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EVENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 28th June 2022** commencing at 4.00pm.

Present:

Cllr Barker
Cllr Hall
Cllr Lowe
Cllr Pierce
Cllr Davis

In attendance: Caroline Mulvihill, Communication & Events Manager

- 13/22** **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**
Cllr Davis welcomed members at the meeting and those viewing online.
- 14/22** **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received for Cllr Tomlinson and Cllr Roberts
- 15/22** **Declarations of Interest**
None were received.
- 16/22** **To confirm the minutes from the last meeting dated Tuesday 31st May 2022**
Proposed by Cllr Pierce, seconded by Cllr Hall, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** that the minutes of the 31st May 2022 were a true and accurate record.

AL arrived at this stage.
- 17/22** **Matters arising from those minutes:**
- 100 year unveiling of the Lychgate
Caroline reported that the actual unveiling was in May and the 100 year anniversary had passed. Mark Petty proposed that he could still lead his walk but suggested

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that it was held on Armistice Day after the service in the Market Square. Members agreed and Caroline would include this as part of the Remembrance events.

- **Wellington Car Boot**

Caroline had been in touch with the West Midland Showground in Shrewsbury and was told that they organise their own Car boot. They would not be interested in running one in Wellington. Members agreed to give this some more thought as they would like to see the car boots return but had come to a dead end as no previous organiser's details could be found. Cllr Davis would like this item to be added to the July meeting agenda.

- **TIOW Distribution date**

The next edition of TIOW would be distributed week commencing 18th July.

Cllr Lowe mentioned that he was still happy to hand deliver x30 approx. copies to Haybridge Road.

All members were encouraged to come into the office and collect some magazines to be hand delivered to various local outlets in their wards. A list would be kept of how many were taken, delivered and where too.

Cllr Davis requested that Caroline also email all WTC councillors to ensure they were aware of the distribution date and to collect copies for their wards too.

Cllr Davis then asked members if they had any other matters that they wished to discuss.

Cllr Barker asked about minute 07/22 French Twinning Visit.

Cllr Lowe said that the visit was a roaring success. The welcome event in the civic offices was superbly catered for and some members of the Twinning Association even dressed up and took part in the Midsummer / Jubilee celebration parade.

The Ceilidh was deemed the best yet and over 80ppl attended.

It was felt that there was a lack of Councillor support and Cllr Lowe encouraged Councillors to join the Twinning Association which is £15 per annum but thanked those who did attend some of the events.

Cllr Barker felt Cllrs Lowe disappointment in the lack of Councillor support. Cllr Hall stated that there were so many events on that weekend it was unrealistic to attend them all.

Wellington Town Council have been invited over to France next year and Cllr Lowe commented that it is always a fantastic weekend and encourages members to join.

ACTION: The £500 grant from P & R had not been paid, Caroline to chase up the payment of this.

18/22 Correspondence:

None received

19/22 Wellington Festival report and future plans

Cllr Davis requested clarity from the festival team as to future festival plans.

Cllr Lowe stated that there would not be a festival in May 2023 due to purdah and elections. It would then be left to the new council members to decide on future festival events.

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Cllr Davis commented that this wouldn't leave much time to organise, knowing how much work goes into the festival and suggested that revisiting the discussion to see what could be prepared and achieved despite purdah would ensure that residents don't miss out.

Cllr Lowe commented that there was some debate needed over the future of the festival as many events weren't as well as attended as hoped, but yet others like Godspell triumphed.

Cllr Piece and Cllr Lowe agreed that the festival is exhausting as one event ends another starts and the sheer amount of administration that is needed potentially outweighs the festivals demand.

Cllr Hall and Cllr Davis thanked the festival team for all their hard work and members agreed.

A brief discussion was had about reducing the festival and maybe just having a few events throughout the year. Caroline highlighted that from now till the end of 2022 there were 22 events scheduled so if the festival format changed location availability and officer time would have to be seriously considered.

ACTION: Caroline to distribute the list of 2022 events

ACTION: Caroline was asked to distribute the minutes from the last festival meeting.

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Love Wellington report

The report had been distributed to members, no comments were received.

ACTION: Caroline to ensure the LW report is added to the WTC website for all to read along with the meetings minutes

21/22 Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 26th July at 4pm.

ACTIONS:

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ACTION: Caroline to distribute the list of 2022 events.

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