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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes for the meeting held at the Wellington Civic Offices on Tuesday 11th October 2016 commencing at 7:05pm.

Present:

Cllr P Morris-Jones MBE, Mayor	Cllr D Roberts
Cllr D Allen- Deputy Mayor	Cllr J Gorse
Cllr A McClements	Cllr S Hall
Cllr J Alvey	Cllr P McCarthy
Cllr S deLauney	Cllr F Burns
Cllr L Carter	Cllr R Perkins
Cllr K Tomlinson	

In attendance: - 4 members of the public, Karen Roper - Town Clerk, Rev. Richard Kirby - All Saints Church, Cat Slayter - Veolia, Adam Brookes - Telford & Wrekin and Fay Easton - Team Wellington.

56/16 Welcome – The Mayor

Cllr Morris-Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Rev. Richard Kirby to lead the prayers.

57/16 Presentation - The Mayor presented Rev. Kirby with a shield and a card on behalf of the Council, he was thanked for his valued friendship and the enormous amount of work he had done for Wellington. Rev Kirby responded saying he was sad to leave as he had enjoyed living and working in Wellington and he felt this Council works hard, doing a great job and had always punched above its weight.

58/16 Veolia – Cat Slayter - Members received a presentation showcasing the new recycling site and new recycling targets including food waste collections and work with schools. Questions were asked about the food collections and instructions given to operatives dealing with the public at the site. Ms Slayter said their operatives are asked to be as helpful as possible and if this is not happening she would like to know.

59/16 Parking – Adam Brookes from Telford & Wrekin – Members were informed of the process and timescale of installation and enforcement. He asked for a united approach with the Town Council to communicate the fact that parking still remains free for 3 hours and no return for a further 2 hours. Cllr McClements reported that a working group which included representation from the Chamber and the Markets needs a member from the Town Council to discuss the next stages for the longer stay car parks at a meeting in November. Cllr Burns asked about the layby at All Saints Church, Adam said this had not yet been resolved. Cllr Roberts commented on the newly painted restrictions on Wrekin Road Adam said this was experimental at this point.

60/16 Team Wellington – The Clerk had distributed a written report to members. Fay Easton gave members overview of the current economic position in the Town Centre. She also gave an update of the Team’s progress of actuals against targets plus additional outputs including requesting support for the project to change the Co-Operative Bank into a town centre retail and business hub. She added that events bring people into the town and the success of the Festival should be converted into commercial gain. Cllr Carter said he welcomed what Fay had said and congratulated her on her achievements made with very little finance adding that both the Town and the Borough should continue to back Team Wellington. Cllr McCarthy agreed that events should be held in the town centre to support businesses and that we should make the most of the assets we have. It was reported that the Market premises get used for only 18% of the week and it could be negotiated with them to develop an area of the property become a venue. A business plan would be drawn up to develop and weather proof the area. The Mayor thanked Fay for her efforts and confirmed that the whole council was very supportive of her work.

61/16 Apologies - Were received from, Cllrs Fairclough, Tillotson, Hosken, Lowe, Fikeis, Cook, Brittain and Mason Morris. Members proposed and agreed acceptance of the apologies.

62/16 Declarations on Interest – Cllr Carter asked for his interest in the PCSO resolution to be noted as he would be signing off the contract at Telford and Wrekin.

63/16 Mayors’ Report on Activities

15 th September 2016	TSB Bank Cake auction for Hospice
24 th September 2016	Arleston Exhibition – Open event Wellington Festival- Launch Lions Charter Night Dinner
25 th September 2016	Wem Mayor’s Civic Service Wellington Mayor’s Civic Service
29 th September 2016	Macmillan Nurses Fundraiser @ Wickets Inn
1 st October 2016	March – Princess Royal Hospital Support the opening of Wellington Beer Festival
2 nd October 2016	Remembrance Service for Black People at the Peace Garden Memorial
6 th October 2016	Photo Shoot Vehicle Handover WEST Team
7 th October 2016	Wellington Festival Launch

64/16 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th September 2016.
It was proposed by Cllr deLauney, 2nd Cllr Perkins and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting Full Council meeting held on 13th September 2016 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a true and accurate record.

