

Wellington Town Council

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EVENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 30th April 2024** commencing at 6.00pm.

Present:

Cllr Lowe Cllr Pierce Cllr Barker

Cllr Holding

In attendance: Caroline Mulvihill, Paola Armstrong and Adrienne Taylor

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Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Cllr Barker welcomed members.
Paola Armstrong confirmed that her New Zealand visas had been received and her end date for working with WTC would be June 14th. Members were personally very pleased for Paola and wished her every success in her new venture and thanked her for all her hard work and contributions over the years. Paola will be greatly missed.

75/23

Apologies for Absence

Cllr Snell – Annual holiday
Cllr Tomlinson – family reasons.
Cllr Day – Work commitments
Apologies accepted

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Declarations of Interest – Cllr Lowe reminded 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.

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To confirm the minutes from the meeting dated Tuesday 26th March 2024.
Proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Holding and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** that the minutes of 26th March were a true and accurate record.

Signed:

Cllr C Barker – Chairman

78/23 Matters arising from those minutes:

ACTION: Office team to look at why the EE router can't be connected to.
Caroline confirmed that this issue had now been rectified.

79/23 Correspondence: Matters for consideration

Cllr Barker informed members that the E & C AG report had been compiled by Paola, Caroline and himself.

Cllr Lowe enquired how this report was distributed to the public. He felt that such a detailed report of the Council should be used to WTC advantage to show the public how they are spending public money and celebrate achievements in Wellington. Members agreed.

ACTION - Caroline confirmed that the report would be uploaded to the WTC and LW websites and promoted on social media when available.

Cllr Lowe requested that the report is also sent to the WTC database.
After a short discussion it was agreed that Cllr Barker and Cllr Holding would speak with Karen Roper and Paul Davis on the procedure of promoting the AG meeting (including inviting the public and ensuring they are aware this is when the new Mayor is elected) and the distribution of the report.

80/23 Future (fixed events)

Paola Armstrong and Adrienne Taylor had produced an update report on the future / fixed events (see attached)

All events were planned and in hand and members felt that the report was most helpful.

The introduction of the 'Business Race' at the Bayley Mile has been well received and we have currently approx. 10 businesses signed up. Wellington Rotary were again providing Stewards.

The St George's day 'pilot' event had been well received by the public. It was agreed that in 2025 a repeat of this event would be included in the annual calendar. (It was noted that 2025 St George's day would be a non-Market day so this would need to be considered)

Cllr Lowe informed members that he had recently attended a Poetry Evening at the Gratitude Café that was organised by Wellington's resident poet. Caroline was asked to clarify how many poems Nick Pearson had written in his first year as the resident poet (does the contract mention x8 per year?) and to confirm the rate of £500 per year.

ACTION: Cllr Barker to speak with Nick Pearson and clarify terms

ACTION: Caroline to ensure payment to Nick Pearson for 24/25

Cllr Lowe also reminded members of the following:

The Twinning Association (25-30ppl) would be arriving on June 7th at approx. 2pm.

They would be attending the Mid-Summer Fayre on June 8th and then go onto the Ceilidh at the Belmont Hall later that evening

There would be a civic reception at the Cock Hotel on June 9th where the Mayor would speak with entertainment by 'death by oomph' band. All Councillors are invited to this.

ACTION – Cllr Lowe to email Caroline all above details and times so that they can be distributed to WTC members and the WTC database.

ACTION: Adrienne to add the Twinning events to the list of Future (fixed) events.

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Planning and Priorities

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

Caroline reported to members the following:

D-Day – June 6th – A video had been taken of the Town Crier reading a D-Day proclamation by the Peace Garden which would be posted to social media channels on the day. The D-Day flag would also fly outside the civic offices for 1 week and a certificate (provided by the flag company) would also be used to commemorate the day.

On June 8th Paola and Adrienne will dress as 'Land Girls' and join the Midsummer Fayre parade holding the D-Day flag.

Wellbeing in Wellington.

Cllr Barker raised concerns at the Wellington branch of 'BEAM' closing on 30th April due to lack of funding.

A conversation was had to try and determine what WTC could do to offer support to Teens and Young Adults.

Adrienne had very kindly researched what facilities were already in place within Wellington (see attached)

ACTION – Caroline to ensure this list is available on the WTC website

82/23

Love Wellington report

There was no report this month

83/23

Date and time of next meeting

In May committees and members will change. It was therefore agreed that the date and time of the next meeting would be decided by the new committee when formed.

ACTIONS:

ACTION - Caroline confirmed that the AG report would be uploaded to the WTC and LW websites and promoted on social media when available.

ACTION: Cllr Barker to speak with Nick Pearson and clarify terms of the Resident Poet contract

ACTION: Caroline to ensure payment is made to Nick Pearson for 24/25

ACTION – Cllr Lowe to email Caroline all above details and times of the Twinning Association visit so that they can be distributed to WTC members and the WTC database.

ACTION: Adrienne to add the Twinning events to the list of Future (fixed) events.

ACTION – Caroline to ensure that the well-being list is available on the WTC website