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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at the Wellington Civic Offices on Tuesday 11th June 2019 commencing at 7.00pm.

Present:

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

In attendance: Rev. Tim Carter, Phil Haigh from Idverde, 2 Members of the public, Alex Moore from the press and Karen Roper, Town Clerk.

16/19 Welcome – the Mayor warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting and called upon Reverend Carter to lead prayers

17/19 The Mayor invited Phil Haigh (PH) the newly appointed Community Development Manager for idverde to address the meeting

PH said he had been meeting parishes and Friends Groups all over the Borough. He said that the first event of four had been held at the Telford Town Park which was a bug hunt attracting 88 people. He was open to suggestions for an event in the Wellington area, Cllr Jinks said that the Dothill Nature Reserve would be the ideal venue. He reported a further meeting had been arranged for 14th June to discuss services. PH was asked for details on how people can report problems directly particularly when out of hours he responded through the Telford App. Cllr Tomlinson said the Charlton School was having an event at Little Apley pool on 6th July everyone was welcome to attend. She also commented that she was pleased to see road sweepers in her area. PH said that Idverde were taking on work experience youngsters and were going into schools and parishes to meet local people. The Mayor thanked Phil Haigh for attending.

7:10pm Cllr Brittain joined the meeting

18/19 Mayor's Engagements – Cllr Lowe reported on the following list of engagements.

Meeting at Orbit	Meeting at Bowring	Officiating at Bayley Mile
T&W Mayor making	Appointed as Festival Committee Chairman	
Schoolboy interview – project on Social Isolation and Loneliness including film		
Interviewed for Wellington Market, the Secret Garden and Love Wellington		
Walkers are Welcome	Midsummer Fayre	Walnut Restaurant
Shrewsbury Shropshire Society in London @ St Chads		
Having a tattoo		
20-23rd June Twinning trip with the Brass Band who are playing in the Jardin de Luxemburg – The Mayor then read the Twinning Oath and asked all Councillors to join the Association costing £10.00, meetings are held in the Wrekin Tap.		

He had been invited to an event in Market Square offering information and advice against Child Sexual Exploitation on 20th June

The Civic Service will be held on 30th June

19/19 Apologies - There were apologies received from Cllr A. McClements due to Annual leave, S. deLauney due to illness and Cllr U. Ahmed.

20/19 Declarations of Interest – None were received at this point in the meeting.

21/19 To Receive and Approve Minutes of the Meeting Held 15th May 2019

It was proposed by Cllr Hosken, 2nd by Cllr Alvey and RESOLVED by members that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2019 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

22/19 Matters Arising from the Above Minutes

- **CCG Letter** – The Clerk reported that the letter had made the first page of the Shropshire Star but no response has been received from the CCG.

23/19 To receive and note the minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to consider and deal with the recommendations therein.

- a) Policy and Resources Committee meeting of 6th June 2019** – Minutes were presented by Deputy Chairman Cllr Morris-Jones in the absence of Chairman, Cllr deLauney, seconded by Cllr Burns and the contents were noted and agreed by members.
- b) Planning Committee Minutes dated 29th May 2019** – presented by elected Chairman, Cllr Alvey, Cllr Burns was appointed as Deputy Chair. Cllr Gorse seconded the minutes.

