

Wellington Town Council

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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in Civic Offices on Tuesday 14th June 2022 commencing at 7.00pm and livestreamed on Facebook.

Present:

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

In attendance: Karen Roper, Rev. Tim Carter.

Public Open Session – Cllr Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7.00 pm and said Inspector Saunders was not in attendance this evening. She then called upon Cllr Gorse to address the meeting on the very sad news of the death of Cllr Usman's Wife.

Cllr Gorse said she had communicated directly with Cllr Usman who paid a sincere tribute to his young Wife. Members were distressed at this very sad news and Cllr Alvey requested that he is contacted formally on behalf of the Council to let him know our thoughts are with him through this very sad time.

The Mayor then called upon Rev. Carter to say prayers. Rev. Carter asked members to hold a moments' silence for Cllr Usman and his family and to pray for them during this difficult time. He also asked members to pray for families who are struggling with the rising cost of living and rising energy prices. He thanked God for all of the good things in Wellington like the Midsummer fare, Jubilee celebrations and for the ongoing work of the Town Council.

19/22 To Receive and Approve Apologies – Apologies had been received from Cllrs Usman and Tomlinson – for family matters, Cllr Brittain for illness, Cllr McClements for holiday. Members agreed to accept the apologies.

20/22 – To Receive Declarations of Interest – None were received at this point.

21/22 - To Receive and approve the minutes of the Annual Full Council meeting held on 4th May 2022 – It was proposed by Cllr Hosken that the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed by the Mayor as a true and accurate record. He was seconded by Cllr Davis and the following members P. Davis, S. Hall, P. Morris-Jones MBE, D. Roberts, L. Jinks, J. Pierce, A. Lowe, J. Gorse, J. Latter, G. Cook, S. de Launey, G. Luter, L. Carter, M. Hosken, P. Fairclough and C. Barker voted in favour. There were no votes against and no abstentions.

22/22 - To Receive and approve the minutes of the Annual Assembly meeting held on 10th May 2022 – It was proposed by Cllr Davis that the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed by the Mayor as a true and accurate record. He was seconded by Cllr Jinks and the following members P. Davis, S. Hall, P. Morris-Jones MBE, D. Roberts, L. Jinks, J. Pierce, A. Lowe, J. Gorse, J. Latter, G. Cook, S. de Launey, G. Luter, L. Carter, M. Hosken, P. Fairclough and C. Barker voted in favour. There were no votes against and no abstentions.

23/22 Matters Arising from the above Minutes - None as all are covered in the Committee Reports

24/22 To receive the minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to consider the recommendations therein.

- a) **Policy and Resources Committee minutes of 07.06.22** – Cllr de Launey apologised as he was suffering from hayfever. He thanked members for again electing him as Chairman for the 18th year. Cllr Alvey thanked him for his service. Cllr de Launey confirmed Cllr Morris-Jones MBE had been appointed as Vice Chair. He then gave the following report.
- **End of Year Accounts** – Final accounts for the year 2021/22 were considered by the June P&R meeting and the following resolutions were recommended for approval of Full Council.
 - Cllr de Launey proposed that Full Council approves and authorises the Mayor’s signature on the Annual Accounting Statements for 2021/22. He was seconded by Cllr Hosken and the following members P. Davis, S. Hall, P. Morris-Jones MBE, D. Roberts, L. Jinks, J. Pierce, A. Lowe, J. Gorse, J. Latter, G. Cook, S. de Launey, G. Luter, L. Carter, M. Hosken, P. Fairclough and C. Barker voted in favour. There were no votes against and no abstentions. The Mayor and Responsible Financial Officer signed the Annual Accounting Statements.
 - Cllr de Launey proposed that Full Council approves and authorises the Mayor’s signature on the Annual Governance Accountability Return (AGAR) for 2021/22. He was seconded by Cllr Davis and the following members P. Davis, S. Hall, P. Morris-Jones MBE, D. Roberts, L. Jinks, J. Pierce, A. Lowe, J. Gorse, J. Latter, G. Cook, S. de Launey, G. Luter, L. Carter, M. Hosken, P. Fairclough and C. Barker voted in favour. There were no votes against and no abstentions. The Mayor and Responsible Financial Officer signed the Annual Governance Accountability Return.
 - **George Evans Tribute** – Progress is being made with the signage and it was hoped all would be complete by July.
 - **Mayoral Chain** – Cllr de Launey said the issue with the Mayor wearing the chain had been resolved and we were waiting for quotation to add further shields.
 - **Insurance** - Cllr de Launey explained that we have previously enjoyed lower insurance costs due to a 5 year contract which has now come to an end. There are fewer providers in the market so this has resulted in an unavoidable 50% increase in costs.
 - **Town Crier** – An appointment had been made to the post of Town Crier. Consideration of an honorarium for the Town Crier and Ale Taster was discussed. Cllr Barker asked about the appointment process. Cllr Lowe gave an explanation of the advertisements circulated on social media, Love Wellington and the website stating that the applicant was well suited to the job and no one else had applied over past months. Cllr Fairclough confirmed she had been aware of the advertisements. A Job Description had been previously drawn up and the applicant had been approached by members to take on the role following a church production. Cllr Morris-Jones said we had not had a Town Crier for some time and the honorarium would help to cover expenses.
 - **Market Street** - Cllr de Launey hoped to be able to share plans for Market Street at the July meeting. Cllr Davis hoped BT broadband and other services would be done at the same time as the improvements.
- b) **Planning Committee 11.05.22 & 25.05.22**– Cllr Luter presented the minutes and no further comments were made.

- c) **Events and Communications Committee 31.05.22** – Cllr Pierce presented the minutes and Cllr Alvey congratulated the committee members on all their work, there were no further comments.
- d) **Festival Working Group – 01.06.22** Cllr Lowe presented the minutes stating the meeting was an exercise in thinking through the conclusions of the festival leading to a decision that it was not appropriate to hold a Festival in May 2023 due to the elections.
- e) **Climate Change Emergency Working Group meeting of 12.05.22** - Cllr Davis presented the minutes and explained that a Steering Group had been formed which included community groups.
- f) **Regeneration Board Report 18th May 2022.** – Cllr de Launey presented the report and there were no further questions.
- g) **To Receive Report from the Community Action Team** – The Clerk had circulated the reports and there were no further questions.

25/22 Date of Next Meeting – was agreed as 12th July 2022

Chairman.....12th July 2022