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POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th February 2023.

Held face to face at Civic Offices commencing at 7.00pm and livestreamed on Facebook.

Present

Cllr Morris-Jones MBE (Deputy Chairman)	Cllr. Hosken	Cllr. Hall	Cllr. Gorse	Cllr. Davis
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Also in attendance: Cllr D. Roberts - Mayor, K. Roper – Town Clerk,

- 108/22 Welcome** – In the absence of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Cllr Morris-Jones MBE welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 109/22 Apologies for Absence** – Members noted and approved apologies from Cllr. de Launey and Cllr. Carter due to holidays. The following members unanimously voted in agreement, Cllr. Morris-Jones MBE, Cllr. Hall, Cllr. Hosken, Cllr. Gorse and Cllr. Davis. There were no votes against and no abstentions.
- 110/22 Declarations of Interest** – Members noted that Cllr Morris-Jones MBE declared his interest relating to Wellington Orbit. The following members unanimously accepted his declaration of interest, Cllr S Hall, Cllr M. Hosken, Cllr J. Gorse and Cllr P. Davis. There were no votes against and no abstentions
- 111/22 To approve the minutes and the confidential minutes of 3rd January 2023** – Both sets of minutes were proposed as a true and accurate records by Cllr P. Davis, he was seconded by Cllr J Gorse. The following members voted unanimously in agreement, Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE, Cllr S. Hall, Cllr M. Hosken, Cllr J. Gorse and Cllr P. Davis. There were no votes against and no abstentions.
- 112/22 Matters Arising**
- **Bowring** – The Clerk said discussions had been held and an agreement proposed. Members agreed to discuss details in closed session at the end of this meeting.
 - **Toilets**- The Clerk reported that the Passive Infra-Red (PIR) motion sensors had been replaced 3 times so far because of vandalism so the electricians had suggested installation of separate units that are protected by metal cages. Members asked the Clerk to find out if the damaged units could give information of when they were broken.
 - **George Evans Memorial** – The Clerk reported the plaque had mistakenly been delivered to Wellington in Somerset and was in the process of being diverted. She had made enquiries relating to the Peace Garden volunteers and has been informed they just arrive and do what they can when they can do it. Members agreed the timing of the event would be early April, the actual date to be agreed following consultation with the Evans' family. Cllr Davis asked that the volunteer gardeners be contacted to inform them that the WEST team will enhance the area prior to the event.
 - **Speed Indicator Devices (SID)** – The Clerk said the order for 2 additional units was placed in November. The contractor had reported that the electronic chips needed for the units were currently unavailable and they were therefore unable to complete the order. The Deputy Clerk had identified two areas for the SID's when they did arrive, Arleston Lane and Bennetts Bank. Cllr Hosken requested the calibrations of the existing units need attention as they are currently inaccurate.

113/22 Finance – The Clerk said the reports were circulated with the agenda. Cllr Hosken proposed acceptance of items a-c listed below. Cllr S. Hall seconded and the following members unanimously voted in agreement, Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE, Cllr M. Hosken Cllr J. Gorse, Cllr. P. Davis and Cllr S. Hall. There were no votes against and no abstentions.

- a. **To agree receipts** for December 2022
- b. **To agree payments** for December 2022
- c. **To agree Petty Cash** for December 2022
- d. **Receipts/Payments** – compared with budget as at 31st December 2022.

Item d. was proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Hosken, he was seconded by Cllr Davis, the following members unanimously voted in agreement, Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE, Cllr M. Hosken, Cllr J. Gorse, Cllr. P. Davis and Cllr S. Hall. There were no votes against and no abstentions.

114/22 Regeneration Board Meeting held on 21st December 2022- The Clerk confirmed the report had been circulated to members with the agenda. Cllr Hosken said that he hoped the YMCA building was listed for its historic interest. He added it had an Iconic outside clock and internal sprung dance floor both should be saved and he requested this would be brought to the attention of the next Board meeting. Cllr Roberts commented on 'Visit Shropshire' stating she had been in contact with them previously about promoting the local area, train links, easy access to the countryside, the footpaths and national accreditation with Walkers are Welcome to a wider audience. Cllr Hosken agreed that we should be a member of Visit Shropshire. Cllr Gorse pointed out that a presentation on Visit Telford was to be delivered at the next meeting.

115/22 Market Street Works – The Clerk tabled maps and photographs of locations for bins and hanging basket posts in Market Street. Following discussion Cllr Davis proposed acceptance of the proposals and was seconded by Cllr Hall. The following members voted in agreement, Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE, Cllr M. Hosken, Cllr J. Gorse, Cllr. P. Davis and Cllr S. Hall. There were no votes against and no abstentions. Cllr Hosken asked if the Market Owners could be approached to remove the buddleia plants growing out of the building. He also commented that the Post Office was still an absolute disgrace and he knew people were using the Brooklands post office instead.

Community Action Team – Cllr Hosken asked for the following matters be investigated and/or progressed ;

- Installation of a bus shelter on the Holyhead Road near to the Old Orleton Hotel
- Explanation of why the Dawley Road bus stops were being removed
- A litter pick be requested behind the Bowring Café and the footpath to the cemetery
- A litter pick be requested in Lime Kiln Lane
- Where was the graffiti in the Bowring Park
- Cllr Davis asked why the NEO's had not seen and reported these issues.
- Cllr Davis asked for an increase in the patrols in Hollies Road because of parking on pavements

Cllr Hosken thanked the CAT team for their work in resolving the issue of blocking the entrance of the nursing home on the Holyhead Road had now been resolved.

116/22 The next meeting date was agreed by all members as 7th March 2023 commencing at 7:00pm

117/22 Closure of Meeting – Cllr Morris-Jones proposed closure of the meeting in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Local Government Act 1972, he was seconded by Cllr P. Davis. The following members voted in favour, Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE, Cllr M. Hosken, Cllr J. Gorse, Cllr. P. Davis and Cllr S. Hall. There were no votes against and no abstentions.

Chairman.....7th March 2023