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Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Wellington Town Council Dated 11th July 2023, starting at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber.

Present.

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

This meeting was live streamed on Facebook.

Also in attendance: Rev. Tim Carter – All Saints Church, Karen Roper Town Clerk, 13 members of the public including former Town Councillors, Pat Fairclough, Dorothy Roberts, Sylvia Hall, John Alvey, Phil Morris-Jones, Angela McClements and Mrs Laurence Moses, Chair of the Twinning Association.

6.55pm Public Open Session

Welcome from the Mayor – Cllr Davis welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Rev. Carter to lead prayers.

Mayor to make presentations to the following former Councillors. –

Phil Morris-Jones, Pat Fairclough, John Alvey, Dorothy Roberts, Sylvia Hall and Angela McClements. The former members then had the opportunity to address the meeting.

7.00pm Full Council Meeting AGENDA

29/23 Apologies – Apologies were received and approved from Cllrs Hosken, Carter and Jinks.

30/23 Declarations of Interest – No declarations of interest were received.

31/23 To approve minutes of the last Full Council Meeting dated 13th June 2023
Cllr Tomlinson proposed the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting, she was seconded by Cllr. Luter. The following members voted in favour. Cllrs Davis, de Launey, Day, Barker, Ahmed, Cook, Latter, Gorse, Holding, Jobe, McGinn, Pierce, Snell, Williams, Woolley, Lowe Luter and Tomlinson.

32/23 Matters arising from those minutes.

- **Twinning** - The Mayor introduced Mrs Laurence Moses, chair of the Twinning Association. She updated the meeting in relation to the proposed link with Bracciano, councillors had the opportunity to ask questions. Mrs Moses said she had moved from Brittany 35 years

ago and had lived in Wellington for the past 20 years. She decided she could help the twinning association because she had been involved in education all her working life.

Wellington has been twinned with Chatenay Malabry for 21 years and today all is going well. The association is generally self-financing but has received some small amounts of grant funding from the council. Chatenay itself is twinned with a town in Germany and also with Bracciano, a town in Italy located close to Rome. So far, she has met a few people and made connections via music art and culture. Education is the main aim, to get younger generations involved because it appears youngsters are tending to not take up other languages. Local links also include the Hadley learning community and efforts are being made to twin all of the schools in Wellington. She thanked the Town Council for the opportunity to address the meeting. Councillor Lowe congratulated Mrs Moses on her presentation and said that there were also very successful adult exchanges in addition to the children's visits.

The Mayor asked what financial implications there might be, Mrs Moses said it will be a long process and they will learn as they go along. Funding for more visits and delegations will be financed by themselves but the group may approach the town council for help with catering depending on the level of interest shown by our members. She added the Bracciano area will appeal to some as a holiday destination.

There were no further questions and she left the meeting together with reverend Carter at 7:35pm

33/23 To receive the Minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to note the Recommendations therein.

a) Policy and Resources Committee dated 04.07.23.

Councillor de Launey presented the minutes and highlighted the following matters.

- **Speed Indicator Devices** – The Clerk confirmed the software had now been downloaded to allow cloud based information and we were waiting for an installation date from Idverde.
- **Town Centre Parking** – Cllr de Launey said the parking situation had eased and the Borough Council would be approached to do a survey on our car parks to understand their present usage.
- **Payroll** – Telford and Wrekin are in the process of taking over the function but will need a Service User Number or SUN before the process can be completed. Our Bank has been asked for this information.
- **Public Inspection of the Accounts** - The period runs from 19th June – 31st July 2023. The clerk confirmed copies of the accounts were on noticeboards and were available online.
- **Request for Cargo Bike Funding** – Members had requested a cost benefit analysis to be brought back to the next meeting.

b) Planning Committee – Cllr Snell had been elected as Chairman and presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 28.06.23. He highlighted the following.

- **TWC/2023/0442 The Lion Whitchurch Road.** – Representatives from the public and Cllr Jinks had attended the meeting to give their views on the application even though it was not on the agenda. It would be further

discussed at the next meeting taking place on 19/07/23. There were no further questions from members.

- c) **Events and Communications** – Cllr Barker had been elected as Chairman. He said the new edition of 'This is Our Wellington' has a list of events, commenting we have a very busy committee and a very busy town. The Christmas light switch on date had been moved to 25th November on advice given by the Police. The Wellington Festival committee had been subsumed into E&C committee and will meet all together on the last Tuesday in the month.

34/23 To receive the reports from the Community Action Team - The Clerk had distributed written reports. She said the reporting process now included outcomes, dates visited and actions taken i.e. number of tickets issued. She referred to Ladycroft TRO (traffic regulation order) and said the required legal processes to allow enforcement were not yet complete even though the lines and signage were already in place.

35/23 To Appoint two members to the Bus Users Group – Cllr Davis nominated himself and Cllr Woolley, he was seconded by Cllr Gorse and all were in favour.

36/23 Report from the Regeneration Partnership – Cllr de Launey reminded members they were in receipt of privileged information that should not be disclosed outside of council meetings. Cllr Luter reminded everyone of training sessions for which they should contact the Clerk in the first instance. There were no questions on the report.

37/23 To consider holding a meeting in August – Cllr de Launey said by not meeting in August the Council Staff have the opportunity for a holiday therefore he would propose not to meet in August. He was seconded by Cllr Gorse and the following members voted in favour. Cllrs Davis, de Launey, Day, Barker, Ahmed, Cook, Latter, Gorse, Holding, Jobe, McGinn, Pierce, Snell, Williams, Woolley, Lowe Luter and Tomlinson, there were no votes against and no abstentions.

38/23 The next Full Council Meeting was agreed as Tuesday 12th September 2023

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