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MINUTES OF POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1st July 2025 at CIVIC OFFICES COMMENCING at 7.00pm.

Present

Cllr. Davis	Cllr. Holding	Cllr. Gorse	Cllr. Luter	Cllr. de Launey
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Also in attendance: Cllrs McGinn, Snell, Lowe and Karen Roper CEO/Town Clerk.

- 11/25 Welcome and Apologies for absence** – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Pierce and Carter. The following members voted in favour of approving the apologies, Cllrs Davis, Holding, Gorse, Luter and de Launey. There were no abstentions and no votes against.
- 12/25 Declarations of interest** – Cllr Luter declared an interest in agenda item 7 as he is Chairman of the Governance Review Panel at the Borough. The following members voted in favour of accepting his declaration, Cllrs Davis, Holding, Gorse, Luter and de Launey. There were no abstentions and no votes against.
- 13/25 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd June 2025.** The minutes were proposed as a true and accurate record by Cllr Gorse and she was seconded by Cllr Luter. The following members voted in favour, Cllrs Davis, Holding, Gorse, Luter and de Launey. There were no abstentions and no votes against.
- 14/25 Matters Arising**
- a) **Vehicle** - The CEO/Town Clerk reported the repair was complete and our insurance company had paid the invoice. Cllr de Launey said it may be time to consider the purchase of newer, larger vehicle. Cllr Lowe suggested electric, or hybrid options were considered. Members agreed that staff put together information relating to costs of new vehicles and the trade in options / value of the current truck.
 - b) **Property Update** – The CEO/Town Clerk reported there was no news presently.
- 15/25 Finance Reports**
- The CEO/Town Clerk had tabled papers relating to June, not all the usual information was available as this was the 1st day of the month.
- **Item 5 (a&b) on the agenda, to agree reports for June 2025** – Cllr de Launey proposed acceptance of the reports marked a & b on the agenda for June 2025, he was seconded by Cllr Luter. The following members voted in favour, Cllrs Davis, Holding, Gorse, Luter and de Launey. There were no abstentions and no votes against.

The following questions were raised by members.

- **Park Yoga** - Cllr Holding asked about the payment of £500 to Park Yoga. The CEO/Town Clerk said this was an arrangement made with the Borough and the Town Council would not be out of pocket.
- **Insurance Renewal** - The CEO/Town Clerk said that the renewal had been paid and she had distributed the insurance documents to all members of P&R.
- **External Audit Information** – The Town Clerk/CEO said the external auditor had confirmed receipt of our financial forms and information. The public inspection of the accounts and financial information was advertised on all noticeboards and on the town council website.

16/25 Mayoral Chain of Office – Cllr Davis said the chain of office was quite large and bulky and is consequently uncomfortable and does not tend to sit elegantly. Chains can be velvet backed to enable them to be more stable when worn. Staff were asked to obtain quotations which had been circulated to members of P&R. The Mayor was asked for his opinion and he suggested that the size of the chain was reduced to see if this helped. Cllr de Launey proposed the Mayor visits a local jeweller and ask for the names engraved on the chain to be brought up to date. The older links will be removed and kept for historical purposes, he was seconded by Cllr. Gorse. The following members voted in favour, Cllrs Davis, Holding, Gorse, Luter and de Launey. There were no abstentions and no votes against.

17/25 Governance Review – Cllr Davis gave members an overview of the process identifying the closing date as 14th July. The previous submission from the Town Council had been accepted so borough officers were consulting with the public on the following suggestions for Wellington.

- **Admaston and Bratton** to be incorporated into the urban community of Wellington on the basis of community identity and cohesion as they already look to Wellington for services such as schools, medical, dental and shopping. Wrockwardine is a clearly distinct rural settlement.
- **Haygate Fields / Lewis Crescent** – to include residents in Haygate Fields / Lewis Crescent area as they naturally look to Wellington for services and not the village of Wrockwardine **and** to create co-terminosity with the Borough boundaries.

In the proposals Wellington Town Council would have an electorate of 20,021, served by 25 Councillors in 9 parish wards aligned with the Borough Council Wards. Cllr de Launey confirmed the present Meadows ward would disappear into Admaston / Bratton wards. He highlighted the inconsistency in the numbers of electors allocated to Councillors because of the proposed split of Admaston and Bratton and suggested these wards should not be split.

Overall members were in favour of the proposals forwarded by the Borough and acknowledged that the proposed number of 25 councillors may shrink with changes that may be implemented at a later date.

Cllr Luter expressed his interest as Chairman of the Governance Review Panel at the Borough and did not engage in the debate or vote .

18/25 Library Update – Cllr Davis had been elected as Chairman to the committee. Members had visited Madeley library to see how it is run. A further visit to Newport library is planned to explore what a residents hub means in practical terms and how their Library committee works. Cllr Gorse said the Wellington library offers great opportunities for further development. Cllr Holding said it was great to see positive posts going out on social media advertising events and creating greater interest in the library.

- 19/25 To Agree the Full Council Agenda for 8th July 2025** - Members considered the draft copy and agreed additional items under the closed session. They asked the CEO/Town Clerk to approach the Police to see if they will be attending.
- 20/25 Bowring Park Café** – Members were made aware of the tenant’s request to paint the exterior of the building suggesting the cost is included in next year’s budget. The Café belongs to Telford and Wrekin but the Town Council are the ‘landlord’ and therefore responsible for its exterior maintenance, The CEO/Town Clerk said the BIT team had been approached for their opinion as to whether the work was necessary.
- 21/25 Next Meeting Date** – was agreed as Tuesday 5th August 2025
- 22/25 Cllr Davis proposed closure of the meeting in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Local Government Act 1972 to discuss remaining items on the agenda. All members were in agreement.**

Chairman.....5th August 2025