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PROMOTIONS & LIAISON COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at the Wellington Civic Offices on **Tuesday 25th February 2020** commencing at 4.00pm.

Present:

Cllr Alvey	Jean Wordsworth – in part
Cllr Lowe	John Sweetland
Cllr Davis – in part	Richard Corbett
Cllr McClements	Les Pointer
Cllr Fairclough – in part	Bob Coalbran
Cllr Hall	Kevin Tanner
	Kath Howard
	Fiona Hunter

In attendance: Caroline Farrell – Communications & Events Manager

98/19 Welcome and Introductory Remarks

In Cllr Carter's absence Cllr McClements welcomed the Committee.

99/19 Apologies for Absence

Cllr's Carter and Tomlinson. Mary Rogers, Sheila Horton, Karen Lee and Sally Themans.

Apologies accepted.

100/19 Declarations of Interest

None received

101/19 To confirm the minutes from the last meeting – Tuesday 28th January 2019.

Proposed by Cllr Alvey, but as no Councillor was able to second them it was agreed that the minutes of 28th January were **noted** as a true and accurate record.

102/19 Matters arising from those minutes:

- **Minute 87/19 (i) Retro Shack opening times**

Cllr Carter had contacted T & W to ask what the situation was with the Retro Shack and their opening times. (Summary of response attached to minutes including a next step agreed with Chair P&R)

Cllr Alvey and other members agreed that the shop looked sparse

KT suggested that a formal letter is sent to T & W raising concerns over how the money that was awarded has been spent.

- **Minute 87/19 (ii) £300 sustenance allowance approval for Twinning Association visit.**

CF read an email to members from KL from the Walnut explaining that the originally proposed £300.00 would not cover required refreshments for the French visitors when they come on 7th May after paying staff costs. Cllr Lowe requested that this is increased to £400.00. Members all agreed.

- **Minute 93/19 (i) Feedback on the FOWS license renewal.**

KH reported that the license to allow work on the train station platform had been agreed and licenses had been granted.

Cllr Davis and Cllr Fairclough arrived at this point.

- **Minute 90/19 (i) Communication plan for CF / PA**

In Cllr Carters absence this was postponed until March's meeting

- **Minute 91/19 (i) Update on Sugar Beet proposal from BC/PD**

Cllr Davis told members that the next meeting to discuss this was on 11th March so he would be able to report back to the next meeting.

103/19 Correspondence

- **VE Day – Lamp post poppies:**

CF asked the committee if they would like the Remembrance Lamp post poppies put up around the town for VE day. Members agreed.

- **Limetree / Norbridge hanging baskets contract**

CF had received a request from P & R to agree to offer a 1 year extended contract to Limetree for the hanging baskets to enable WTC to then research other suppliers, like Norbridge, to ensure they were still getting good value for

money.

Cllr Davis agreed this extension would benefit WTC long term to ensure other suppliers have the chance to quote and to confirm we are getting good market value. This was agreed by all.

104/19 Forthcoming events calendar and additional events for 2020/ 21

- Charter Day and Tart of the Town Saturday 7th March
BC asked if there were further details on the History Day that was being held at the Library and enquired whether they were being advertised.
- Mayors Charity Dinner Saturday 28th March, now at Wrekin College £28pp

JW arrived at this point

105/19 Wellington Festival:

Cllr Lowe updated the committee with the festival line up. Please see attached report.

The brochure would hopefully be printed before the next festival meeting but PA had been off ill for a week so concerns over this date were raised. CF offered to support PA on her return.

WTC VE day would be as follows:

11.00 Warm up 1940's music with Paul Shuttleworth

11.30 – 12.15 The Ronnies (4 piece 1940's singers)

12.15-12.35 Wellington Brass Band

12.35-1.20 The Ronnies

1.20 – 2.00 Kerry's nostalgic music (sang at Armistice Day)

2.00 – end

FH confirmed the Orbit would be getting involved with VE day but were just looking into available films.

106/19 Walkers are Welcome:

Bob Coalbran reported that plans for the walking festival in September were well under way, they had a meeting yesterday and a skeleton schedule has been drawn up.

For the WRW National litter pick week WWRW have arranged a Wrekin and Ercall litter pick on Tuesday 24th March at 9.30am meeting at the Forest Glen Car Park.

A 'friends group' has been set up for the Wrekin and Ercall to tackle things like dog fouling.

WRW have also been busy helping the Half-way House produce their trifold leaflet (BC handed members a copy)

107/19 Friends of the Bowring Park:

Kath Howard reported that things were slowly waking up after winter.

