

WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Council chamber, Civic Offices on Tuesday 14th September 2021, starting at 7.00pm

Present

Cllr. P. Davis (PD) Mayor	Cllr. D. Roberts (DR) Deputy Mayor	Cllr. P. Morris-Jones (PMJ) MBE
Cllr. S. Hall (SH)	Cllr. A. Lowe (AL)	Cllr. G. Luter (GL)
Cllr. J. Gorse (JG)	Cllr. J. Alvey (JA)	Cllr. C. Brittain (CB)
Cllr. L. Jinks (LJ)	Cllr. M. Hosken (MH)	Cllr. S. de Launey (SDL)
Cllr. L. Carter (LC)	Cllr. C. Barker (CB)	Cllr. P. Fairclough (PF)
Cllr. J. Pierce (JP)		

Also in attendance: Rev. T. Carter, A. Roberts Deputy Town Clerk and K. Roper Town Clerk.

34/21	Welcome - The Mayor thanked everyone for their patience regarding the Covid testing/shielding arrangements carried out this evening and reminded all present that the meeting would be broadcast on Facebook. He then invited Rev. Carter to say prayers.
35/21	Prayers – Rev. Carter thanked the Town Council for supporting the successful grant application for the church to upgrade its lighting. He then asked members to pray for the vaccines to remain effective and for all the schools and universities as they reopen after the summer break.
36/21	Apologies - Were received and approved from Cllrs. A. Mc Clements, G. Cook, U. Ahmed, J. Latter and K. Tomlinson.
37/21	Declarations of Interest – Were received and noted by Cllrs. Gorse, Luter and Davis in respect of Arleston Community Centre.
38/21	The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 13th July 2021 – were proposed as a true and accurate record by Cllr. Hosken, seconded by Cllr Jinks and unanimously approved by members.
39/21	Matters Arising From those Minutes – None as all are covered in committee reports.

To receive and note the reports of the following Committees.**a) Policy and Resources 3rd August – Cllr de Launey highlighted the following points from the minutes;**

- Ref 47/21 Alternative Banking arrangements were still being sought – Cllr Alvey suggested the Halifax and Nationwide could also be explored. Cllr de Launey said this had been considered previously and the former building societies did not seem to have the type of ‘business’ account needed by the Council.
- Ref 54/21 Devolved Powers are now returned to Full Council
- Confidential minutes detailed a report from the Parade Toilets.

b) Policy and Resources 7th September - Cllr de Launey highlighted the following points from the minutes;

- Cllr Gorse said that training on the new Code of Conduct was requested. The Clerk said the Monitoring Office was looking at suitable dates.
- Planter surrounds are in place and look good.
- Police and Crime Commissioner had agreed to attend the November meeting of P&R. All members will be invited.
- Parade Toilets – The grant had been received for the solar panels so this project will now go ahead with the agreed funding top up from the town council. The security door and alarm were to be upgraded and the contract was extended up to 2024. Cllr Alvey asked how the 3 x cleaning visits were to be policed, Cllr de Launey said staff would continue monitoring the work as before.
- Cllr Jinks said the Bowring Café tenants had requested attendance at tonight’s meeting but had been refused.
 - The Cllr de Launey said he had asked the Clerk to email the tenants today in response to a social media post saying they were totally refurbishing the internal space at the café. The purpose was to remind the tenants they need permission to make changes to the building otherwise they are in breach of their tenancy agreement.
 - Cllr Alvey said that people are not aware of who funds the fantastic park facilities and suggested a plaque is erected.
 - Cllr Barker suggested a rounded view is taken of the park and café
 - Cllr Jinks suggested a detailed discussion is held. This would be set up with the tenants.
 - Cllr Hosken asked for an update on the damaged wall that was hit by a vehicle. Cllr Carter said this was in hand but there were problems in obtaining the right stone to make the repair.

c) Planning Committee – Cllr Luter proposed the planning minutes of 14th July, 4th Aug, 16th Aug. Cllr Lowe expressed his disappointment that the issue of the New Works Solar Farm was not being brought to full council for discussion and that the offer of a presentation from Greentech was not accepted. Cllr Luter said that planning have delegated powers to make decisions on behalf of the council and the application was not in our parish. Everyone was invited to the meeting where this issue was discussed and anyone can make a submission via the planning portal. Cllr Lowe said he felt it was a lost opportunity not to hear/ learn from Greentech. Cllr Luter said the decision was unanimous and he felt that further discussion was not a good use of Full Council’s time. The Mayor closed the discussion.**d) Events and Communications Committee – Cllr Carter moved the minutes of 27th Jul & 24th Aug and there were no questions.**

41/21	<p>Adoption of updated Standing Orders</p> <p>Adoption of updated Financial Standing Orders</p> <p>Adoption of the new Code of Conduct</p> <p>Cllr Hosken proposed the acceptance / adoption of the above documents, he was seconded by Cllr. Carter and all members unanimously agreed.</p>
42/21	<p>7.35pm The Mayor asked Councillors to witness his signing of the Armed Forces Covenant.</p>
43/21	<p>Wellington Regeneration Partnership Meeting held 18th August 2021-</p> <p>Cllr de Launey said he was happy to answer any questions on the circulated minutes. He said there would be an announcement tomorrow reporting on £2.7M funding awarded from the Towns Deal Fund and that the Borough would be making up the shortfall to bring the total back to £3M for Wellington. £1M had already been spent from the accelerated fund and the Town Council would take a loan of £0.5M bringing the total fund in excess of £4.5M.</p> <p>Cllr Carter thanked Cllr de Launey for all his efforts working through the Partnership and lobbying to secure the funding which will make a real difference to Wellington. Cllr Lowe proposed a round of applause for the Regeneration Partnership.</p> <p>Cllr Morris-Jones MBE said the market is now doing well and new businesses are coming forward, the Square is looking fantastic and it was great to see such positivity and investment.</p>
44/21	<p>Wellington Conservation Area Working Group Meeting 10th August 2021 – Cllr Jinks presented the minutes and there were no questions from members.</p>
45/21	<p>To Receive a Report from the Climate Change Emergency Working Group meeting of 2nd September 2021. Cllr Lowe presented the minutes and there were no questions. Surfers Against Sewage had approved the wording of the resolution made at the last meeting and a steering committee would now be set up. He reminded members that he and others would be handing out information to people in the Square on Sat 25th. PD said events were planned with retailers / pubs to raise awareness of green/ plastic free initiative. An application will be made to the next P&R meeting to request £1,000 funding.</p>
46/21	<p>The date of the next meeting was agreed as 12th October 2021</p>

Chairman.....12th October 2021