

Wellington Town Council

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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in Civic Offices on Tuesday 12th December 2023 commencing at 7.00pm and livestreamed on Facebook.

Present:

Mayor Cllr. P. Davis	Cllr. G. Cook	Cllr. L. Jinks	Cllr. S. de Launey	Cllr. K. Tomlinson
Cllr. R. Snell	Cllr. G. Luter	Cllr. S. Day	Cllr. A. Lowe	
Cllr. L. Woolley	Cllr. J. Gorse	Cllr. M. Jobe	Cllr. J. Pierce	
Cllr. C. Barker	Cllr. L. Carter	Cllr. S. Williams	Cllr. E. Holding	

In attendance. Rev Tim Carter, three members of the public and Karen Roper, Town Clerk.

7.00pm Public Open Session

Welcome – The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting including members of the public and then asked Reverend Carter to lead prayers. Reverend Carter thanked the Councillors and Staff for their support for the Civic Carol Service on Sunday, and added it was great to see the church so full. Rev. Carter led prayers asking everyone to reflect on the year gone, the year to come and what we are grateful for.

The Mayor said the Carol service was an amazing success and all of these events take time and dedication to put together, he then thanked Rev. Carter, Town Council staff and those Councillors that serve on the E&C committee. The Mayor said he had written to all of the community groups and organisations involved in the event and the collection from the Carol Service would be donated to his chosen charities namely, TACT and the YMCA at the end of his year in office.

Cllr Davies said that Borough Cllrs McClements, Carter, Luter and Cook had all contributed out of their ward fund to provide a free Christmas meal at the Belmont Hall for OAP's. He then invited everyone to join him to have a mince pie and sherry after the meeting which he had provided.

Full Council Agenda.

70/23 Mayor to call for apologies – Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Latter, Ahmed and Hosken. The following members agreed accept the apologies, voting in favour were Cllrs, Davis, Snell, Woolley, Barker, Cook, Luter, Gorse, Carter, Jinks, Day, Jobe, Williams, de Launey, Lowe, Pierce, Holding and Tomlinson. There were no abstentions and no votes against.

71/23 To receive declarations of interest – None were declared.

72/23 Receive and approve the amended minutes of the Full Council held on 10th October 2023 and minutes of 14th November 2023 -

Cllr Jinks proposed both sets of minutes as a true and accurate record and was seconded by Cllr Cook. The following Councillors voted in favour Cllrs, Davis, Snell, Woolley, Barker, Cook, Luter, Gorse, Carter, Jinks, Day, Jobe, Williams, de Launey,

Lowe, Pierce and Holding. Cllr Tomlinson abstained as she was not present at the last meeting. There were no votes against.

73/23 Matters Arising from the above Minutes –

Motion re: PRH Hospital – Cllr Barker asked if there had been a response to the letter sent last month, the Clerk confirmed that no response had been received. Cllr Williams asked for the comments from the MP regarding the Local Plan to be circulated to all Councillors.

74/23 To receive the minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to consider the recommendations therein.

a) Policy and Resources Committee minutes and Grants Panel minutes of 05.12.23 – Cllr Carter presented the minutes and made the following comments.

- DBS checks members need to complete this process as soon as possible and names would be in the official minutes of those who had not engaged.
- Town Council email addresses – from January 2024 no information would be sent to personal email addresses.
- The Town Council Bank account has now been moved to Unity Bank adding the service from Barclays has been poor.
- The Budget for 2024/25 will be subject to significant cost pressures including salary increases and anticipated contractual rises. The budget would be circulated at the January meeting.

b) Planning Committee minutes for the meeting held on 21.11.23 – Cllr Snell presented the minutes of the meeting. Gavin Ashford from the Borough Council was in attendance presenting on the Local Plan Review and confirmed the Planning Committee would be making a response. The closing date for the consultation is revised to 31st January 2024. Cllr Tomlinson said that many residents in Wellington, Dothill and Shawburch will be affected by the consequential traffic increases and felt that not enough public consultation had been undertaken. Many people do not engage in social media and do not use a computer and were therefore unaware of the consultation. Cllr Tomlinson asked the Town Council to approach the Borough to consider holding another open event as she felt the Town Councils' consultation meeting was not well advertised and details were not in the newsletter so we need to reach out to those who are not online or social media. Cllr Carter said this was the Borough's consultation and the Town Council has no control over it so he suggested Cllr Tomlinson addresses her comments to the Borough to see if they will organise an extra consultation meeting. He added local plans do not provide funding for infrastructure and the Government has reduced funding for infrastructure by 50% over the last 4 years together with a significant lack of investment in primary care health provision and our hospital. He suggested as local councillors we concentrate on those issues. The Mayor said there had been a significant amount of publicity around the consultation and any requests should go to the Borough. Cllr Tomlinson said an extra consultation would be held in Wrockwardine parish. Cllr Snell moved the report. Cllr Snell said people can engage with the consultation process online and by post. Cllr Barker proposed move to next business.

c) Events and Communication Committee – Cllr Barker confirmed the next meeting date would be 16th January 2024.

75/23 To receive reports from the Community Action Team - The reports had been circulated with the agenda. The Clerk said she had a meeting next week and members were invited to let her know of any problems by email. Cllr Jinks said the enforcement signs had been installed at Ladycroft but people were continuing to park – so she requested the Neighbourhood Enforcement Officers now enforce. The Clerk said she would raise this matter with Officers.

76/23 Regeneration Partnership Board – Cllr de Launey said the presented the next meeting would be held on 21st December 2023. There were no comments from members.

77/23 The next meeting date was agreed as 9th January 2024.

Chairman.....9th January 2024

The meeting closed at 19.21