

# Wellington Town Council

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## **FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in Civic Offices on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022 commencing at 6.00pm.**

**Present:**

<b>Mayor- Cllr D. Roberts</b>	<b>Cllr P. Davis</b>	<b>Cllr J. Gorse</b>	<b>Cllr S. Hall</b>
<b>Cllr A. McClements</b>	<b>Cllr A. Lowe</b>	<b>Cllr J. Latter</b>	<b>Cllr. C. Barker</b>
<b>Cllr L. Carter</b>	<b>Cllr U. Ahmed</b>	<b>Cllr S. de Launey</b>	<b>Cllr. K. Tomlinson</b>
<b>Cllr P. Fairclough</b>	<b>Cllr J. Pierce</b>	<b>Cllr C. Brittain</b>	

**In attendance:** Karen Roper, Nathan Lyttle and 3 x Officers Alex, Chris and Adam Brooks from Telford and Wrekin.

### **6.00pm AGENDA**

**33/22 Welcome from the Mayor** – The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Nathan Lyttle Team, Leader Highways Capital Programmes at Telford and Wrekin to give members a briefing on the regeneration of Market Street.

He made the following points;

- The team was looking to deliver a Hybrid model as consultation found that business owners are not in favour of pedestrian only zone at this time.
- The scheme would be delivered in stages starting at Station Road through to the butchers and car park opposite Wilkinsons.
- There would be no Left hand turn from Station Road, traffic would be directed up Church Street
- Disabled parking would be reduced in front of the Beacon Pub
- The carriageway in Market Street will be narrowed for single file traffic so hopefully the look and feel of the road will discourage illegal parking
- Enforcement will need to be done
- Loading/unloading and restricted parking zones on Market Street and in front of the Beacon pub timings to be agreed
- Pallet of colours to be used are matched to the current scheme
- Key crossing facilities are close to Wilkinsons
- All drainage issues will be addressed Officers were very aware of the old Severn Trent system are addressing the matter
- Tarmac will be installed from the butchers/car park entrance because the foundations do not allow for blocks.
- There will be new signage, lighting, bins, planters and street furniture to make it feel like part of the High Street.
- Adam Brookes said the look and feel of the scheme will be different and would hopefully change behaviour over time

- Once the scheme is in we can understand traffic behaviour and add retrospectively double yellow lines or bollards to prevent parking and iron out problems.
- Nathan said they would not be able to satisfy everyone and would be contacting businesses and stakeholders to invite them to an open meeting / drop in session on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August from 12.30 – 3.30pm.
- A letter drop would take place Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> / Friday 12<sup>th</sup> to invite traders to view the scheme.

### **Members asked the following questions**

- Cllr Lowe asked for confirmation that the Orbit footpath provision would remain unchanged – this was confirmed
- Cllr Lowe asked officers about designated disabled parking provision at Station Approach and outside of the Market. – Chris said he felt this may be too onerous bearing in mind Blue Badge holders can park anywhere, at any time and officers felt there needs to be split provision as they were trying to strike a balance.
- Cllr Pierce asked for bollards or a physical barrier to stop people parking on footpaths and in disabled bays – it was hoped that self-regulation because of the new layout would work otherwise we are reliant on enforcement officers.
- Cllr Fairclough asked about the turning bay from Station Road – Officers agreed this was tight but there were no other options.
- Cllr Barker – said we are still thinking about private motor car use, and not about blue sky thinking for pedestrians, public transport and taxis. Officers agreed the alternative was pedestrianisation and there was no appetite for it at this time although the scheme was future proofed to allow for this option in the future.
- Cllr Gorse mentioned a free phone for taxis was provided inside Wilkinsons
- Cllr Tomlinson said taxis are all private cars and there are no black cabs. The private cabs needs somewhere to wait for their customers. She also suggested a consultation to see what times deliveries are expected.
- Cllr de Launey said the Taxi rank is not used and we have to deal with Market Street and its use now – Traders were unhappy about pedestrianisation and enforcement will change behaviour over time.
- Cllr Davis thanked Officers for the time spent on the scheme and asked about the kerb heights for wheelchair and pushchair users. He was assured nothing will remain from the current situation and this issue had been taken into account.
- Cllr McClements said she thought this was a good scheme well thought out and long overdue
- Cllr Barker asked how long the project will take. The start date was 6<sup>th</sup> September to the end of November starting from Station Approach to the butchers and Wilkinsons' car park. The final area will be completed in January 2023 to allow time for Christmas trade.
- Cllr Pierce said the corner is very narrow and the current hump does not help. She was assured there would be no humps.
- Cllr Davis said he was looking forward to the scheme
- Cllr de Launey said we should thank the Borough and the Borough Cabinet member as they have fully funded the scheme. Members were very grateful.

Cllr Mc Clements proposed endorsement of the scheme and was seconded by Cllr de Launey, the following members were in favour D. Roberts, P. Davis, J. Gorse, S. Hall, C. Barker, A. McClements, A. Lowe, J. Latter, C. Brittain, L. Carter, U. Ahmed, S. de Launey, P. Fairclough, J. Pierce and K. Tomlinson, there were no votes against and no abstentions.

**34/22 To receive and approve apologies-** Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Luter, Cllr Jinks and Cllr Morris-Jones MBE. The following members voted in favour D. Roberts, P. Davis, J. Gorse, S. Hall, C. Barker, A. McClements, A. Lowe, J. Latter, C. Brittain, L. Carter, U. Ahmed, S. de Launey, P. Fairclough, J. Pierce and K. Tomlinson, there were no votes against and abstentions.

**35/22 To receive and approve declarations of interest** – None were declared.

**36/22 Borrowing Approval** - To agree the following motion as requested by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

**Cllr de Launey proposed the motion below explaining in essence it had been passed previously but an updated version was now required by the department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. He was seconded by Cllr Gorse.**

*Wellington Town Council at this extraordinary meeting of Full Council held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022, resolves to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to apply for a Public Works Loan Board loan of £500,000 over the borrowing term of 30.5 years for the Regeneration of Wellington Town Centre. The annual loan repayments will come to around £30,000. It is not intended to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments*

**The following members voted in favour D. Roberts, P. Davis, J. Gorse, S. Hall, C. Barker, A. McClements, A. Lowe, J. Latter, C. Brittain, L. Carter, U. Ahmed, S. de Launey, P. Fairclough, J. Pierce, K. Tomlinson, there were no votes against and no abstentions.**

**37/22 Police and Crime Commissioner** - The Mayor confirmed that Mr. John Campion would be attending the next Full Council meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> September.

**38/22 Civic Sunday** - The Mayor reminded everyone of Civic Service on Sunday on 11<sup>th</sup> September starting at 4.00pm

**39/22 Members confirmed the date of the next Full Council Meeting as Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**Chairman.....13<sup>th</sup> September 2022**