

# Wellington Town Council

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## **FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at the Wellington Civic Offices on Tuesday 14th November 2017 commencing at 7:05pm.

### **Present:**

Cllr C. Mason-Morris – Deputy Mayor	Cllr A. McClements	Cllr J. Gorse
Cllr S. Hall	Cllr J. Alvey	Cllr C. Brittain
Cllr F. Burns	Cllr A. Lowe	Cllr P. Fairclough
Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE	Cllr L. Jinks	Cllr M. Hosken.
Cllr L. Carter	Cllr S. deLauney	Cllr K. Tomlinson
Cllr P. McCarthy	Cllr G. Cook	Cllr G. Luter
Cllr D Roberts	Cllr S Fikeis	

**60/17 In attendance** -Reverend Tim Carter from All Saints Church, Karen Roper– Town Clerk and 18 members of the public (see signing in sheet).

**61/17 Introduction and Welcome** – The Deputy Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that she was acting as Chair as a result of Cllr Allen requesting a 3 month absence from duty due to ill health. She then called on Reverend Carter to address the meeting. He thanked everyone for their contributions to a very successful Remembrance Sunday and then took prayers. The Deputy Mayor thanked Reverend Carter and invited him to remain for the rest of the meeting.

### **62/17 Presentation of Grant Cheques**

1. Wrekin & Telford Singers	The cheque was presented by Cllr Mason Morris to the representative who said the money would buy sheet music.
2. Axis Counselling	The cheque was presented by Cllr Burns to Axis who would spend it on publicity and leaflets
3. Wellington Methodist Church – Art Group	The Cheque was presented by Cllr Morris-Jones and would be used to buy a camcorder for demonstrations
4. Aldersley House	The cheque was presented by Cllr Gorse and would be used to develop the groups counselling services.
5. Wellington Local Agenda 21 Group	The cheque was presented by Cllr Jinks to Cllr Fairclough who gave an overview of the groups' work
6. Clifton Community Arts Centre	Cllr Carter presented the cheque which would go towards their HSBC project.
7. West Telford Visually Impaired Group	Cllr Hosken presented the cheque which would go towards the group's outings
8. 1 <sup>st</sup> Wellington	Cllr McClements presented the cheque which would go

	Girls Brigade	towards the purchase of materials.
9.	Wellington History Group	Cllr Lowe presented the cheque which would help to provide a copy of the history of Wellington booklet to all secondary school children.
10.	Telford Gateway Club	Cllr Luter presented the cheque which would help people with leaning difficulties experience the 'exotic zoo'.

**63/17 Apologies** – The Deputy Mayor invited Cllr Alvey to propose a refinement of the Apologies for Absence Protocol (ref: LGA 1972 sh12 p40):-

The following proposal was put to the Council:

*'that the minutes additionally record members' grounds for absence and the Town Council approves these at all of its meetings.'*

the proposal was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr Mason-Morris. Members debated what 'grounds' actually means. Examples given were:- *annual holiday, illness, personal, family / work commitments / other meetings*'. The resolution was put to the vote and was carried.

Cllr Carter proposed *'that meeting attendance lists are published at the end of each financial year'*

The above proposal was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr Gorse, was put to the vote and carried.

**64/17 Declarations of Interests** – None were declared at this time.

**65/17 To receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2017** – The minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> October were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Alvey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr Hosken and agreed as a true record.

**66/17 Matters arising from those Minutes:**

People of Wellington (POW) ref: minute 56.5 - Cllr Fikeis said that no request for further information relating to the grant application had been received by POW.

Minute ref: 56.6 Cllr Fikeis was unable to attend the last meeting and said she wished to clarify matters relating to the Bridge invoice. The Deputy Mayor said the subject had been discussed both at Policy and Resources Committee and at the following October Full Council Meeting, the outcome was an agreement to pay the invoice and therefore it needed no further debate.

**67/17 To receive the minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to consider and deal with the recommendations therein.**

**1. Planning Committee meeting of 18.10.17** - Cllr Alvey presented the minutes, these were 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr delauney and agreed by members as a true record.

Cllr Alvey commented on the following:-

Minutes ref: 80/17 & 81/17 Members had expressed their concerns to T&W in relation to street trading licences but staff had been informed that the licencing committee was not meeting until the middle of December this is therefore too late to influence the decision for this year. Members made the following comments.

- The system is wrong somewhere as similar comments were made last year. Why they are they allowed to trade next to cafes and shops in the high street who are paying rents and rates?
- Members asked Staff to find out about the hygiene requirements /inspections and diesel fumes regulations for traders in close proximity of food shops and cafes.
- Without these people we would lose the characters / personalities in the town one had

been reportedly trading here for 46-47 years, people like them and they add to the Christmas scene.