65/16 Matters arising from those Minutes.
Identification of meeting dates for planning for Wellington Town Council (taking forward the Visioning event report) and the Governance Working Group – it was agreed that the Clerk should send out 2 dates for taking forward the Visioning Report meeting and hold the meeting on the most popular date. It was commented that the Governance Working Group will be considered with as one of the subjects dealt with by the Visioning Working Group Report.

66/16 To receive the minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to consider and deal with the recommendations therein.

66:16:1 Planning Committee dated 14/09/16 and 05/10/16

Cllr Alvey presented the minutes of the meeting dated 14/09/16, these were seconded by Cllr Gorse. He drew attention to application number minute number 70/16 and reported that the Clerk had received assurances by T&W officers that there had been no planning breach. The

Clerk reported the minutes of 5th October 2016 were emailed to members. These were presented by Cllr Alvey and seconded by Cllr deLauney as a true record. Cllr Alvey drew members attention to Application TWC/2016/0840, land between Arleston Lane and Dawley Road. He stated that members had objected strongly as this was not in the Local Plan and the outline planning consent had been originally approved on the basis of the provision of an Extra Care Facility and this had not been included. Additionally, access and egress of the site was considered difficult because of the narrow bridge. It was RESOLVED by members that the minutes be received and action taken be endorsed.

66:16:2 Promotions & Liaison Committee dated 28/09/16

Cllr Tomlinson said her apologies were given to the Clerk but not noted on the minutes. Cllr Carter reported on the presentation made by Charlotte Caine relating to T&W's website 'Destination Telford' and the visitor event taking place on 2nd November. The Council would be represented by an officer. Cllr Roberts asked if this Council still pays a membership fee to be a member of Destination Telford. Cllr Carter said no fee is currently paid unless we decide to be part of the Destination Telford website paying £5,000 for setting up and £1,000 per year for maintenance, he said that further discussions would take place. The question about ex-officio and co-opted members of the Council being able to vote to ensure future meetings are quorate has been referred to the Governance Review Group. The indoor Market Plan Stalls plan was being drawn up. Cllr Alvey said the Carnival would be held in the Town Centre next year. Cllr Carter said the Christmas events seemed to be moving along well. He updated members on the on the shop frontage work, Cllr Roberts asked that the work is of a better quality than the previous project. Cllr Carter proposed the minutes as a true record this was 2nd by Cllr Hall and accepted by members.

66:16:3 Wellington Festival Committee

The Clerk distributed a written progress report from Cllr Mason-Morris. Cllr Alvey presented the minutes of 15th September, these were seconded by Cllr Allen and agreed by the meeting. The festival was going very well and there was an appeal to members to volunteer to assist at the beginning and end of the events. Cllr Mason Morris and her family were thanked for all their hard work.

66:16:4 Policy & Resources (P&R) Committee:

Cllr deLauney presented the minutes of 4th October 2016 and brought members attention to minute ref 65/16 requesting a word change on 4th line from 'Square' to Wellington Centre.

Matters arising from those minutes:

- **Office Move** – The tenders have not yet been received and the process has been referred to the legal officer at Telford and Wrekin following a query on the legality of the move.
- **Gas works Bench** – Cllr Burns asked for sensitive promotion of this project.
- **Wellington Environmental Services** - The vehicle has been delivered and extensive promotion of the project requested. The appointment of the Apprentice is timetabled for November and a working arrangement would be presented to the next P&R. Cllr Burns requested a meeting of the Working Party is arranged as soon as possible.
- **Budget Timetable** – A first draft of the 2017/18 budget will be presented to the November P&R. There will be a 2 month consultation, discussion and debate period with the final decision reported to the January 2017 meeting.
- **Referendum Proposals** – Cllr deLauney explained the proposal from the Department of Communities and Local Government to extend the referendum principals to Parish and Town Councils. Members agreed to support NALC in its opposition.

- **Bank Account** – Members were informed of the problems staff have experienced with moving the Bank Account.
- **Mythstories** - Members agreed to provide a letter of support for this organisation.