The following comments were made:-

- Planning had delegated powers, and any Councillor can attend any meeting
 - The committee makes decisions but sometimes T&W go against the recommendation and we are not always aware of the reason for this.
 - Suggest there should be an item on the planning minutes showing the decisions made and any appeals.
 - The Deputy Clerk had said that he used to get a report feeding decisions back to the council this no longer happens but he would make enquiries at T&W to reinstate this.
 - An understanding of new legislation and permitted planning rights would assist everyone to better understand the position and an officer from T&W had been invited to the next Council Committee Meeting.
 - A recent change of use application had been turned down because there were 40 units and officers were asking for 80 parking spaces
- c) Promotions and Liaison Committee 29th May 2019** – Cllr Carter had been appointed as Chairman with Cllr Davis as his Deputy. Cllr Carter presented the minutes of the meeting which were seconded by Cllr Davis, noted and agreed by the meeting. Cllr Roberts said she was very pleased that new signs had been erected on both platform sides at the Station. This had taken a long time to achieve and thanks were due to Walkers are Welcome, The Friends of Wellington Station and Fay Easton. She requested that letters of thanks were sent on behalf of the Council, commenting that Wellington has the best station to access the Shropshire countryside.
 - d) Conservation Working Group 22nd May 2019** – Cllr Tomlinson presented the minutes and commented that the meeting was not quorate and that not all of the members were aware the meeting was taking place so she had stayed as Chairman until the next meeting. There had been the usual walk about, the Old Charlton School had done a really good job of clearing the wooded area removing old tyres and rubbish. There was a new Bailiff appointed for the pools, there was also a new

Chairman for the Friends group. It was stated that Sainsbury's would be donating some young trees, with funding obtained from the Woodland Trust. Cllr Roberts informed members that Dothill was mentioned in the Daily Telegraph due to scientific interest in the species of Toads that are thriving there.

- e) **ICM** – Cllr Burns reported that a great meeting had been held earlier today covering many issues including, homelessness numbers of which had reduced from 13 to between 4 and 6. Cllr Morris-Jones reminded members of the importance of reporting incidents on 101 so they can be logged otherwise there is no record. It was felt that a slogan is needed around the message ...see crime – report it, Sally Themans will be approached to publicise with Love Wellington programme with the hope of changing the culture and trying to get people to automatically report crime on 101. Cllr Carter explained the importance of this so evidence can be compiled to instigate a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) should this be the aspiration of the Council. Presently there is not enough crime reported to apply for a PSPO in Wellington. Cllr Carter also said that a lot of effort is going into solving the problems we have and we should be shouting about it. Cllr Luter said it was important not to link criminality with homelessness. Cllr Jinks said more use should be made of Social Media.

24/19 Council to consider provision of a Defibrillator at Shawbirch Community Centre.

Cllr Tomlinson explained that the new Surgery would be built in Wrockwadiene and volunteers had approached her to have the device installed in the Village Hall

25/19 Council to consider provision of Personal and Public Liability Licence - For

Dothill Nature reserve volunteers, this had been proposed because currently the volunteers cannot use petrol powered tools as they need a separate personal and public liability licence. Cllr Morris-Jones said there was concern about double taxation and for the licence cost to be clarified.

26/19 Festival Committee – Cllr Gorse asked about reporting mechanism for this Committee.

Cllr Carter clarified that the Festival Committee will report directly to the Promotions and Liaison Committee so there will not be heading on the Full Council agenda.

27/19 Council to appoint the internal Auditor – it was proposed by Cllr Hosken and

Seconded by Cllr Cater to reappoint Harjinder Atwal FFA/FIPA,FMAAT of HKA Accountax for the year 2019/20 all members were in agreement.

28/19 Commemorative Bench for Peter and Mrs Joyce Brittain. Cllr Cook was thanked for his offer to pay for this with his Ward Funding.

29/19 Matters for information Only

Police and crime Commissioner - Members were informed of the fund available for match funded road schemes such as electronic speed signs and asked for their suggestions for placements within their ward.

RKM Wool shop - Cllr Brittain reported that sadly the RKM wool shop had gone into liquidation and would shortly be closing. Cllr carter said that if members hear of businesses that are struggling to inform the Clerk who can pass details on to the business team at Telford and Wrekin who may be able to help with grants, but if they have already gone into liquidation it is too late.

The Chairman thanked Mr and Mrs Vickers, Phil Haigh and Alex Moore for attending this evening.

30/19 To agree next meeting date as Tuesday 9th July 2019 starting at 7.00pm

Chairman.....9th July 2019