This morning had seen a bulb planting and litter pick in the Bowring Park with Cllrs Alvey and Lowe.

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Work was under way planning the forthcoming family picnic / green day for 12th July 12midday -3pm which would include family entertainment and stalls from local suppliers.

KH and CF would be meeting tomorrow to discuss the 6 week holiday fun days in the park

On 10th March the FOBP would be holding a public consultation in the leisure centre gauging the public interest in the proposed circular path in the park.

The Bowring Café burgers that were new to the menu were going down very well.

KT left at this point

108/19 Friends of the Wellington Station:

Work had been 'on hold' until the license had been renewed, which they now have been.

Fay Easton was looking into why 'platform 2' café suddenly closed.

109/19 Orbit

The Orbit board members agreed that a community board situation in the cafe would be a good idea. Local Wellington information would be displayed with room for tri fold leaflets too. BC offered some tri fold leaflet holders to FH. CF pass on BC number to FH.

Cllr Davis thanked the Orbit for this as he felt an information board was needed and would be most useful to the community.

FH stated that she was in talks with planning and was hoping to have a neon 'cinema' sign and would also be discussing the possibility of an 'information' sign too.

BC told the committee that WRW are also trying to get additional signage from the station up to the town centre.

It was mentioned that Cllr Carter, when appropriate funding became available, would be looking into improved signage from both the train station and the bus station.

The toddler sessions, arranged by FH and Nick Brooke, had been received very well and now had approx. 13 families attending on a Tuesday 9am -12midday. A grant to Viola had been placed to purchase more toys.

110/19 Arleston Community Centre

Cllr Davis told members that at the last AGM he was made chair of the Arleston Community Centre. They were looking to recruit new trustees and volunteers.

A new website had been commissioned which can be viewed at:

<https://www.arlestoncc.co.uk/>

A bid was also being made for the 'eat well' holiday campaign via T & W to help children in deprived areas get a decent meal in the school holidays.

111/19 Matters for information only:

JS – 25th to 28th March will see the Shropshire Drama Festival at the Belfry Theatre

PD – The plastic free task force will be holding a litter pick on 24th March and there would be a borough wide pick on the 30th March.

KH – Tai Chi in the Bowring Park would take place on Saturday April 11th, May 9th and June 13th.

KH – A new group called ‘Wellington working for the planet’ had been set up focusing on Eco friendly / vegan items and to reduced plastic waste. Through this a company called Terracycle had been identified at a personal home in Wellington that accepts nonstandard un recyclable plastic.

JW – The Lions were supporting the local Prostate testing sessions that were as follows, starting at 5pm:

Monday 20th April – Wellington Methodist Church

Monday 8th June – Lawley Infant School

Monday 21st Sept – The Wakes

Monday 26th Oct – Turreff Hall

A quiz night was also planned for Sat 23rd May at All Saints Church, 7pm.

PF – TWS were holding a large music festival in the summer, but no further information could be found at present

AL – Cllr Lowe explained to members that a ‘Key to Wellington’ was hopefully being commissioned as a ‘thank you’ to members of the public that have offered outstanding service. This idea was given via Allan Frost who is retiring from Wellington History and has his last talk in Wellington Library on 19th March on the subject of a ‘virtual pub crawl’ at 7.00pm. Prices for ‘key of wellington’ to be bought to next meeting.

CF – Would like to invite an ice-cream van to the children six week fun days in the Bowring as feedback from last year was the children had nowhere to get drinks from and the parents couldn’t leave the children un attended to walk to the cafe. It was proposed by Cllr Davis and seconded by Cllr Alvey that CF invite a local van to attend.

CF – read an email from KL at the walnut about a potential Halloween trail for children around Wellington, members supported this idea.

112/19 To agree date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 31st March 2020 at 4.00pm.

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Action Points;

Minute 102/19 (i) . It was suggested that a formal letter is sent to T & W raising concerns over how the money that was awarded has been spent and what their business plan was as it's clearly not worked. **WTC**

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Minute 103 / 19 (i) Poppies

To be installed on lamppost for VE day **CF**

Minute 109/19 (ii) Limetree / Norbridge hanging baskets contract

Extension of Limetree contract for 1 year **WTC**

Minute 104/ 19 Charter Day

BC asked if there were further details on the History Day that was being held at the Library and enquired whether they were being advertised. **CF**

Minute 109 /19 (i) Orbit update

CF pass on BC number to FH. **CF**

Minute 111/19 AOB

Prices for 'key of wellington' to be bought to next meeting **CF**