

# Wellington Town Council

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## **FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in Civic Offices on Tuesday 14th March 2023 commencing at 7.05pm and livestreamed on Facebook.**

### **Present:**

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| Mayor Cllr. D. Roberts    | Cllr. G. Cook  | Cllr. J. Gorse      |
| Cllr. P. Fairclough       | Cllr. G. Luter | Cllr. L. Carter     |
| Cllr. P. Morris-Jones MBE | Cllr. L. Jinks | Cllr. M. Hosken     |
| Cllr. C. Barker           | Cllr. U. Ahmed | Cllr. A. McClements |
| Cllr. S. Hall             | Cllr. A. Lowe  | Cllr. J. Pierce     |

**In attendance.** Rev Nick Brooke and Andrew Roberts.

### **7.00pm Public Open Session**

**Welcome** – The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Rev. Brooke to lead prayers.

Following prayers, the Mayor thanked Rev. Brooke and he left the meeting.

### **Full Council Agenda.**

**108/22 Mayor to receive and approve apologies** – Apologies had been received from Cllrs Brittain, Tomlinson, deLauney, Davis, Latter and Alvey for illness. The following members agreed to note and accept the apologies. Cllrs, Roberts, Fairclough, Morris-Jones MBE, Barker, Hall, Cook, Jinks, Luter, Ahmed, Lowe, Gorse, Carter, Hosken, McClements and Pierce. There were no abstentions and no votes against.

**109/22 Receive Declarations of Interest** – A declaration of interest was received from Cllr Morris-Jones MBE in relation to the Orbit Cinema, Wellington. The following members agreed to note and accept the declarations of interests. Cllrs Roberts, Fairclough, Morris-Jones MBE, Barker, Hall, Cook, Jinks, Luter, Ahmed, Lowe, Gorse, Carter, Hosken, McClements and Pierce. There were no abstentions and no votes against.

**110/22 Receive and approve the minutes of the Full Council held on 10th January 2023** - Cllr Hosken proposed the minutes of 14th February 2023 as a true and accurate record. He was seconded by Cllr Luter and the following members voted in favour, Cllrs, Roberts, Fairclough, Morris-Jones MBE, Barker, Hall, Cook, Jinks, Luter, Ahmed, Lowe, Gorse, Carter, Hosken, McClements and Pierce. There were no abstentions and no votes against.

**111/22 Matters Arising from the above Minutes** – None as all were covered in the Committee reports.

**112/22 To receive the minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to consider the recommendations therein.**

**a) Policy and Resources Committee minutes and Confidential minutes of**

**07.03.23** – In the absence of the P&R Chairman, the Deputy Chairman Cllr Morris-Jones MBE presented the minutes. There were no comments from members.

- b) Planning Committee meeting held on 22.02.23** – Cllr Luter presented the minutes. Cllr Lowe commented on minute reference 150/22 in relation to the ongoing consultation by Telford & Wrekin Council on the Climate Change Guidance for Development Supplementary Planning Document. He encouraged all Members to peruse the documentation and to respond appropriately to the same, as he had done. There were no other comments from members.
- c) Events and Communication Committee dated 28.02.23** – In the absence of the E&C Chairman, Cllr Hall presented the minutes. There were no comments from members.

**113/22 To receive the minutes of the Climate Emergency Steering Group dated 02.03.23** – In the absence of the CESG Chairman Cllr Lowe although not present at the meeting formally presented the minutes of the previous meeting. Cllr Lowe mentioned that the Town had recently acquired Plastic Free Status which had been achieved following a tremendous amount of hard work and he offered his congratulations to all involved. Cllr Barker commented that this should be publicised widely.

**114/22 To receive the minutes of the Regeneration Board dated 18.01.23** – In the absence of the Chairman of the Regeneration Board Cllr Morris-Jones MBE presented the minutes of the Regeneration Board. Cllr Hosken raised the issue of the currently closed Wilko Car Park in Market Street, and requested as to whether the Regeneration Board could consider a recommendation from him as to whether the car park could be purchased. Cllr Carter responded by saying that Cllr Hosken had raised a good point. He confirmed that following extensive work and complex negotiations within Telford & Wrekin Council and the owners of the car park, work was going to be completed by the following weekend which would ensure that the car park would be safe to use and re-open which would be of benefit for the adjacent traders. Cllr Carter confirmed that further discussions would be held with the car park owners to secure the completion of the required works to secure the long term operation of the car park. Cllr Morris-Jones welcomed the re-opening of the car park and supported the suggestion raised by Cllr Hosken to be submitted to the Board at its next meeting.

**115/22 To receive the minutes of the Conservation Working Group held on 15.02.03** – in the absence of the Chairman of the Conservation Working Group Cllr Pierce presented the minutes of the last meeting of the Group. There were no comments from members.

**116/22 To receive a report from the Community Action Team** – The Clerk confirmed that written reports of the CAT for February and March 2023 had been circulated and asked members to forward any issues so that they could be raised. Members were further referred to the WEST activities report that had also been circulated. There were no comments from Members.

**117/22 To agree the date of the Annual Town Assembly** – It had been suggested that the Town Assembly Meeting should be held on the 25th April 2023 commencing at 6:00pm. This was agreed by all Members that were present with Cllrs, Roberts, Fairclough, Morris- Jones MBE, Barker, Hall, Cook, Jinks, Luter, Ahmed, Lowe, Gorse, Carter, Hosken, McClements and Pierce. There were no abstentions and no votes against.

**118/22 To agree the date of the next Full Council Meeting as Tuesday 11th April 2023**

Chairman.....11th April 2023