

Wellington Town Council



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EVENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 26th October 2021** commencing at 4.00pm.

Present:

Cllr Lowe
Cllr Barker
Cllr Tomlinson
Cllr Roberts
Cllr Pierce

In attendance: Caroline Mulvihill, Communication & Events Manager

57/21 Welcome and Introductory Remarks

In Cllr Carters absence Cllr Tomlinson took Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

58/21 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Carter, Cllr Davis, Cllr Hall
Apologies accepted.

59/21 Declarations of Interest

None were received

60/21 To confirm the minutes from the last meeting dated 26th September 2021

Proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Barker, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** that the minutes of the 26th September 2021 were a true and accurate record.

61/21 Matters arising from those minutes:

- Queens Jubilee update
Caroline confirmed to members that plans that were discussed in the closed session last month had now been booked and confirmed.

27.10.21

- Remembrance day update
Cllr Pierce enquired as to where poppies could be purchased. Caroline responded that the Orbit were selling them and Cllr Barker mentioned that the leisure centre also had some.
Caroline confirmed that all plans were now in place for the Remembrance Day Parade and Service, details as per previous years. Cllr Tomlinson urged the public to contact Caroline should they like to lay a wreath.
- Christmas Light switch on update and surrounding areas
Caroline requested assistance for a Parade Marshal, Cllr Barker kindly agreed. She then went on to show members the Christmas poster that detailed the event in both the Market Square and All Saints Church.
The planters in the Market Square were being moved on Saturday 30th and CMK had suggested moving the tree slightly off central to help with crowd control. Members agreed to let CMK use their professional opinion and position the tree as they see fit.
The surrounding area of Shawbirch, Brooklands and Arleston used to be covered by the Telford Lions and their sleigh. This wasn't possible this year so the Wellington Rotary have kindly offered their 'Santa' to accompany the Mayor and visit each site as follows:
Shawbirch 5.00pm
Brooklands 5.30pm
Arleston 6.00pm
Cllr Pierce requested a poster detailing these times which Caroline would circulate.

Cllr Roberts asked on Cllr Halls behalf about the age statistics for Wellington. Caroline confirmed this was sent to all members on 29th September.

62/21 Correspondence:

- Twinning Membership
Cllr Lowe reminded members that for over 30 years Wellington Town Council has been twinned with the Council at Chatenay Malabry, just south of France. The position of Chair and Treasurer had now become vacant.
More people are needed to take an interest in this partnership and they are now reaching out to all residents, businesses and council members to ask them to be 'host families' for the proposed visit in June and to become members of the Twinning Association. Cllr Lowe gave details of past and future event ideas and then provided a questionnaire that he requested members to complete to assist in feedback for any further ideas of events and plans.
It was suggested that the questionnaire and membership request also features on the WTC and LW websites and social media sites.

- Rotary Defibrillator request
Caroline had received an email from the Wellington Rotary mentioning that the two nearest defibrillators to the Market Square are only available when the venue was open (The Orbit and the Leisure Centre)
After a brief discussion the majority of members (4/5) agreed that as the Market Square was being increasingly populated that a 24hr defibrillator unit would be most beneficial and would recommend to Full Council that this is purchased and installed.
- Philip Larkin Day
LA21 had approached WTC with the proposal for a Philip Larkin event. They suggested a walk (LA21) and a talk by the Philip Larkin Society. It was agreed that this would be covered in a closed session after the meeting.
- Education and Care home job request
It was agreed to move this item to a closed session after the meeting.

63/21 Love Wellington

Caroline had sent the report from Love Wellington to members previously but had also given hard copies at the meeting.

Cllr Lowe commented how thorough the report was and thanked the Love Wellington team stating that real progress was now being made. Cllr Barker seconded these views.

Cllr Pierce congratulated WTC for coming joint winners with Church Stretton at the Outstanding Community Awards. Cllr Roberts agreed it was great achievement and that it was nice that we came joint with Church Stretton as they helped set up the Wellington Walkers are Welcome group.

Cllr Roberts enquired into what the prize money of £500 could be spend on, Caroline agreed to find out. Cllr Roberts suggested a 'thank you' event to all community Groups.

Cllr Lowe confirmed that the latest edition of 'This is our Wellington' was out and that he feels the magazine is getting better and better. It was also established from Royal Mail that although in the Wrockwardine Parish the new Haygate housing development was actually covered in the magazine distribution.

64/21 Social Media Analytic report

In Cllr Davis absence no report was given but Caroline highlighted that statistics were covered in the LW report.

65/21 Wellington Festival

Cllr Lowe confirmed that a big 'shout out' had been made to Wellingtons residents and traders to ask what they would like to see in next year's festival.

Paola Armstrong had received a great response and the festival would be varied and diverse, in fact so many ideas had been received that there was now little availability for the virtual side of the festival that they had hoped to keep as the public want 'in person' events.

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Cllr Pierce mentioned that the book group organisers, John and Joy Clayton, would be concentrating on Poems next year as opposed to a book. They hoped to use Philip Larkin Poems to coincide with the centenary.

Cllr Barker thanked the Love Wellington and office staff team for continuing with their hard work under these pressured times.

66/21 Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 30th November 2021 at 4pm.

ACTIONS

Caroline to send members a Christmas poster detailing the following Santa and Mayor times:

Shawbirch 5.00pm

Brooklands 5.30pm

Arleston 6.00pm

The Twinning Associated questionnaire and membership request to feature on the WTC and LW websites and social media sites.

Recommend to Full Council that a 24hr assessable defibrillator unit would be most beneficial in the Market Square.

Caroline to find out what the prize money of £500 from the Outstanding Community Award could be spend on.