Following the word change, the Minutes were proposed by Cllr deLauney as a true record, 2nd by Cllr Hall and agreed by members.

66:16:5 Grants Panel held on 4th October 2016

Cllr deLauney presented the Grants Evening minutes and explained that the panel had considered applications who met the criteria and had contacted the others to say they would be considered the next time around as long as they provide the requested information. Cllr Alvey expressed his concern at some of the awards given and was assured the panel had held a full and detailed discussion to arrive at the presented recommendations. Cllr deLauney proposed acceptance of the recommendations this was seconded by Cllr Burns and Resolved by the Full Council.

67/16 Wellington Partnership Meeting on 19th September 2016.

Cllr Roberts presented her report that informed members of the decision to make the Partnership dormant but to ensure it could be reactivated if needed in the future. Acceptance of Cllr Robert's report was proposed by Cllr Burns, 2nd by Cllr deLauney and agreed by the Full council.

68/16 Bowring Working Group

Cllr Roberts commented that the Café opening hours are not set and suggested that they should be identified with the tenant and agreed if the toilet opening hours were to be linked. Summer bedding plants would not be planted by the Borough in 2017, this issue would need to be identified in the 2017/18 budget.

69/16 Anti-Social Behaviour Order

The Clerk reported that she had attended a meeting of officers representing various services to consider the problems and possible solutions in Wellington. The overwhelming message coming forward was to ensure incidents are recorded so the intelligence can be utilised to inform future actions. Cllr Gorse said she felt the information distributed by Team Wellington gave a negative image and she did not see why Town Council staff should be acting as receptionists for the Police. She also commented that the anti-social behaviour problems should be solved rather than displaced to other areas. The Clerk said current intelligence was that the English Defence League event was not identifying any particular area for their demonstration possibly taking place on 5th November. Local traders have agreed to stay open as normal.

70/16 MOTION: PCSO - Proposed by Cllr deLauney 2nd by Cllr Burns

To resolve to work with T&W Council to take on financing (of up to £15,000 per annum) to provide a PCSO post for a period of 6 years with partner, Newport Town Council provided that the resource has the ability to enforce parking restrictions on the public highway.

Councillor Carter abstained from the vote. Remaining members were all in agreement with the resolution.

71/16 MOTION #PRH4Me campaign- Proposed by Cllr Alvey and 2nd by Cllr Carter.

Following the recent march, Cllr Alvey gave an impassioned speech in support of this motion. Cllr McCarthy said this is a national problem about Government reducing its spending on Health. He felt the situation is divisive and we should be fighting for both Shrewsbury and Telford hospitals to be funded appropriately.

The following proposal was put;

Wellington Town Council believes that any downgrading of services at the PRH would be detrimental to the residents in this area. Wellington Town Council fully supports the #PRH4Me campaign, the PRH and the services it provides, and wish to show how valued the hospital is in this town and encourage residents to also pledge their support for the PRH.

Councillor McCarthy abstained from the vote. Remaining members were all in agreement with the resolution.

- 72/16 MOTION 2020 Project Board** – Cllr deLauney requested a word change to the motion as given on the agenda deleting Square and replacing with ‘*Wellington Centre*’. The amended motion was 2nd by Cllr Burns. Cllr deLauney explained the purpose of the motion was to allow further investigation into the future purchase of property in line with the 2020 Vision document.

The following proposal was put:

‘That Wellington Town Council should work in partnership with Telford & Wrekin Council to develop a business case to purchase property in Wellington Centre.’

Members voted in agreement with the resolution.

- 73/16 Request from Mythstories** – to provide a letter of support, members voted and supported the request - Town Clerk to action.

74/16 Items for Information

- Cllr Burns requested further IT training dates. Cllr Hall said that earlier this week an ICT committee meeting had been held and it was agreed that a questionnaire would be circulated to all Councillors to assess members’ views and future training needs.

- 75/16 The meeting was closed at 21.00hrs and the date of the next meeting was agreed as 8th November 2016.**

Signed8th November 2016