

Wellington Town Council

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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

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

Present:

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

In attendance. Rev Nick Brooke and Karen Roper.

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.

The Mayor then called upon Kath Howard and presented her with a Wellington Town Council engraved shield to recognise her outstanding contribution to the Bowring Park improvements. Kath addressed members indicating she was collecting the award but really the achievements were also due to the help of numerous volunteers and organisations so she would be sharing the accolade with them. The Friends of Bowring Park had achieved what they set out to do and the Bowring Park was much improved, therefore their work was complete. Members gave her a round of applause and she left the meeting.

Full Council Agenda.

96/22 Mayor to receive and approve apologies – Apologies had been received from Cllrs Brittain, and Alvey for illness. Cllr de Launey was on holiday.

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, Latter, McClements Pierce, Tomlinson and Davis. There were no abstentions and no votes against.

97/22 Receive Declarations of Interest –. Declaration of interests were received from Cllr Morris-Jones MBE in relation to the Orbit and from Cllr Barker in relation to planning application ref: TWC/2022/1044. 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, Latter, McClements Pierce, Tomlinson and Davis. There were no abstentions and no votes against.

98/22 Receive and approve the minutes of the Full Council held on 10th January 2023 - Cllr Jinks proposed the minutes of 10th January 2023 as a true and accurate

record. She was seconded by Cllr. Pierce and the following members voted in favour Cllrs; Roberts, Fairclough, Morris- Jones MBE, Barker, Hall, Cook, Jinks, Luter, Ahmed, Lowe, Gorse, Carter, Hosken, Latter, McClements Pierce, Tomlinson and Davis. There were no abstentions and no votes against. Cllr Lowe pointed out at minute Ref: 94/22 the name of the organisation recorded in Decembers minutes as Quick Fit was corrected in January to 'Quick Fix' and this is still incorrect and should read Quik Fix.

99/22 Matters Arising from the above Minutes – None as all were covered in the committee reports

100/22 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

07.02.23 – 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 11.01.23 – Cllr Luter presented the minutes and reported planning application minute reference TWC/2022/1044, had now been withdrawn by the applicant. There were no comments from members.

Planning Committee meeting held on 02.02.23 – Cllr Luter presented the minutes. There were no comments from members.

c) Events and Communication Committee dated 31.01.23 – Cllr P. Davis presented the minutes and there were no comments from members.

101/22 To receive the minutes of the Climate Emergency Steering Group dated 05.01.23 – Cllr Davis presented the minutes and there were no comments from members.

To receive the minutes of the Climate Emergency Steering Group dated 02.02.23 – Cllr Lowe presented the minutes and said the group had been working hard and were on track to achieve plastic free status by April / May.

102/22 To receive the minutes of the Regeneration Board dated 18.01.23 – Cllr Morris-Jones MBE presented the minutes and there were no comments from members.

103/22 Members to consider a proposal from Cllr Barker for all Councillors to receive the agendas of all meetings in advance.

Cllr Barker said he felt this would help to keep all councillors informed and help members to understand what is happening across the whole council.

Cllr Gorse said she feels this is a good idea and an easy thing for staff to do as the paperwork is now sent via email.

Cllr Luter said on behalf of the planning committee it would be good if ward councillors came along when an application is in their ward as they will have in depth knowledge of their area which other Councillors may not.

Cllr Davis said it is a good idea that other councillors are given the opportunity to contribute.

Cllr Tomlinson said we all need to be made aware of the protocol around this Suggestion relating to non-committee members speaking at meetings.

Cllr Morris Jones MBE said it is up to the Chairman of Committees to invite members to speak and where they are invited to sit at the meeting.

The Clerk agreed with Cllr Morris- Jones MBE and said the relevant paragraph on standing orders could be sent out with the agendas.

Cllr Hosken said this was a great suggestion that will keep members better informed.

Cllr Fairclough said she had on occasions attended P&R, the Chairman has made her welcome and allowed her to speak, anyone can attend committee meetings now if they wish.

Cllr Jinks commended the way Cllr Luter chairs planning committee and said he brings forward the item in which the non-committee visitor attending has an interest so they do not have to stay for the whole agenda if they do not wish to do so.

Cllr Barker was seconded by Cllr Davis and the following members voted in favour Cllrs; Roberts, Fairclough, Morris- Jones MBE, Barker, Hall, Cook, Jinks, Luter, Ahmed, Lowe, Gorse, Carter, Hosken, Latter, McClements Pierce, Tomlinson and Davis. There were no abstentions and no votes against.

104/22 **To receive a report from the Community Action Team** – The Town Clerk had circulated written reports and asked members to forward any issues to her so she could raise them. Cllr Jinks asked for an update on the parking issues Bagley Road shops and schools. The Clerk would ask for an update on the actions taken.

105/22 **To move the May Full Council meeting to 16th May following the elections** - Cllr Tomlinson proposed to change the meeting date to 16th May and was seconded by Cllr Jinks. Cllr Gorse asked if the P&R committee meeting would be affected the Clerk said she would discuss this with the Chairman n his return from holiday.

106/22 **Request to use Market Square** – The Clerk reported that a request had been received for a collection to help the earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria on Saturday 18th February. The Clerk said that Telford and Wrekin Officers were assisting with the appropriate paperwork and asked if the Town Council would support the suggestion. Members were supportive of the group using the Market Square as long as the due diligence has been done through Telford and Wrekin.

Cllr Jinks asked that should the posts be taken down for access to the Market Square they are replaced once they are finished and not just left down.

107/22 **To agree the date of the next Full Council Meeting as 14th March 2023**

Chairman.....14th March 2023