

# Wellington Town Council

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## **PROMOTIONS & LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held at the Wellington Civic Offices on **Wednesday 30th August 2017** commencing at 11.00am.

### **Present:**

Cllr S Fikeis	Eric Westwood
Cllr D Roberts	Ross Vickers
Cllr C Mason-Morris	John Sweetland
Cllr J Alvey	Kevin Tanner
Cllr S Hall	Nathan Meunch
	Hollie Whittle
	Tim Carter

**In attendance:** Andrew Roberts – Deputy Town Clerk and Kirsty Shuttleworth

### **35/17 Welcome and Introductory Remarks**

Cllr Fikeis welcomed the Committee to the meeting. The Chair welcomed PCSO Amanda Hall to the meeting who was in attendance to provide an update in relation to West Mercia Police and their work in Wellington. She referred to the regular Anti-Social behaviour activities that occurred within the Town and the recent reported acts of disturbance within All Saints Churchyard. It was acknowledged that drinking was still taking place on the Churchyard. Members were informed that she was investigating as to whether a claim for funding could be submitted to the Crime Prevention Officer for single seats that would possibly assist in a reduction of incidents. Revd Tim Carter commented that he felt that a new group of individuals had commenced gathering in the Churchyard. PCSO Hall confirmed that she had raised the ongoing issues to the current officers would continue to monitor the situation.

Ross Vickers commented that on two occasions he had requested the group of people to move as they detracted from the ceremonies. Amanda Hall responded by stating that she was aware that officers had also on a number of occasions had also requested people to move away from the churchyard, and indicated that their requests were also followed. She confirmed that these requests could be lodged

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with the police, although she could not guarantee an immediate response. Amanda Hall then provided an update in relation to the developing Pubwatch Scheme and confirmed that the first meeting would be held on Thursday 7 September with the intention of initially forming a Pubwatch group, which will appoint the principal officers to the Committee. The meeting was informed that if the initial Pubwatch scheme proved successful consideration would then be given in extending the scheme to local shops within the Town Centre. Members also raised issues in relation to the on-going drug dealing within the town, with some taking place in licensed premises. Amanda confirmed that this could be raised within the Pubwatch meetings. Reference was also made to some of the Polish shops in the Town continuing to sell alcohol to customers despite them presenting evidence that they were drunk already. Amanda confirmed that she was already thinking about staging a meeting particularly for the Polish Community and raise this issue. Following a further discussion it was agreed that Amanda would attend the December meeting of the Promotions & Liaison Committee in order to provide a further update.

**36/17 Apologies for Absence** – apologies were received from Cllr McClements, Caroline Mulvihill, Fay Easton, Jean Wordsworth and Bob Coalbran. Apologies were noted and accepted.

**37/17 Declarations of Interest** – None were declared at this point.

**38/17 To confirm the minutes from the last meeting – Wednesday 26th July 2017.**

These were proposed by Cllr Mason-Morris, seconded by Cllr Fikeis and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th July 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman of the meeting as a true and accurate record.

**39/17 Matters arising from those minutes:**

The Clerk referred members to Minute number 33/17 of the previous meeting in relation to the Wellington hour on Twitter it was pointed out that the time should have read 8:00-9:00pm and not am as stated.

Minute Number 29/17(i): Lamp post poppies – members requested as to whether the requested information was to hand – the Clerk reported that as far as he could ascertain the further additional information was not to hand. There was some further discussion as to whether white poppies could be obtained. It was agreed that this particular enquiry would be raised with the RBL and reported back to a future meeting of the Committee with this item being deferred until a later date.

Minute Number 29/17: Friends of Wellington Station: Ross Vickers confirmed that he had emailed Cllr Lee Carter, Cllr Angela McClements and Karen Roper in relation to the provision of disabled access to and from the Train Station, and that this should be pursued further. Kevin Tanner commented that this should have been included in the recent Transport Infrastructure bid that had been submitted by Telford & Wrekin Council.

**40/17 Correspondence:**

**1) Defibrillators**

Amanda Hall reported that she had recently spoken with Cllr Lee Carter and that she had received a quotation but that the location needed to be identified.

Members noted that there were currently defibrillators located at the Wellington Health Centre and the T&W Leisure Centre, although it was pointed out that the Health Centre was only accessible when the practice was open.

**2) Friends of Wellington Station**

Members received the tabled report that had been submitted by Fay Easton, in her absence from the meeting. Whilst the report was noted Cllr Mason-Morris questioned how the output benefits were calculated. Kevin Tanner indicated that they may be based on the value of volunteer time.

**41/17 Forthcoming Events Calendar and additional events for 2017/2018**

The following events were raised by Members at the meeting:

Telford 50<sup>th</sup> Celebrations: Cllr Roberts indicated that she had contacted Telford & Wrekin with a borough wide celebratory event that could be initiated which would be centred on a website which acknowledged and recorded the historical aspects of the Borough.

Cllr Mason-Morris referred to the planned International Womens Day Celebration Event she confirmed that a meeting would be held on 6 September in order to discuss the proposed programme further.

Cllr Fikeis referred members to the West Mercia Police Open Day to be held at Malinsgate Police Station on 24<sup>th</sup> September between the hours of 12:00-4:00 it was also intended that the West Mercia PCC John Campion would be in attendance.

Exhibition staged by the Wrekin Photographic Club would be staged at the Belfry with the event being opened by Cllr Mason-Morris as Deputy Mayor.

**42/17 Wellington Festival: Update report:**

Councillor Mason-Morris reported that arrangements for this year's Festival had now been finalised and that the final Festival Programme was awaiting return from the printers.

**43/17 Walkers are Welcome:**

Cllr Roberts provided the report on behalf of Walkers are Welcome. She confirmed that the Annual Walking Festival would be held from 11 September to the 17 October 2017, and that the programmes were now available. In particular she made reference to the planned re-launch of the Shropshire Way which would be held on the evening of 11 September at Wrekin College, commencing at 7:30pm to which all Members had been invited. However it was noted that this was the same night of the Town Council Full Council meeting.

**44/17 To receive information on other future events and activities.**

Kevin Tanner confirmed that the Wellington LA21 Group AGM would be held on 28 September 2017, at the Wellington Library commencing at 7:30pm.

Holly Whittle confirmed that the Chamber of Commerce being the Chamber AGM would be held on 26 September at the Wellington Library, commencing at 5:00pm.

Hollie confirmed that Sally Teomans from Bridgnorth would be in attendance at the meeting, to which all were invited to attend.

Kevin Tanner reported that he had initial discussion with Cllr Shaun Davies, Leader of Telford & Wrekin Council about the possibility of staging a borough wide LGBT event in the future.

**45/17 To agree date and time of next meeting – Wednesday 27th September 2017 at 11.00am.**

Signed .....27th September 2017