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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at the Wellington Civic Offices on Tuesday 11th February 2020 commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Cllr A. Lowe – Mayor	Cllr C. Brittain	Cllr P. Davis	Cllr K. Tomlinson
Cllr P. Fairclough - Deputy Mayor	Cllr. J. Latter	Cllr J. Gorse	Cllr J. Alvey
Cllr M. Hosken	Cllr G Cook	Cllr G. Luter	Cllr U. Ahmed.
Cllr P. Morris-Jones	Cllr F. Burns	Cllr S. Hall	Cllr J. Pierce
Cllr L. Jinks			

In attendance: Rev. Tim Carter, 2 Members of the public and Karen Roper Town Clerk.

122/19	Welcome – The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and called on Rev. Tim Carter to take prayers. He thanked the Deputy Mayor for taking the January meeting in his absence.
123/19	Apologies – Were received from Cllrs Carter, McClements and Roberts as they were attending other meetings and Cllr de Launey due to being on holiday. The apologies were accepted.
124/19	<p>Mayors report on his work since the previous meeting - The following list of dates were tabled to members</p> <p><u>January 2020</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Newsletter meeting and P&R 8 Multi Faith event Hadley Sikh Temple 9 Wellington Festival strategy meeting. Twinning Association Planning Meeting 21 Festival Committee 22 Regen Board, ICM meeting, Parking Committee, Twinning Association AGM 23 GBHS Awards Ceremony Edinburgh 25 Meeting with new Town Crier Mr Liam McGrath 27 Dothill Primary School Tee Lake Group opening “chat with The Mayor” 28 P&L and 4th networking event at Barclays Bank 29 Meeting with Paul Fenn, Nicky Minshall, Adam Brookes ref “Parking and Enforcement in Wellington” Meeting with Steve Nuttall MD of Joules Brewery at the Cock Hotel with Cllr John Alvey ref planning Meeting with Robert Saunders ref “Climate Change Emergency Declaration” at WTC 31 Children of Eden performance Holy Trinity Dawley (proceeds to Mayor’s charities)

