

Wellington Town Council

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POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th May 2024 at CIVIC OFFICES COMMENCING at 7.00pm.

Present

Cllr de Launey (Chairman)	Cllr. Gorse	Cllr Cook
Cllr Pierce	Cllr McGinn	

Also in attendance: Karen Roper CEO/Town Clerk.

- 126/23 Welcome from the Deputy Chairman** – In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr de Launey welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 127/23 Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from Cllrs Carter, Luter and the Mayor, Cllr Davis. The apologies were accepted by Cllrs de Launey, Gorse, Pierce, McGinn and Cook there were no abstentions and votes against.
- 128/23 Declarations of Interest** – There were no declarations of interest made at this point.
- 129/23 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd April 2024 and confidential minutes of 2nd April 2024 (appendix 1 & 2).** These were proposed by Cllr Cook and seconded by Cllr McGinn as a true and accurate record. The following members voted in favour Cllrs de Launey, Gorse, Cook, Pierce and McGinn there were no abstentions and no votes against.
- 130/23 Matters Arising**
- **DBS** – there was no change in the numbers finishing the process and a list of members that had not completed would be sent to group leaders.
 - **Christmas Lights** – The DCEO had compiled a list of quotations that had been circulated to members. There was discussion around the differences between the options and it was proposed by Cllr de Launey that the matter be delegated to Cllrs Gorse, Carter and de Launey to resolve. He was seconded by Cllr Cook and the following members voted in favour Cllrs. de Launey, Gorse, Cook, Pierce and McGinn, there were no abstentions and votes against.
 - **Hanging Basket Displays** – Members reported they were waiting for a list of locations for hanging baskets from Limetree. Cllr de Launey said the relocation of the hanging baskets in Church Street would not be possible until after the refurbishment which was due for completion in 2025. It was accepted that for 2024 the baskets will be placed in the usual locations and an audit would be done. Cllr Gorse asked that the situation regarding insurance was checked. There was discussion around entry to the 'in Bloom' competition and it was reported that the criteria was very strict and we are unable to meet it at the present time.
- 131/23 Finance Reports** – The following reports were circulated with the minutes and agenda.
- a) **Receipts** for March 2024
 - b) **Payments** for March 2024

c) **Bank Reconciliations**

Cllr de Launey explained that members were receiving limited financial reports at the present time but our new Financial Officer starts work later this week and he hoped she would be able to improve the information available to the June meeting. The CEO informed members that no entries had been made to the Rialtas system since 31st March so that any adjustments can be made from the start of the new financial year. She also informed members that we have internal and external audit deadlines this month. Members asked for a verbal update on the situation with the Town Council Bank accounts. The CEO explained how these were working at the present time and how some of the matters would be resolved when the 'switching' of the Barclays accounts to Unity is completed. Cllr Gorse asked that everyone involved in resolving the financial issues over the past few months were thanked for their efforts.

Reports for agenda Items (a) to (c) were proposed for noting by Cllr de Launey. Members were in agreement.

132/23 CPR Training - In the absence of the Mayor the report on CPR training was deferred to the next meeting. The CEO was asked to circulate the poster.

133/23 The date of the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 4th June 2024.

134/23 To consider closure of the meeting in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Local Government Act 1972, to discuss the remaining items on the agenda. This was proposed by Cllr de Launey, seconded by Cllr Gorse. Cllrs Gorse, de Launey, Cook, Pierce and McGinn UNANIMOUSLY AGREED that the meeting would now move into closed session for the remaining items on the agenda.

Chairman..... 4th June 2024

