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PROMOTIONS & LIAISON COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at the Wellington Civic Offices on **Tuesday 17th December 2019** commencing at 4.30pm.

Present:

Cllr Alvey
Cllr Lowe
Cllr Davis
Cllr Hall

Jean Wordsworth
Sheila Hester
Sally Themans
Les Pointer
Bob Coalbran
John Sweetland
Kath Howard

In attendance: Caroline Mulvihill – Communications & Events Manager

68/19 Welcome and Introductory Remarks

In Cllr Carter's absence Cllr Lowe welcomed the Committee and thanked them for attending. The number of Councillors needed to make a meeting quorate was questioned, Caroline confirmed it was three. The meeting then began.

69/19 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Carter, Mary Rogers and Sheila Horton.
Apologies accepted.

70/19 Declarations of Interest

None received

71/19 To confirm the minutes from the last meeting – Tuesday 26th November 2019.

Proposed by Cllr Hall, seconded by Cllr Davis the minutes of 26th November were a true and accurate record.

72/19 Matters arising from those minutes:

Bob Coalbran:

62/19 please amend as no mention of Thomas Telford or the Aqueduct.

63/19 clarification that the 50p profit on calendars was per calendar and not total profit made.

Cllr Alvey:

60/19 Retroshack – The committee confirmed the Retro Shack did open last Saturday as planned.

61/19 WTC VE Day – Would WTC like Shawbury Wives Choir to perform? Caroline confirmed that 'The Ronnies' and WBB had already been booked.

66/19 Confirmed that the Twinning Association meeting at the Cock Hotel was on 27th Nov.

61/19 Cllr Alvey would like a copy of the SAFA letter, Cllr Lowe would give a copy.

Les Pointer:

61/19 Les had spoken with the Interfaith Group and they were interested in supporting the WTC VE day. They needed further details to which Caroline would email Les directly. They are next meeting on 7th Jan.

- **Minute 59/19 (iii) Potential Orbit TIP**

In Fiona Hunters absence no updated was received.

73/19 Correspondence

- **Hype / Telford Lifestyle magazine:**

P & L in November asked Full Council to make a decision on whether to renew the Telford Lifestyle Magazine annual subscription. Full Council reverted the decision back to P & L.

Wrekin News: distribution of between 10-15,000 per edition depending on sales. Stats show 2.5k readers. Distributed through whole of T & W but 80% in Wellington. Monthly issue and a cost of £1800 per year. (Love Wellington page free at present)

Hype: 16,000 distributed, bi-monthly and cost of £900 per year.

A brief discussion then took place. Cllr Davis thought the glossy magazine had a wide reach and was a good deal at £900 plus Wellington had extra write ups in the last edition. Cllr Alvey agreed that they had a far and wide distribution.

Proposed by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Alvey and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** that the contract for the Telford Lifestyle Magazine be renewed.

74/19 Forthcoming events calendar and additional events for 2019 / 2020

Cllr Alvey enquired as to whom the best dressed Christmas window display winners were. Caroline confirmed they were as follows:

1st retail – Flying Juice tattoo parlour
2nd retail – Salvation Army
1st Market Stall – Daberhashery
2nd Market Stall – Lesley's Larder

- Charter Day – March – Date TBC
- Mayors Civic Dinner – Saturday March 28th – White House Hotel £28pp
Cllr Alvey suggested that an 'icebreaker' on each table maybe nice, Sally Themans suggested a Wellington picture quiz. Disco and guest of honour TBC
- Wellington Festival – starts 1st May as follows:

1 st May	Ian McMillian
2 nd May	Meet the Author
3 rd May	Celebration of Dance
4 th May	Poems and Pints
5 th May	Lesley Smith
6 th May	Music for Dogs
7 th May	Bertie Pearce
8 th May	Plough VE day
9 th May	WTC VE day
9 th May	7Academy at the Walnut

75/19 Wellington Festival:

Cllr Lowe explained that Benjamin Zephaniah could not be booked as he was taking a year out from appearances.

Anthony would be meeting with Cllr Mehta at Addenbrooke house to discuss further the celebration of dance on Thursday 19th Nov.

Sally Themans suggested involving Sylvia from the Salsa group in the celebration of dance and the Concordia choir as a potential additional / supporting event.

Kath Howard asked if the bucket donations fed back into the festival budget, Cllr Lowe confirmed that they did.

Cllr Alvey suggested the return of the Shawbury Wives, Caroline explained that until the committee met in January the budget had been spent for May. John said the Shawbury wives would come for free and would confirm that this would still be the case.

76/19 Walkers are Welcome:

Bob Coalbran reported that work was going on behind the scenes for the September walking festival.

Bob asked as to if the Sunday Walkers are Welcome and the Wednesday Walking for Health walks could feature in the Mays festival. This was agreed.

18.12.19

77/19 Friends of the Bowring Park:

Kath Howard reported that all was quiet in the park. At a recent Policy and Resources meeting Kath was pleased to report that Councillors were in favour of extending the path in the Bowring Park. Now interest was gained Kath would be seeking to progress with a public informal consultation. Cllr Davis thanked Kath for all her hard work with the Bowring Park.

The Healthy Team at T & W had been responsible for the painting by the children's area with 'star jump' etc. as part of a project covering 12 parks.

78/19 Friends of the Wellington Station:

Sally Themans confirmed that the FOWS was now a constituted group and could apply for grants etc.

A grant had already been submitted and had been shortlisted from 125 to 25 that would be used, if successful, for the secret garden, furniture, plants, outside taps, new noticeboards, improvement of the steps to the bus station and was to the value of £45K

The café on the station had opened but unfortunately due to circumstances unknown closed a few days later.

Sheila Hester left at this point

79/19 Orbit

In Fiona's absence no report was given.

80/19 Arlestone Community Centre

In Cllr McClements absence no report was given.

Cllr Davis informed the committee that he was now a trustee of the Arlestone community centre and would hopefully be able to provide updates in Angela's absence going forward.

81/19 Matters for information only:

John Sweetland – The Belfry would be performing 'The Little Mermaid' 31st Jan – 2nd Feb and 7th – 9th Feb.

A member of the Photography Club has held a solo exhibition of their work in Ludlow for 8 weeks. It was suggested that the photography club take part in Mays festival, John agreed to speak with them and report back.

82/19 To agree date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 28th January 2019 at 4.30pm.