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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes for the meeting held at the Wellington Civic Offices on Tuesday 13th December 2016 commencing at 7:05pm.

Present:

Cllr P Morris-Jones MBE, Mayor	Cllr D Roberts	Cllr J Gorse
Cllr D Allen- Deputy Mayor	Cllr S deLauney	Cllr G Cook
Cllr A McClements	Cllr L Carter	Cllr P Fairclough
Cllr S Hall	Cllr F Burns	Cllr A Lowe
Cllr J Alvey	Cllr R Perkins	Cllr S Fikeis

In attendance: - 3 members of the public, Karen Roper - Town Clerk and Reverend Tim Carter from All Saints Church.

86/16 Welcome – The Mayor

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

87/16 Apologies - Were received from, Cllrs McCarthy, Mason-Morris, Tomlinson, Brittain, Hosken and Tillotson. Members proposed and agreed acceptance of the apologies.

88/16 Declarations of Interests – None were declared at this time.

89/16 Mayors' Report on Activities – The Mayor informed members of the following events he had attended over the past month.

11 th November 2016	Remembrance Service
12 th November 2016	Open new stall Sue's Organic Foods
13 th November 2016	Remembrance Service and Parade- All Saints
16 th November 2016	Fact Finding Visit to Hereford re: Face Watch
19 th November 2016	Overnight with Wellington Street Pasteur's
26 th November 2016	Christmas Lights Switch On
26 th November 2016	Dinner with Prostrate Cancer Support Group
28 th November 2016	School Visit to St Patricks Primary
30 th November 2016	Pub Watch meeting
1 st December 2016	Carol Service Telford & Wrekin
3 rd December 2016	Dothill Nature Reserve
4 th December 2016	Civic Society Dinner - Buckatree

11 th December 2016	Wellington Town Council Civic Carol Service
12 th December 2016	Dinner with RAF Veterans at the Swan

90/16 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th November 2016.

It was proposed by Cllr Alvey, 2nd Cllr Carter and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 8th November 2016 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a true and accurate record.

91/16 Matters arising from those Minutes

- **#PRH4Me campaign update** - The Clerk reported on proposals made by the NHS Future Fit board that had recommended downgrading A&E at Telford's Princess Royal Hospital to an urgent care centre and moving women's and children's services to Shrewsbury. On 12.12.16 representatives of Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Groups voted not to support the proposals. The Mayor suggested a letter of support is sent from Wellington Town Council to Shaun Davies at Telford and Wrekin, this was proposed by Cllr Alvey, 2nd by Cllr deLauney and agreed by members.
- **Parking Ticket Machines** – Cllr McClements said the decision not to install the parking ticket machines until January 2017 was made to avoid disruption and confusion to Christmas shoppers. A meeting would be held with the Town Council, Chamber of Commerce, Market Company and Nigel Newman (from communications at Telford and Wrekin Council) to agree how to promote the scheme. Decisions around long stay parking need to be fully discussed. Cllr Morris –Jones said the public have a perception that this scheme is a forerunner to charging and this needs to be refuted.

92/16 To receive the minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to consider and deal with the recommendations therein.

92:16:1 Planning Committee dated 16/11/16

Cllr Alvey presented the minutes of the meeting dated 16/11/16, these were seconded by Cllr Gorse. It was RESOLVED by members that the minutes be received and action taken be endorsed. Cllr Burns said the last meeting was not quorate so the next meeting has been called for 21st December.

92:16:2 Wellington Festival Committee 18/11/16

Cllr Alvey presented the minutes of the above meeting, these were 2nd by Cllr Allen. Cllr Alvey said the festival may be split into Spring and Autumn as the organisers found it demanding to manage 3 weeks of events in one go. There have been many good comments received. Donations amounting to £1,300 will be ring fenced towards next year's events.

92:16:3 Policy & Resources (P&R) Committee 6/12/16

Cllr deLauney presented the minutes of 6th December 2016 these were seconded by Cllr Burns and agreed by members.

The following points were highlighted;

- **Parade Toilets** – Cllr deLauney informed members of the success of the Parade toilet staff, again winning the Loo of the Year Award at Platinum level in the category of Best Bus Station and Station Toilets. Our senior staff member was also nominated for the national attendant of the year award. In recognition, staff members were transported to the presentation lunch in Birmingham to collect their award. Members commented that the award could not have taken into account access from the Train Station as this is very poor. Cllr deLauney suggested this issue be referred to the Visioning Group.
- **PCSO** – Cllr deLauney reported that Tom Harding had been appointed as the new Superintendent Policing Commander and this had slowed the process of developing a service level agreement with the Police whilst he settled in to his new post. A meeting to discuss a service level agreement has been requested.
- **Wellington Environmental Services** - The Apprentice was reportedly settling in to his

role well. Members were asked to continue to identify hot spot areas so these could be programmed into the work schedule.

