

Wellington Town Council

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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the virtual Full Council Meeting held via Zoom on Tuesday 9th February 2021 commencing at 7.05 pm.

Present:

Cllr P. Fairclough - Mayor	Cllr D. Roberts	Cllr P. Davis	Cllr S. Hall
Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE	Cllr J. Latter	Cllr J. Gorse	Cllr. L. Jinks
Cllr A. McClements	Cllr J. Pierce	Cllr L. Carter	Cllr A. Lowe
Cllr S. de Launey	Cllr M. Hosken	Cllr G. Cook	Cllr J. Alvey
Cllr K. Tomlinson			

In attendance: Rev T. Carter, Allan Wilson, Andrew Roberts – Deputy Clerk and Karen Roper Town Clerk.

74/20	Welcome – The Mayor welcomed everyone to this virtual Town Council meeting and commented on the impressive vaccination programme which was very good news for our area. She then invited Rev. Carter to take prayers.
75/20	Prayers - Rev Carter asked members to pray for things to continue to improve.
76/20	Housekeeping – Everyone was requested to remain on mute and the Deputy Clerk would identify those indicating they wished to speak.
77/20	Apologies – Were received and accepted from Cllr. Brittain due to ill health and Cllr Luter due to work commitments. Cllr Alvey thanked everyone for all the support and good wishes he had received during his recent illness.
78/20	Declarations of Interest – None were received at this point.
79/20	Shropshire Climate Steering Partnership (SCAP) – The Mayor welcomed Allan Wilson and invited him to deliver his presentation. Allan explained that SCAP covered the whole of the County and had representatives and experts in their field from the NHS, Age UK, Shropshire Wildlife Trust and the National Farming Union. He explained the causes and impact of global warming on the sea, plants and animals and how everyone could help to move towards a zero carbon lifestyle. Members made the following comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Lowe thanked Allan for his excellent presentation and said we should be looking at our own buildings and monitoring the performance of the Climate

	<p>Change Emergency working group as this was a serious call to Arms to influence positive change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Alvey said ground source heating systems are being widely used in new housing built by the Shropshire Rural Housing Group. • Cllr Roberts said the Borough was already abreast of the situation giving the example of the installation of electric charging points for vehicles. • The Mayor thanked Mr Wilson for his presentation. • Mr Wilson said more information could be found on the SCAP website and he would send the presentation to the Clerk for circulation.
80/20	<p>To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 12th January 2021 - Cllr Jinks proposed acceptance of the minutes and was seconded by Cllr Gorse, members voted unanimously to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record.</p>
81/20	<p>Matters Arising –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation Working Group – Cllr Tomlinson confirmed there were 180 saplings planted in the Small Wood nursery area and these would be moved on when they had grown big enough.
82/20	<p>To Receive and Note the Response from the External Auditor relating to the accounting records dated 31st March 2019 – 1st April 2020 - Members had received a copy of the response and no questions were asked. The Mayor proposed acceptance of the report and was seconded by Cllr Hosken. All members voted in favour.</p>
83/20	<p>To receive and note the minutes of the following Wellington Town Council Committees.</p> <p>a) Policy and Resources (P&R) Committee dated 2nd February 2021 – Cllr de Launey highlighted the following points from the minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking at the Bowring – Cllr de Launey reported P&R had invited Mr Kalinaukas to discuss his views on opening the car park off Herbert Avenue. The car park is owned and controlled by the Borough Council who report having a long standing agreement with residents that it will remain closed except for specific events. P&R supported a review of the overall situation regarding safety, access and parking that would also take into account the views of residents. Cllr Alvey said he would be interested in the outcome as he was aware that residents were unhappy about any changes. • Tribute to George Evans - The response from the Evans' family was that they would prefer a much simpler tribute and would like a rock that they used to play on as children installed in the Peace Garden. Cllr Davis suggested that the budget allocated to pay for the tribute could be used to update the signage in the area around the Peace Garden. • Community Action Team (CAT) – Cllr de Launey reported that the current structure of the ICM would in April 2021 be replaced by the Community Action Team. This would be a partnership project with the Borough who would be paying 50% towards ½ and Enforcement Officer, ½ Locality Manager and

