

# Wellington Town Council

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## FULL COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at the Wellington Civic Offices on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018 commencing at 7.00pm.**

**Present:**

Cllr A. Lowe – Deputy Mayor	Cllr P. Fairclough	Cllr J. Gorse
Cllr J. Harris	Cllr J. Alvey	Cllr S. Fikeis
Cllr P. Morris-Jones	Cllr F. Burns	Cllr G. Cook
Cllr A. McClements	Cllr S. Hall	Cllr G. Luter
Cllr D. Roberts	Cllr K. Tomlinson	Cllr L. Jinks,

**In attendance:** Karen Roper, 2 members of the Town Council cleansing team and 2 representatives from D&D Catering.

**83/18 Welcome** – In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting and called on Reverend Carter to lead prayers. Reverend Carter said that everyone was really pleased with the Carol Service on Sunday, it was well organised by the Events Manager and the refreshments were welcome.

**84/18 Varying the Agenda** – the Deputy Mayor proposed that item 2 is moved to item one and that item 8 is dealt with at the same time as item 2, this seconded by Cllr Roberts and agreed by members.

**85/18 Presentation** – The Deputy Mayor presented flowers and vouchers to staff based at the Parade toilets to thank them for their work and again achieving a platinum award at the national competition. Members expressed the importance of having manned toilets which enable such high standards to be maintained when so many public toilets are closing.

Cllr McClements joined the meeting at 7.10pm

**86/18 D&D Catering** – The Deputy Mayor invited D&D catering to address the meeting. They introduced themselves and reported on their first 2 weeks of trading making the following comments:

- Opening hours are 7 days a week 8.30am – 2.00pm and in the summer they would be open later into the evening
- They have refurbished the building spending thousands of their own funds
- It has been a fantastic start for them and they are attracting customers and building up repeat business
- They were looking to deliver street food and BBQ's in the summer
- They have introduced Loyalty Cards

- They are looking to provide Sunday lunches
- They were very happy with the support received from the Council but the main identified problem is the extraction system which was in their view causing the loss of customers because of the fumes and fog caused by cooking.
- Dealing with this problem was really urgent

The Town Clerk had issued a written report to members. Cllr Morris-Jones said he and the Mayor were on the appointment panel and had agreed that D&D were absolutely the best people for the job. He was very happy with the way they had worked hard to make the Café a success. He added, the extraction system had been identified as inadequate at the time of refurbishment and this view had been confirmed by subsequent tenants.

There followed a long discussion and it was proposed by Cllr Morris-Jones, seconded by Cllr Tomlinson and RESOLVED unanimously to accept the quotation from Nevilles so the installation work could be done as soon as possible. The Deputy Mayor asked D&D to try and negotiate a discount on the total cost.

**87/18 Apologies** – Were received from Cllrs M. Hosken, and Cllr S. deLauney both on annual leave, Cllr L. Carter for work commitments, Cllr C. Brittain for Illness, Cllrs C. Mason-Morris and Cllr P. McCarthy because of other commitments.

**88/18 Declarations of Interest** – None were forwarded at this point in the meeting

**89/18 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2018**  
It was proposed by Cllr Alvey, seconded by Cllr Gorse and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018, be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

**90/18 To receive the minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to consider and deal with the recommendations therein.**

A) **Policy & Resources Committee 06.11.18** - Cllr Morris-Jones presented the minutes for 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and members made the following comments:

**Minute ref 85/18 –**

- **Haygate Pub** - the fences were reported to be down again and members were concerned the building could be a fire hazard, staff would inform the Police of the situation.
- **POW Event** - Members discussed the complaints received. Cllr Fikeis said the tree was not damaged by POW nor did they remove the safety barriers. The Clerk confirmed she had responded to the complaints received in writing made directly to the Council. Cllr Fikeis reported she had sent some personal responses. Members expressed the view that in future if a licence is given to hold events in the square then the authority awarding the licence should police it to ensure it is properly organised and adheres to the rules and standards required. The Clerk was asked to chase the CCTV request already made to identify how the tree was damaged and who took the barriers away. She also said she had asked P&L to consider what added value the fairground rides and fast food venders bring to events bearing in mind the limited available space.

B) **Planning 21.11.18** – Cllr Alvey presented the minutes. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Alvey 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr Jinks and RESOLVED by members to

request a Licencing Officer to attend a future Planning Meeting which would be open to all Councillors.

- C) **Promotions and Liaison Committee 07.11.18** – Cllr Fairclough presented the minutes and the following comments were made;
- **Christmas Light Switch On** – Cllr Fairclough said the lights are amazing and the firework display brilliant. Members confirmed they had received positive comments from the public.
  - **Over 60's Proposal** - Cllr Roberts said she thought the over 60's proposal needed to be rethought as in her view it would be better to target funds to the many needy vulnerable people in Wellington. Long discussion ensued with Cllr Luter commenting he felt the option should not be either / or.
  - **Hype Magazine** – Cllr Roberts said she would like to know about the distribution of the HYPE magazine.
  - **Friends of Bowring Park** – It was reported that objections to entertainment licences had been received from residents in Herbert Ave
  - **Wellington Civic Society**- It was agreed that the Civic Society was very important to Wellington and the Town Council hoped the meeting booked for January 2019 would resolve their issues.
- D) **Wellington Festival Committee 15.11.18**– Cllr Gorse gave the following report.
- The Festival was very well attended.
  - The Committee felt it was not unreasonable to ask for a contribution towards the costs of the headline act especially as this is rate payers' money. They had proposed to charge £12.00 per ticket.
  - Following long discussion Members felt this might exclude some on low incomes but agreed there was a limit to what rate payers can fund.

#### **91/18 Urgent Matters**

Cllr Burns requested and additional column is added to the Budget indicating estimated expenditure for the remainder of this year.

**92/18 The date of the next Full Council Meeting** – was agreed as 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019, commencing at 7:05pm.

Members were invited by the Deputy Mayor to stay for mince pies and coffee.

Chairman.....15<sup>th</sup> January 2019

