

# Wellington Town Council

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## POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2022

Meeting held face to face at Civic Offices on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 commencing at 7.00pm.

#### Present

Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE	Cllr J. Gorse	Cllr S Hall
Cllr A. McClements	Cllr M. Hosken	

**Also in attendance:** Cllr D. Roberts and K. Roper

- 131/21 Welcome** - The Deputy Chairman, Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE, acted as Chairman in the absence of the Cllr S. de Launey and welcomed members to the meeting.
- 132/21 Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were accepted from Cllr S. de Launey and Cllr L. Carter. The following members unanimously voted in agreement, Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE, Cllr M. Hosken, Cllr A. McClements, Cllr S. Hall, Cllr J. Gorse. There were no votes against and no abstentions.
- 133/21 Declarations of Interest** – The Deputy Chairman declared an interest in respect of agenda item 12 relating to the Orbit. The following members voted to accept his declaration, Cllr M. Hosken, Cllr A. McClements, Cllr S. Hall, Cllr J. Gorse. There were no votes against and Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE abstained.
- 134/21 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022** - The minutes were proposed as a true and accurate record by Cllr M. Hosken, he was seconded by Cllr J. Gorse. The following members voted in agreement Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE, Cllr M. Hosken, Cllr A. McClements, Cllr S. Hall, Cllr J. Gorse. There were no votes against and no abstentions.
- 135/21 Matters Arising**
- George Evans Tribute** – The Clerk had circulated the Signs of the Times link to the website. Members agreed to bring their ideas/ preferences for signage at the Peace Garden to the March meeting.
  - Cyclist Dismount Signs** - The Clerk said unofficial signs have been erected. The PCC funding had been approved and is just waiting for sign off by Telford Police.
  - SIDs** – Following an inspection by the manufacturers 2 units have been reset / realigned and one repositioned on North Road.
  - Office 365** – Installation is ongoing.
  - Queens Jubilee Trees** – One tree for each ward has been ordered and will be planted in accordance with an agreed schedule. Ward members would be invited to a photo shoot. Members asked what type of trees were they and when is the photo shoot.
  - Additional CCTV Cameras** – Cllr Carter had dedicated his Ward funding and the shortfall would be made up by the Town Council. Installation is imminent and would provide extra cover for the Town the church yard at All Saints and Ten Tree Croft.

- g. **Defib in Market Square** – The defib installation outside of the Orbit is complete and Heartstart has checked our other units at Brooklands and the Bowring. Members asked if there is a map showing where every unit is in Wellington. The Clerk would find out.
- h. **Bronze Award-** The Clerk said she had received confirmation that the application for the Armed Forces Covenant is now complete.

**136/21 Finance** - Cllr M. Hosken asked if the allowance due to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor had actually been paid, he asked the Clerk to check the situation. He then proposed acceptance of items a-d listed below, he was seconded by Cllr Gorse. The following members unanimously voted in agreement, Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE, Cllr M. Hosken, Cllr S. Hall, Cllr A. McClements, and Cllr J. Gorse. There were no votes against and no abstentions.

- a. **To agree receipts** for December 2021
- b. **To agree payments** for December 2021
- c. **To Agree Petty Cash** December 2021
- d. **Receipts/Payments** compared with budget as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021
- e. **To confirm the notification of the precept for 2022/23.** The Clerk confirmed that the Precept request had been signed by the Clerk, the Mayor and a Councillor and had been delivered to Telford and Wrekin on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.
- f. **To consider the options report for moving the Town Council Bank Account** – A written report from the Deputy Clerk had been circulated to members. Following consideration Cllr M. Hosken proposed the bank account remains with Barclays Bank and he was seconded by Cllr. A. McClements. Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE, Cllr M. Hosken, Cllr A. McClements, Cllr S. Hall and Cllr J. Gorse. voted in favour there were no votes against and no abstentions.

**137/21 To Consider Purchase of a petrol Back Pack Blower – estimated cost £350- £500** – This equipment was needed to remove heavy wet and compacted leaves from footpaths. Cllr M. Hosken proposed to purchase the above equipment, he was seconded by Cllr. A. McClements. Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE, Cllr M. Hosken, Cllr A. McClements, Cllr S. Hall, Cllr J. Gorse voted in favour. There were no votes against and no abstentions.

**138/21 To Consider taking on the Maintenance /Service Level Agreement for the Signs at the Station.-** The Clerk had circulated a contract that had arrived this morning. She reported that there was some urgency as the project was due to start on 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb and was in total worth approx. £45,000. Members said they had not had time to read the contract and needed more time to understand the project and exactly what was expected of the Town Council. Cllr Gorse proposed there is no action taken today and was seconded by Cllr A. McClements. The following members voted in favour Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE, Cllr M. Hosken, Cllr A. McClements, Cllr S. Hall, Cllr J. Gorse voted in favour. There were no votes against and no abstentions. S. Themans would be invited to attend a meeting.

**139/21 To consider grit bin provision** – The Clerk said this issue was still under investigation and she would report progress at the next meeting. Members asked for an audit of all the grit bins in Wellington.

**140/21 To receive an oral report from the Regeneration Partnership-** Cllr P. Morris-Jones MBE presented the report, there were no questions from members.

**141/21 To receive an update as loan guarantor for the Orbit.** – The Clerk said she was waiting for the agreement which she would bring to P&R when it arrived.

**142/21 To receive a report from the Community Action Team (including the WEST)–** The Clerk had circulated the written reports there were no further questions from members.

**143/21 The next meeting date was agreed as 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022**