- **Hate Not Here Campaign** – The Clerk said there was a further chance to sign up to this campaign
- **Mallin Health Centre** – The Clerk had previously circulated letters and responses to members. A written report of the meeting attended on 28<sup>th</sup> February was circulated by the Clerk and Cllr Tomlinson gave a verbal update of the same. Following long discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Hosken to invite the Chief Executive from the CCG to the next meeting of the Council. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr Tomlinson and agreed by members. Cllr Burns suggested the Clerk write back to Mark Pritchard MP to ask for advice on what to do next to influence Central Government on these issues.

**133/16 To receive the minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to consider and deal with the recommendations therein.**

**133/16(i) Planning Committee dated 8/02/2017**

Cllr Alvey presented the minutes of the meeting dated 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017, these were seconded by Cllr Burns. Cllr Alvey highlighted the Street Trading Policy review will include consultation with the Town Council on renewals in addition to new licences. It was RESOLVED by members that the minutes be received and action taken be endorsed.

### **133/16(ii) Planning Committee dated 1/03/2017**

Cllr Gorse presented the minutes of the meeting dated 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017, and commented on minute reference 0092/17 requesting permission for 3 houses on the site of a bungalow which was turned down by the committee on the grounds of overdevelopment. Cllr Hosken said this was the right decision as it previously belonged to Norah Wellings and the surrounding land was given for use of an environmental garden.

### **133/16(iii) Policy & Resources (P&R) Committee 07/03/2017**

Cllr Lowe presented the minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 these were seconded by Cllr Burns and agreed by members.

Cllr Burns proposed that item 132/16 was taken in private session at the end of the meeting this was agreed by members.

There were no comments on the Grant Panel report.

Cllr Tomlinson asked about the loss of bar facilities when the Council moves to the Lower Library and was informed that this item had previously been discussed and accepted that this will be a consequence of the move.

Cllr McClements asked that the Full Council is given a regular written report of the work the WEST team does. Members also suggested resurrection of the 'Councillors' litter pick be organised on a couple of days per year.

The Clerk had proposed that the April meeting of Full Council appoints a 'Mayor and Deputy Mayor elect' to assist in producing the Mayoral diary for the newly appointed Mayor and assist the May Annual meeting to run smoothly. This was proposed by Cllr Burns and agreed by members.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Breath Easy Group stating their disappointment at the decision to move office base as the new arrangements were not likely to meet their needs. She had assured the group she would do all she could to help them find other suitable accommodation and offered 2 months free rent for them to try the new room to see if they could cope with the arrangements. Members were saddened by the loss of such a group but suggested the following alternative venues:

- Arlestone Community Centre (had been turned down because it is not on a direct bus route) so other suggestions were:
  - Admaston House
  - Belmont
  - Princess Royal Hospital

### **134/16 To Appoint the Town Councils' Bankers**

The Clerk said the process was on going.

### **135/16 Promotions and Liaison Committee meeting of 22.02.17**

The minutes were presented by Cllr Tomlinson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr Fikeis. A request to fund the printing of a Wellington History Leaflet and for advertising in the HYPE magazine was referred to Policy and Resources Committee.

### **136/16 Wellington Festival Committee meeting of 16.02.16**

Cllr Alvey presented the minutes that were seconded by Cllr Fikeis. Members were reminded of the dates of the spring Festival being 7/8/9/10<sup>th</sup> April and asked to help out as Hosts at events. The papermaking event particularly required volunteers as this was very popular. Tickets for the Lesley Smith performance were almost sold out already.

### **137/16 To formally agree to Take on the ICM/PCSO project for 12 months.**

Cllr Alvey asked about the cost to the Town Council – the Clerk said the cost would be

covered by the Borough. It was proposed by Cllr Hosken and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr Burns and agreed by members to take on the ICM/PCSO project for the 12 month period starting on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

**138/16 To Receive Urgent Matters for Information Only**

Cllr Burns reported that the Civic and Health Centre Management groups had met earlier today and dissolved themselves subject to a positive legal opinion being received on the Lower Library deal. They would meet again, if necessary, to solve any problems.

***It was PROPOSED by Councillor Burns and RESOLVED that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public and press should not be present. The Public and Press were asked to leave at 8.30pm in accordance with Section 1(2) of the PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960,***

**139/16 The Personnel Committee Report is attached separately to these minutes.**

**140/16 Date of the Next Meeting was agreed as 11th April 2017.**

The meeting closed at 8.37pm.

**Signed .....11th April 2017**