- **Office Move** – A delay in the tendering process put back the report from December to the January 2017 meeting. It had therefore been agreed that there would be an extraordinary meeting of P&R on 17th January to discuss the findings and to report back to Full Council in February. Cllr Burns reported that following the Civic Centre Management meeting today it had been requested that work continues on the legal documents and officers were being pressed to progress with the work.
- **Personnel** – Cllr deLauney proposed that if there were any queries on this item that they should be taken in closed session, this was 2nd by Cllr Lowe and agreed by members.

There being no further questions, members agreed that the minutes be accepted and the proposed actions endorsed.

92:16:4 Bowring Working Group – Cllr Morris Jones MBE presented the minutes as a true record. He reported on a six year deal that had been proposed with the Borough Council to secure the planting of the Bowring flower beds. The minutes and actions were seconded by Cllr deLauney and agreed by the Council.

92:16:5 Vision Working Group - Cllr Burns said the Group would be meeting on 14th December to continue working on presenting a proposed action plan to the Council.

92:16:6 Promotions & Liaison Committee dated 30/11/16

Cllr Allen presented the minutes which were 2nd by Cllr Hall and it was RESOLVED by members that they be received and action taken be endorsed.

93/16 Motion presented by Cllr Gorse in the absence of both Cllr McCarthy and his seconder Cllr Mason Morris.

The mayor invited Cllr Gorse to propose the following:

Wellington Town Council believes that people drinking in public spaces creates an intimidating environment for those visiting Wellington Centre. We therefore call upon Telford and Wrekin Council to allow our police force the power to confiscate alcohol being consumed in the open in the environs of All Saints Church and on the Highways radiating into Wellington Centre i.e Church Street, Duke Street, Market Street, Station Road, New Street, The Parade, Bell Street, Walkers Street, Tan Bank. We believe that a 'Public Space Protection Order' would give police the requisite powers to deal with this blight in our retail Centre

The following amendment to the above motion was presented by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Alvey

*Wellington Town Council believes that people drinking in public spaces creates an intimidating environment for those visiting Wellington Centre. **We therefore compel a working group of this Council to work with Telford & Wrekin to consider and advise the best way forward** to allow our police force the power to confiscate alcohol being consumed in the in the open in the environs of All Saints Church and on the Highways radiating into Wellington Centre i.e Church Street, Duke Street, Market Street, Station Road, New Street, The Parade, Bell Street, Walkers Street, Tan Bank. We believe that a 'Public Space Protection Order' would give police the requisite powers to deal with this blight in our retail Centre*

The Mayor put the amended motion, presented by Cllr Carter to the vote and the amended motion was upheld by the Council.

94/16 Report from Inspector Gary Wade;

Inspector Wade said a Public Space Protection Order stops people drinking but this means everyone and is a draconian measure.

Actions taken so far:

- Attendance at the ASBRAC meeting had resulted in the following actions
 - Town Council recording and passing on information about incidents to the Police
 - A Crime Prevention Survey being compiled
 - A CCTV survey has been compiled and there are currently 14 cameras in the town but if there are any incidents the date and time needs to be notified as they are unmanned.
 - A risk assessment being done on 10-12 known individuals
 - A street Drinking Charter has been implemented in Wellington similar to that in Hadley to making it unacceptable to drink and urinate in the street.
 - Pubwatch scheme is being introduced to get licensees to work together. A request at the first meeting asked for administrative support which the Chamber is providing.
 - The Mayor, Clerk and Frank from the Chamber of Commerce had been on a fact finding visit to Hereford to see how Face Watch might help Town Centre businesses. A written report had been circulated and the Police Inspector said he would support this project.
 - It was noted that Wellington has a disproportionate concentration of service providers and therefore vulnerable people requiring the services they provide.
 - A heightened Police presence was reported in the town over the festive period and the installation of personal body cameras for officers is planned for early next year.
 - Portable CCTV for the churchyard area was being looked into by the Police legal team but would need to take into account the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

95/16 To Form a Working Party to take forward Anti-Social Behaviour Measures -

It was agreed that Group Leaders (or nominated representatives) form a working group to take forward Anti-Social Behaviour measures. Date agreed for first meeting as Thursday 26th January at 3.00pm.

96/16 Items for Information –

- The Mayor announced that Cllr Lowe was bike riding on 18.4.17 to the Eiffel Tower and he had requested the Councils' support for this and other fund raising events benefitting the Hospice.
- Cllr Roberts informed Council that the Shropshire Wildlife Trust funding bid had failed.
- Cllr Roberts informed the Council that the bus station had improved its notice board signs

97/16 The Date of the Next Meeting was agreed as 10th January 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed10th January 2017