	<p>mobile camera, based at the Town Council Offices. The WEST Team will be managed by the Locality Manager and Councillor representation on the CAT will continue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regeneration Board – The Clerk had circulated notes to the meeting. Cllr de Launey said discussions had been held about the Towns Investment Fund and its outcome was due in March. A further meeting was taking place on 10th Feb to consider ideas. • Speed Indicator Devices – Members had agreed to fund the installation of additional posts for the devices in Herbert Avenue and Bailey Road Arleston. • Returning Power to Full Council – Cllr de Launey reported that P&R had agreed to review the situation in March. <p>b) Planning Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13th January 2021 – Deputy Chairman, Cllr Jinks presented the minutes in the absence of the Chairman explaining a submission had been made to the Local Plan and Issues & Options consultations taking into account the views of the local History group. She added the committee had also commented on the old Clifton cinema being an eyesore sited on an important gateway to the Town. Cllr Alvey asked for confirmation that the Cottage Hospital was listed as a building of local interest, this was confirmed. Cllr Lowe said a further submission had been made to the Issues and Options consultation by the Climate Change Emergency Working Group. • 27th January 2021 – Cllr Jinks said a response was made to the Public Rights of Way consultation taking into account the views of Walkers are Welcome. Application TWC 2021/0040 The Lawns, Wellington to be converted to HMO, no objection but members noted an increase in applications for HIMO's and further information had been requested.
84/20	<p>Events and Communications Committee Meeting held on 26th January 2021 - The Clerk had circulated the minutes. The Mayor said that she recognised that this committee was working under difficult circumstances because of the Covid restrictions. She asked that former members of the Festival committee are thanked for their contributions by letter. Cllr Alvey thanked the Mayor for the energy she had given to the Festival during her 25 year involvement. Cllr Roberts commented it would be a good idea to write and thank people who were affected by the changes. Cllr Gorse commented that no one had been asked to leave and the Council need to be doing things in a different way. Cllr Lowe said the Festival Committee reports to the Events and Communications Committee and had to cancel face to face events planned for 2020 because of the pandemic. Other events had been delivered in a Covid secure way.</p> <p>Cllr Davis reported on the meeting held on 26th January explaining that some local businesses had taken up the offer of free advertising on the digital board in Market Square. There was an action point to increase take up of the offer. Cllr Davis also reported that there had been no social media posts due to staff shortages and more information needs to be pumped out to the public. The Christmas Lights switch on for this year will take place on 20th November.</p>

85/20	Climate Change Working Group Meeting 4th February 2021 – The notes had been circulated. Cllr Lowe said a resolution to move towards a plastic free Wellington will be on the Full Council agenda for March.
86/20	<p>Update on Market Street and Victoria Road Car Park – Requested by Cllr Roberts.</p> <p>Cllr de Launey reported that consultants had been engaged to look at options for updating Market Street and surrounding areas. The report was promised before Christmas but had not yet been received and hopefully it would be available very soon. Cllr Alvey said he was happy to hear Market street would be sorted out as people are injuring themselves on uneven surfaces. Cllr Carter asked that the following facts are included in the record:</p> <p><i>It is due to Cllrs. Carter, McClements and Cook that funds for the project had been ring fenced at the Borough and that it was the Town Council that had asked for a more extensive scheme to upgrade Market Street. All problems such as uneven surfaces will be made good as a temporary fix.</i></p> <p>There was long discussion and Cllr de Launey said we need the consultant's report before decisions can be taken. Cllr Roberts said in Feb 2018 a decision was taken to create 30 long stay parking spaces on the Victoria Road North car park and this seems to have changed. Cllr Carter said on 22nd January 2020 a trial was agreed for this car park which went public. To date there had been no complaints or comments from the Community. Cllr Morris-Jones MBE said he chaired the meeting and it was agreed to trial the changes and we need to get this right before we return to 'normal' after the pandemic.</p> <p>Cllr Davis requested move to next business.</p>
87/20	The next virtual meeting date was agreed as 7.00pm on Tuesday 9TH March 2021

Chairman.....9th March 2021