

# Wellington Town Council

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## **EVENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024** commencing at 6.00pm.

### **Present:**

Cllr Lowe

Cllr Pierce

Cllr Day

Cllr Barker

Cllr Holding

**In attendance:** Caroline Mulvihill, Paola Armstrong and Adrienne Taylor

**64/23 Welcome and Introductory Remarks** – Cllr Barker welcomed members. With new starter Adrienne attending the meeting all members took turns to introduce themselves, as did Adrienne.

### **65/23 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Snell – Annual holiday

Cllr Tomlinson – apologies received after the meeting – family reasons.

Cllr Lowe declared that he would have to leave the meeting at 6.45pm

Apologies accepted

**66/23 Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Lowe mentioned to members that he was now a volunteer on the Green Festival committee.

There were no other declarations of interest received relating to items on the agenda.

**67/23 To confirm the minutes from the meeting dated Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

Proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Pierce and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** that the minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> February were a true and accurate record.

Signed:

Cllr C Barker – Chairman

28.3.23

**68/23            Matters arising from those minutes:**

- Caroline to contact members to ask them to share LW and WTC social media posts - Done
- Caroline to purchase the D Day flag – Done plus a replacement Union Jack flag
- It was suggested that the Community Production needed a 'strapline' along the lines of 'The story of Adam and Eve'. Paola to speak with the organiser Sue Pointon – Suggestion of 'A story of fathers and families from Creation to Noah and beyond' – After a brief discussion it was now felt that this was not needed.
- Members felt that all Wellington Town Councillors should be encouraged to be more actively involved with Town Council and Love Wellington events. Done

**69/23            Correspondence: Matters for consideration**  
None

**70/23            Future (fixed events)**

- Bayley Mile – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Caroline informed members that plans were all in place and that schools had already started to return application forms.

Paola had suggested the idea of introducing a 'local business race' at the end of the schools races and that was being well received and approx. 8 businesses had shown an interest so far.

- Community Production – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Sue Pointon has plans well under way for this production. Paola reminded members that at 9am on 11<sup>th</sup> May the winners of the school poetry competition would be awarded prizes from the Mayor at the Orbit. All E & C members were invited to this event.

- Paola also mentioned to members that our Resident Poet had arranged another poetry event at the Gratitude Café on 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7-7.30pm. All welcome.

Paola recently applied for a T & W high street grant. We had just received news that the bid was successful and that we would be awarded £1000.00, for one of the Saturdays in the Square, and £1500.00 to enhance this year's Christmas Light Switch on event. Members were delighted with this news and congratulated Paola.

Paola and Adrienne were approached and asked if they could do a small event to celebrate St Georges Day which is 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024.

With limited budgets available it was suggested that a token event could consist of the Mayor holding the St Georges Day flag ( and then it being erected on the civic flag pole that day) along with 250 cupcakes that would be handed out free of charge to members of the public at 11am in the Market Square.

Members agreed that this was a sensible approach and if successful a larger event could be considered for 2025.

**71/23**

### **Planning and Priorities**

The budget for 2024 has been confirmed as £23,000

Cllr Barker suggested that at this agenda item we look at events scheduled in the next 6 months.

LW Easter Egg Trail – currently underway and children visibly seen to be enjoying the trail so far.

8<sup>th</sup> May – Bayley Mile

11<sup>th</sup> May - Community Production

8<sup>th</sup> June - possible D-Day commemoration and Midsummer Fayre / Twinning Association

20<sup>th</sup> July – Scooters in the Square

24<sup>th</sup> July – Bowring Park Fun Day

27<sup>th</sup> July – Saturdays in the Square

2<sup>nd</sup> Aug – Bowring park Fun Day

3<sup>rd</sup> Aug – Saturdays in the Square

7<sup>th</sup> Aug – Bowring park Fun Day

10<sup>th</sup> Aug – Saturdays in the Square

17<sup>th</sup> Aug- Saturdays in the Square

21<sup>st</sup> Aug – Bowring park Fun Day

24<sup>th</sup> Aug – Saturdays in the Square

28<sup>th</sup> Aug – Bowring park Fun Day

31<sup>st</sup> Aug - Saturdays in the Square

Caroline had previously sent members the proposal for the Christmas Lights Switch on for 2024 from The Orbit.

This included a static ‘roadshow’ stage that would also double up as a road block to enforce the road closure.

The event up at All Saints Church would remain unchanged but the Market Square would have a programme of events that would include the involvement and promotion of local businesses. The Orbit would be responsible for pulling together live performances, with the prior authorisation from WTC.

Traditional performances i.e. the WBB would still be included.

A discussion was had around the benefits of the proposal.

It was agreed for Caroline and Damien to work together and pull together a plan for the day.

28.3.23

**72/23 Love Wellington report**

The report was sent to members prior to the meeting.

**73/23 Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 6pm**

**ACTION:** Office team to look at why the EE router can't be connected to.