	<p>February 2020</p> <p>10 Meetings at WTC ref Wellington Festival, Mayors Dinner etc 11 Meeting at Nathan Rous ref Comms for wellington Festival.</p> <p>Cllr Gorse enquired about a meeting held with T&W Officers relating to parking issues in Wellington. The Mayor said the meeting was a reaction to WhatsApp business group posts on the Love Wellington site, a further meeting with officers was due to take place on 13th February. Members commented that ward Councillors and Parking Committee members should be kept informed when things were happening in their area. The Mayor assured members that no decisions had or would be taken and resulting notes would be distributed to the planned Parking Committee meeting on 18th March. His actions were intended merely to bring a speedy resolution to complaints on the Love Wellington WhatsApp site and he would resign from this if members wished.</p>
7.25pm	Rev. Carter left the meeting.
125/19	To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held 14th January 2020 - Cllr Gorse proposed the minutes for acceptance and was seconded by Cllr Burns , members voted unanimously to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record.
126/19	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes</p> <p>a) Great British High Street – Cllr Lowe said it was a massive achievement for Wellington to get to the final 28 out of 4,000 applicants from the whole of the UK.</p> <p>b) Newsletter – Members were asked to contact the Clerk by email if the newsletter had not been delivered to them.</p> <p>The following comments were made by members;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual wards and members should be promoted including photographs so that people can be made aware of who represents them and what they look like • We need to be mindful of personal information in the public arena • Recycled paper costs more • Would have liked to see a draft so that members could contribute • It is very difficult to get members to agree within tight timeframes • It would be useful to develop this document as a help in making Council decisions • Electronic version should be available • Excellent quality, hands on document • Suggestion that members could deliver in their wards was made but agreed that some are more able than others and that we do need a reliable professional body to deliver the publication • Overall, it was agreed that this was a splendid first effort <p>c) Inspector Wade - Members were sad to hear that he was moving on and wished to express their thanks for all he has done for Wellington. The Clerk was asked to invite him to a Council meeting to receive a presentation. The Clerk was asked to invite his replacement to a future meeting</p> <p>d) Idverde – The Clerk asked if members had any issues to bring to the upcoming meeting, the following comments were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wheelie Bins – Market Street during the recent storms these had blown over scattering contents all over the street. There should be a clear policy on waste when housing provision is made. Wheelie bins should be part of the planning process to prevent future problems. • Idverde – the Clerk reported there had been a Management restructure and that she had a meeting and walkabout planned with Dave Hanley tomorrow. Members made the following points:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Requests to Idverde must be put in writing ○ Cllr Jinks said she had a great experience with Idverde who had attended a footpath blocked with a tree during the storm at the weekend quickly ○ Cllr Davis said he had also reported a problem on Sunday and it was rectified within 4 hours. ○ It was agreed that Idverde and the WEST Team could be dovetailed to improve overall service delivery.
127/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To Receive and Note the Minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to Consider and Deal with the Recommendations Made. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy and Resources Committee 4th February 2020 – Cllr Gorse presented the minutes and was seconded by Cllr Burns. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bowring Lease – Cllr Jinks asked if the lease was signed. The Clerk said the tenants had suffered a bereavement and the issue would be taken forward once they had dealt with this. The Clerk was asked to pass on condolences from the Council ○ Speed Indicators – Members asked about the devices on Wrekin Road – The Clerk reported they had been installed by Highways. ○ Defibs – Cllr Tomlinson said there were issues with the positioning of the second unit that are still to be resolved. ○ Gateway Signs – The sign at Bennetts Bank has been installed – the Clerk was asked to progress the remaining sign. ● Planning Meeting Dated 15th January 2020 – Cllr Alvey presented the minutes and was seconded by Cllr. Gorse. The following comments were made; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Arleston Lane – Dawley Road – Members said that Cllr McClements had worked hard and green carded this application with concerns about access and egress to the site. ○ Cottage Hospital – 2 applications had been made and members were pleased that the building will be saved. The money spent by this council to protect the building was deemed to be good value. ○ Joules Brewery had also contacted Cllr Alvey and the Mayor in relation to a 15 month planning problem that was stopping exciting positive proposals that would greatly enhance the Cock Hotel. A resolution has been found to take the project forward, bringing possible investment of around £300,000 to Wellington. ● Planning Meeting Dated 5th February 2020 – Cllr Alvey presented the minutes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wrekin College - Cllr Latter reported that the public footpath would be moved ○ HMO's (Housing of Multiple Occupation) – Quite a number of applications were coming forward and these were of concern to the Committee. ○ Discussion ensued as to the effectiveness of the Town Council Planning Committee with members commenting that they feel totally disregarded on many occasions. The importance of understanding Planning Law was discussed. ● Promotions and Liaison Meeting dated 28th January 2020 – Cllr Davis presented the minutes and was seconded by Cllr Alvey.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Retro Shack – this was noted as being closed more often than open. Cllr Davis said this was due to pupils being busy with exams. ○ Start Up Funds – Members asked if there was any recourse to grant funding if the projects failed?
128/19	<p>Matters for Information Only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The WEST Team Report - was unavailable and would be presented at the next meeting ● The Regeneration Board – Members had received copies of the notes. ● SALC – Presentation on Emergency Procedures event was noted ● Climate Change Presentation – Members voted to have 2 presenters at 15 mins each and an earlier starting time of 6.30pm at the March meeting. ● Paper – Members commented that some copies of the minutes were single sided and it was agreed that all should be double sided ● Town Crier – the Mayor reported there is a newly appointed Town Crier who has requested a wooden lectern. The Clerk confirmed we already have a bell. ● Mayors Fundraising Event – Has now moved venue to Wrekin College because the Whitehouse Hotel can no longer accommodate the function. Ticket prices remain the same and dress code remains ‘dress to impress’. It was confirmed that Wrekin College has disabled access at the rear of the building. ● Rob Eyres – The Mayor reported on the sad loss of Rob Eyres, the Mayor would attend his funeral.
129/19	Next Meeting date – Was agreed as 10 th March 2020 at 6.30pm

Chairman.....Date 10th March 2020