

# Wellington Town Council

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## FULL COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the virtual Full Council Meeting held via Zoom on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020 commencing at 7.04 pm.**

### **Present via zoom:**

Cllr A. Lowe – Mayor	Cllr D. Roberts	Cllr P. Davis	Cllr K. Tomlinson
Cllr J. Alvey (by phone link)	Cllr J. Latter	Cllr J. Gorse	Cllr Usman
Cllr A. McClements	Cllr J. Pierce	Cllr G. Luter	
Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE	Cllr M. Hosken	Cllr S. Hall	
Cllr L. Jinks	Cllr S. de Launey	Cllr P. Fairclough	

**In attendance:** Andrew Roberts – Deputy Clerk, Karen Roper Town Clerk.

<b>163/19</b>	<b>Welcome</b> – The Mayor welcomed everyone to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> virtual Town Council meeting which would be live streamed to give public access and transparency to the decision making process of the Council. Following discussion it was agreed that live streaming would be debated by members at the next Policy and Resources (P&R) meeting.
<b>164/19</b>	<b>Apologies</b> – Were received from Cllr Carter due to work commitments and Cook due to family commitments. The apologies were accepted.
<b>165/19</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> – None declared at this point.
<b>166/19</b>	<b>To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020</b> - Cllr Hosken proposed the minutes for acceptance and was seconded by Cllr Alvey, members voted unanimously to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record.
<b>167/19</b>	<b>To Receive a Report on the Virtual VE day Event.</b> - Cllr Lowe gave the following report; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sky news had pulled out at the last minute but the event was covered by Midlands News and BBC local radio.</li> <li>• The events of the day included interviews with George Evans making his way home from Europe at the time and Jill Themans who was living in Wellington on VE day. The last post was played in the peace garden, a singer performed at various locations including the Plough inn. The Town Crier called everyone to order, a British bulldog called Winston dressed for the occasion and street parties took place, all socially distanced and observed by the Police.</li> <li>• Events were captured on Facebook and links had been sent to members.</li> <li>• Councillors commented that they had followed the event online and that Sally Themans and Wellington Town Council staff had stepped up creating a truly remarkable day and deserved thanks for their efforts.</li> </ul>
<b>168/19</b>	<b>To receive and note the minutes of the following Wellington Town Council Committees and Consider the recommendations.</b> <p><b>a. Policy and Resources Committee dated 5<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Councillor de Launey gave the following report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Vacancies</b> - On council committees, sadly created by the loss of Cllr Burns, were filled.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speed Indicator devices</b> – areas agreed for initial installations were identified at the P&amp;R meeting. Members said that all of the areas within wards that were previously listed should also be included. Haygate Road had been reported to the Police as being used as a racetrack. Cllr Alvey asked that a crossing to the Bowring Park on the Haygate Road be requested.</li> <li>• <b>Defibrillator</b> – Cllr Tomlinson said fitting had taken place on 30<sup>th</sup> April at the Brooklands. She thanked Cllr Carter and Borough Councillors for their help in getting this installation in the right place. Cllr Morris-Jones MBE said this is an important service which is now installed in the right place.</li> <li>• <b>Staff Meeting</b> – The Clerk said that Staff were generally happy and working well under the current restrictions. Discussion had been held in relation to returning to work in a safe and staged way. Cllr Davis said he had not noticed any difference with the services provided by staff since the lockdown. Cllr Luter said he felt that Staff were working well. Cllr Fairclough was also happy with the service being provided. Cllr Morris –Jones MBE said the office facilities were there for the convenience of the public and staff should get back to providing a service to the tax payer as soon as it is safe to do so. Cllr Alvey said that staff had been excellent and were trying hard to help members with technology to ensure council business can continue.</li> <li>• <b>Cream Teas</b> – This project had not gone ahead because of distribution difficulties so the money had been diverted the Kindle appeal. Cllr McClements spoke on behalf of Cllr Carter stating this is a fantastic initiative that will help many people. Cllr Roberts asked who will get the kindle units. The Chairman said this council had given the donation to Telford and Wrekin who would be making the distributions.</li> <li>• <b>Planters</b> – The Chairman said the purchase of three planters to commemorate late members, namely Burns, Lewis and Allen had been agreed.</li> <li>• <b>Grants</b> – Cllr de Launey said that P&amp;R had approved an amended grant form to take into account the needs of local Covid volunteer groups. Cllr Roberts asked when the normal grant applications would be considered. The Chairman said the date had not been set.</li> <li>• <b>Bowring Lease</b> – Cllr Jinks expressed her disappointment at the lease not being signed. The Chairman said he would take any further questions on this subject in private session after the public meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Planning Committee dated 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b> - Cllr Alvey presented the minutes and welcomed the election of Cllr Latter to the Planning Committee. Cllr Jinks said the chronology of the minutes were incorrect.</p>
169/19	<p><b>Regeneration Board report of 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 held via Microsoft Teams–</b> Cllr Jinks drew attention to minute reference 4.3 – Street Traders. She said that Planning had tried for some time to get help from Licencing on this subject and suggested that the Chairman of Planning be invited to the meeting. Cllr de Launey said the meeting would not take place until things return to normal and would be held on a confidential basis to discuss help with regeneration efforts. Cllr Jinks asked why the meeting could not be held sooner on a virtual basis. The Chairman said there was no urgency for this meeting and any further debate should be held in private session. Cllr Gorse said that T&amp;W Officers have been redeployed on other tasks to help with the Covid situation and proposed the debate is closed at this point. Her proposal was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr McClements. A vote was taken resulting in 15 votes for, 1 against and 1 abstention. The proposal was carried.</p>
170/19	<p><b>West Team Report</b> – A written report had been previously circulated to members. Cllr Pierce asked if members could suggest areas needing their attention. Cllr de Launey confirmed that members could make requests to the Deputy Clerk for work within their Wards at any time.</p>
171/19	<p><b>The next meeting date (Virtual) would be called for 7.00pm on 9<sup>TH</sup> June 2020</b></p>

Chairman.....9<sup>th</sup> June 2020