- Staff to find out why have previous comments to the Borough have not been taken account of
- The Clerk was asked to check the dates on which the Town Council responded to the Borough.
- Cllr Carter said he would make enquiries of licensing.

Cllr Jinks referenced planning application ref: TWC/2017/0590 36Admaston Road TF1 3NL and expressed the thanks of the applicants for the support of the Town Council.

**2. Promotions & Liaison Committee held 01.11.17** - the minutes were presented by Cllr Carter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr Gorse. Credit was given to staff for the excellent Festival event which this year aimed to include a younger demographic. The Deputy Mayor thanked everyone involved in the Festival for their hard work; Cllr Alvey thanked the Deputy Mayor for her commitment and attendance at every event.

A few glitches had occurred in relation to the naming of the routes for the Shropshire Way but officers needed to be thanked for the tremendous progress made so far.

The issue of switching on of the Christmas lights at an earlier time was raised, traders had suggested 3-4pm. It was agreed to consider an earlier switch on time again next year.

**3. Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 07.11.17** – Cllr deLauney presented the minutes; these were 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Gorse and agreed by members as a true record. The following comments were made:-

**a) Banking** Cllrs Morris-Jones and Fairclough had visited the bank and changed the account from a community account to a business account and negotiated 12 months free banking. Cllr Fairclough asked that the accounting processes are robust before a move towards electronic banking. Cllr Burns said he believed security is better online.

**b) Charities** - Cllr Alvey asked about the Clerk's role to administer the Charities. Cllr Morris-Jones commented it had been the Clerks role for the past 27 years and he could not see any reason to change the position.

**c) Loo of the year award** – Platinum award achieved again this year, Cllr Gorse said this was a great achievement and should be publicised.

**d) GoCarz** - Members were delighted to hear that GoCarz have moved their HQ to Wellington Station.

**e) Budget** – Members had received a copy of the draft budget and were asked to study and send any questions by email to Cllr deLauney. £50k was allocated to regeneration. The final budget needs to be set by 2<sup>nd</sup> January and taken to full council on the 9<sup>th</sup> January. Cllr Burns thanked Cllr deLauney and the Deputy Clerk for their hard work in producing this document.

**68/17 Proposal from Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Alvey regarding Bus and Rail Stations in Wellington.**

*'In view of the current rearrangement of the rail franchises it behoves us to remind the rail authorities that we have had a long term plan for a connection bridge and lifts between the Bus and Rail Stations in Wellington, thus producing a true Transport Hub as originally envisioned when the Bus Station was moved.*

*We propose that this council writes to the West Midland Railway, the new franchise folder, notifying them of this long term plan and asking them to meet with us.'*

Cllr McClements said she was aware that the Abelio Franchise had put aside £63 Million for improvements to stations and she had discussed putting forward a bid for Wellington with Fay

Easton. The Asset owners were Network Rail, she suggested a joint Borough / Town Council letter be drafted. Cllr deLauney said he would support this and invite a rail representative to a joint meeting of the town and Borough Council. The proposal was carried. Cllr McCarthy said that car parking facilities should be improved and consideration given to low level multi story parking facilities.

**69/17 WEST Report.** The Clerk had tabled a report of the team's activities. Cllr Hosken said the team was very effective and worked very hard.

**70/17 ICM Report** – The Clerk had given members an overview of the work of the ICM team. Cllr Burns asked if there was any need for our ASB Working Group to continue due to the ICM. The Clerk said ICM had taken over from the ASB group and had started with weekly telephone calls. Cllr Morris-Jones had attended the last ICM meeting and gave an overview of the situation making the following points

- Public space protection order (PSPO) bid has failed for now because there are only 11 101 calls so far that can be used as evidence
- The problems were identified as:-
  - People calling in a problem but they need to include evidence, otherwise it is useless
  - Staged Methadone distribution by chemists throughout the day brings users into the Town Centre. They then stay all day meeting up with friends.
  - Drinkers live in Wellington but meet up as friends
  - All the help groups are based here in Wellington
  - Cllr McCarthy said he was disappointed as this is a social issue that requires intervention because their mental health and alcohol dependency means that this group will get drunk and drugs off each other and remain unmonitored.

It was agreed that this was a complex issue linked to low level criminality but ICM does offer a way forward and was approaching TACT to lead an engagement project. Chief Inspector Preece and Jas Bedesha will also be addressing the December meeting of the Council to discuss the ICM Project.

Cllr Alvey reported a cyclist rode into a lady injuring her on Saturday and incident had been reported to the Police. The Woman is badly bruised and cut.

**71/17 To agree the date of the next meeting as – 12th December 2017**

The Clerk reminded everyone that the Monitoring Officer would be attending the above meeting.

**72/17 The meeting closed at 9.03pm**

**Signed .....12th December 2017**