

Wellington Town Council

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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the virtual Full Council Meeting held via Zoom on Tuesday 11th August 2020 commencing at 7.11 pm.

Present:

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

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

19:11	Livestreaming of the meeting was delayed due to technical problems.
200/19	Welcome – The Mayor welcomed everyone to this virtual Town Council meeting which is being live streamed to give public access and transparency to the decision making process of the Council. He then invited Rev. Carter to take prayers. Rev Carter thanked members for the invitation to say prayers highlighting those affected by the COVID pandemic and issues around climate change.
201/19	Mayors Diary of Events – These had been circulated by email prior to the meeting and there were no comments made by members. The Mayor commented that the Town Centre was looking really good.
202/19	Apologies – Were received from Cllrs Brittain, and Alvey. The apologies were accepted.
203/19	Declarations of Interest – None declared at this point.
204/19	To Note the Confidential Information Policy – Members had been sent an updated copy of this document, the Mayor hoped it would act as a helpful reminder to members.
205/19	To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held 14th July 2020 - Cllr Hosken proposed the minutes for acceptance and was seconded by Cllr Jinks, members voted unanimously to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record.
206/19	Matters Arising – <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cllr Jinks referred to minute ref: 194/19 - Clifton site. The Mayor said he had contacted the property owners who had reported they now had permission to demolish the building and were not minded to incur additional costs. Cllr Morris-Jones MBE said that start and finish dates should be attached to planning

	<p>applications. Cllr Carter suggested a letter is sent to Planning Enforcement at Telford and Wrekin, members were in agreement.</p>
207/19	<p>To receive and note the minutes of the following Wellington Town Council Committees and Consider the Recommendations made.</p> <p>a. Policy and Resources Committee dated 4th August – Councillor de Launey highlighted the following points from the minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed Indicator Device (SID) – Cllr deLauney reported it had been agreed that an additional device would be purchased. • Re-opening the Retail Sector – All measures had now been removed apart from discouraging through traffic from Church to Market Street. Cllr Jinks said that some of the streets where traffic was being diverted to were residential and narrower than Church / Market Street. Cllr McClements said the issue is about safety and social distancing. There was further debate relating traffic flow and access to Wilko's car park. It was agreed to contact highways to consider upgrading the signage, stop parking outside the Orbit and the possible installation of barriers. • The Annual Accounts – Had been sent to the External Auditor and the 30 day Public Inspection Period was underway. • Music For The People – It had been agreed that the unrepresented cheque for £1,000.00 from 2017, would be honoured following proof being received of the expenditure having been incurred. • Arleston Community Centre – The annual grant of £7,000.00 had been agreed. • The Parade Toilets – Were opened on 1st August and Healthmatic would also take over the Bowring toilets from next week. • Reforming the Promotions Liaison (P&L) Committee- Cllr de Launey said P&R was reviewing the P&L Committee with a view to make it leaner and more effective, consisting of just 7 Councillors and appropriate Officers. Cllr Roberts said she was disturbed by this action being taken without discussion with the current P&L Committee. She felt it was absolutely vital to have outside representatives involved. Cllr Jinks said we should be listening to the people in our community. Cllr Carter reported that this is about maximising what we do and presently he felt we do not liaise with all of the community well. In his view we need a focussed Promotions Committee to deliver events and a Liaison/Communication group with a wider and more effective reach. Cllr Davis agreed a lean committee that can react quickly was needed. Cllr Morris-Jones MBE said P&L Committee had been in existence since 1988, so it was time to look at it again but it is important that we keep on board the charities and community groups. Cllr Tomlinson said we do need to take a more strategic approach and the liaison function should be undertaken in a better way. Cllr Gorse said this is the right time to look at restructuring P&L committee and finding a new way forward. Cllr de Launey said this is not about stopping liaison it's about trying to improve communications across the board with a new wider reaching Liaison/Communications group. • WEST Team – The Clerk said the Team were on holiday presently. Cllr de Launey said that job requests from members should be sent to the Deputy Clerk. Cllr Davis asked for a copy of the works schedule. <p>b. Planning Committee dated 22nd July 2020 – Cllr Luter presented the minutes for the meeting, there were no issues raised.</p>
208/19	<p>Consideration of declaring a climate change emergency - The Clerk had circulated to members, presentations from Harj Rayot and Robert Saunders delivered to the March meeting just before the pandemic shutdown. Members had also been sent a Climate Change Action Plan. The Mayor asked for volunteers to take this programme forward, Cllrs Davis and Luter agreed to help. Cllr Ahmed proposed that</p>

	Wellington Town Council declares a climate change emergency and was seconded by Cllr Tomlinson, members unanimously agreed to take this forward.
209/19	Regeneration Board report of 15th July held via Microsoft Teams– Cllr Carter said the funding promised to provide disabled access for the Station should be chased.
210/19	Questionnaire Responses to the Police and Crime Commissioner – The Clerk said she would collate responses from members into a final document to represent the thoughts of the Council. Members agreed to forward their responses within 3 weeks from today and the Clerk would circulate the final document prior to the Annual Meeting of the Council.
211/19	The next meeting date would be the (Virtual) Annual Meeting to be held at 7.00pm on 8TH September 2020

Chairman.....8th September 2020