

# Wellington Town Council

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## **FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at the Wellington Civic Offices on Tuesday 11th July 2017 commencing at 7:05pm.

### **Present:**

Cllr C Mason-Morris – Deputy Mayor	Cllr A McClements	Cllr J Gorse
Cllr S Hall	Cllr J Alvey	Cllr G Cook
Cllr F Burns	Cllr A Lowe	Cllr S deLauney
Cllr P Morris-Jones MBE	Cllr L. Jinks	Cllr G Luter
Cllr L Carter	Cllr P McCarthy	Cllr D Roberts
Cllr C Brittain		

**In attendance** – 6 members of the public, Reverend Tim Carter from All Saints Church and Andrew Roberts – Deputy Town Clerk.

**Introduction and Welcome** – The Deputy Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that she was acting as Chair for the meeting as a result of Cllr Allen being currently unwell – she wished to pass on her and the Council's best wishes to Cllr Allen. She then called on Reverend Carter to take prayers. The Deputy Mayor thanked Reverend Carter and invited him to remain for the rest of the meeting.

**30/17 Apologies** – Were received from Cllrs. Allen and Hosken. Members proposed and agreed acceptance of the apologies.

**31/17 Declarations of Interests** – None were declared at this time.

**32/17 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 13th June 2017** – It was proposed by Cllr Alvey seconded by Cllr Gorse and **RESOLVED BY MEMBERS** to accept the minutes as a true record.

### **33/17 Matters Arising –**

**Civic Pride** – Members were referred to the previous discussion that had taken place at the previous Full Council meeting. The Clerk confirmed that he had nothing to raise within this particular item. By way of clarification Cllr Morris-Jones repeated his comments that he had made and stated that all Town Councillors should give their best commitment both at meetings and civic events. Cllr Gorse stated that the item had been referred back to the Policy & Resources Committee and that she considered that Cllr Morris-Jones was being unfair towards those members who did not live in Wellington and towards the office staff. Cllr Jinks stated that she did live in Wellington, and pointed out that there were only a handful of Town Councillors were present at the recent POW event, Lions Day on Wheels and the Civic Service. Cllr Carter stated that he would not wish to be judged on his commitment towards the Town purely based on the number of meetings or Civic events that he attended to be the base measurement on how committed he was towards the Town. He cited the recent work

that had been undertaken by him and the staff in tackling the issues of the waste in the alleyway at Bell Street, and the determined manner in which this issue was resolved. Cllr Morris-Jones re-confirmed that it was not his intention to insult anybody personally but that he wished to have a position where Town Council members showed their support for the Town.

**34/17 To receive the Minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to consider and deal with the recommendations therein.**

**34.1 Planning Committee - Minutes of meeting held on 14th June 2017** – Were presented by Cllr Alvey, seconded by Cllr Cook and agreed by members as a true record.

**34.2 Promotions & Liaison Committee meeting held on 28th June 2017** – Councillor Carter presented the minutes which were seconded by Cllr Mason-Morris and agreed by members as a true record.

**Flag Flying Policy** – Cllr Carter reported that following the previous meeting of Promotions & Liaison Committee this matter had been referred to the Policy & Resources Committee.

**Roadworks Improvements** – Cllr McClements reminded members of the request of Telford & Wrekin Council to provide a list of roads that were considered to be possibly the subject of future road improvements within the Borough. Members were further informed that there would be scope for any identified extra areas that could also be included within any future programme.

**34.3 Wellington Festival Committee Meeting held on 15th June 2017** – Cllr Mason-Morris confirmed that there were no minutes for this meeting as it had been cancelled. Noted.

**34.4 Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on 4th July 2017** – Cllr deLauney presented the minutes seconded by Cllr Lowe and agreed by members.

- **Defibrillator** – Cllr deLauney stated that the identification of an appropriate location within the Town Centre was currently being explored.
- **Smell** – Cllr Burns wished to complement the staff with their efforts and determination to ensure that Severn Trent undertook the required works in order to alleviate this problem.
- **Murals** – Cllr deLauney referred members to the latest mural that had been installed at Market Street, which had been noted was excellent.
- **Parking** – Cllr deLauney reported by way of update on the effects of car parking within the Town following installation of the Car Parking Machines within the Short Stay Car parks. It was noted that the car parking issue had now eased. He reported that the Car Parking Working Group would now consider the long stay car parking situation.
- **Bank Account** – Cllr Morris-Jones reminded members that the intention in moving the Bank Account was in order for the Town Council to proceed with a bank that was based in the Town, the Committee had acknowledged that any new bank account should be the most effective account that could be operated by the Council staff, and that a cost analysis would be undertaken
- **Chewing Gum Removal** – Cllr deLauney reported that various options continued to be examined in particular a machine that could be operated during the day under the operation of the WEST team was also being considered.
- **Bowring Pavilion** – Cllr deLauney referred members to the update report as detailed within the Committee meeting minutes.
- **Visioning Event** – Cllr deLauney referred members to this particular minute. He reminded members that initially it had been agreed to approach Professor Copus to undertake a further Vision Event, but this had then been subsequently questioned by the Labour Group. He further confirmed that an approach could be made to Rob Francis, who was the author of the Vision 2020 Report and that it had been agreed that this matter would be the subject of discussions at a future Policy & Resources Committee meeting.

There was a general discussion on the future visioning that could be undertaken by the Town Council and how this would be formulated into any developing Plan.

- **Office Move** – Cllr deLauney referred members to the indicative plans that had been submitted with the agenda papers for this meeting. Cllr Morris-Jones stated that two months had now elapsed and he expressed concern that there was no signage and further expressed concern that staff members were expected to walk outside the building in order to use the office toilet facilities and to access the shared kitchen facilities located within the library which in his view was unacceptable. Cllr deLauney whilst acknowledging these comments reminded members that the present situation had been agreed by members and that the situation would be reviewed after the office re-location had been effected. Cllr Jinks also enquired as to the current situation with the formulation and completion of the required lease documentation and that she was concerned that these documents remained to be completed. Cllr deLauney confirmed that the required documentation remained to be completed although draft documentation had been submitted – he reminded members however that the Town Council was working in partnership with Telford & Wrekin Council in order to secure the maximum benefit for each party. He reminded members that a cost saving was being secured and that there was no additional costs for the Town Council i.e. no Business Rate, power or heating costs, which had also been the case in the previous office accommodation.

**34.5 Conservation Working Group Meeting of 28th June 2017** – Cllr Morris-Jones provided a report on the recently held meeting of the Working Group.

**34/17 To receive urgent matters (for information only)** – Members were referred to the tabled letter that had been received from the Wrekin Housing Trust in connection with high rise flats that were located within Wellington, following the Grenfell Tower tragedy. Noted. Members were also referred to the proposed public consultation event that would be held at Wellington Cricket Club in relation to the land off Haygate Road, which would be held on Thursday 13th July to which members were invited. The Clerk commented that whilst all members were invited to attend that it might be of benefit to the members of the Planning Committee who would be requested to provide consultee comments on any future Reserved Matters planning application when submitted.

**35/17 Date of the next Full Council Meeting** – this was agreed as 12th September 2017

Signed .....12th September 2017