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Cllr Mason-Morris said that the Wellington Festival do keep figures on age group and postcodes of their attendees.

Cllr Carter stated that this comes under the Regeneration boards remit and was sure T & W also had such figures.

Caroline would speak to the destination Telford team and report back to the next meeting.

### **19/18 Correspondence:**

#### **1) Art Project – Shortwood School**

Caroline had been approached by Shortwood School with a project that they would like to work on for Wellington. The project would be to design 'tiles' that could be placed somewhere in the roads / paths / streets of Wellington (Caroline showed an example photo)

Cllr McClements supported this in the first instance but details of where the tiles could be placed would need to be agreed first.

Bob Coalbran suggested if the theme was 'Natural History' then the secret garden at the train station could be an option/

Cllr Alvey suggested the Market Square as it could do with brightening up.

Market approach was also suggested.

Caroline would need to speak to T & W Highways for advice before WTC could agree to the project.

### **20/18 Forthcoming events calendar and additional events for 2018 / 2019 – Strategy / package and brand.**

Nothing to report

**21/18 Wellington Festival: Update report:**

Cllr Mason-Morris said that the October festival would run 3<sup>rd</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. The programme details are now being finalised and will soon be sent to the printers for design.

The May festival will now become the main two week festival and the October festival would be reduced to one week to make use of the light nights. The festival committee were a slight disadvantage as they would need to plan for May now without the feedback from October's festival.

Cllr Fairclough congratulated Cllr Mason-Morris for securing the Brighthouse and Rastrick Brass Band.

Caroline confirmed to Cllr Alvey that the Shawbury Military Wives had been booked.

**22/18 Walkers are Welcome:**

Bob Coalbran stated that a lot of background work had been finalised and projects finished.

Way marking had been completed from Roddington to Ironbridge.

A new 'open' sign had been added to the Wrekin News tourist hub as leaving the door open had created a few working issues, at least now people can see that it was open even with the door closed.

A WTC grant had been applied for so that new brochure stands could be located outside the hub as it was now in receipt of a good variety of printed material.

The new T50 route was now launched and thanks went to Eve and Naomi for all their hard work.

A 'new works' leaflet was also now available and suitable for all ages and levels.

The Walking Festival committee were finalising their events and this would be available soon.

**23/18 To receive information on other future events and activities.**

None

**24/18 Matters for information only:**

Cllr McClements - Arleston Fun Day Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 11.00am.

Mary Rogers – Wellington Remembers have finished writing the two volumes and it is now being proof read, all 190,000 words.

They are working with the Gratitude Café to display an exhibition of their work.

Cllr Alvey – Would like to see the Burger Van moved from by Subway as it doesn't bring anything to the look of the town.

Congratulations went to Oakengates TC on their recent Carnival, proof of what can happen when the Community and Council work together.

Sad news that Cottage Care home and the charity shop had both now closed.

Hills Butchers – concern was raised over the dwindling Market and also the Post Office. Halifax bank is also thought to be closing down soon as the manager has left and they are on skeleton staff which is causing long delays for customers. Cllr Mason-Morris added that pensions are now being paid direct into bank accounts and not to the Post office so that will see the elderly visitors to the Post Office decrease too.

Cllr Mason-Morris reminded the Committee that it was the Mayors Civic Service on July 15<sup>th</sup> at Wrekin College.3.00pm – 5.00pm.

Lions Day is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> July 11.00am – 4.00pm in the Bowring Park.

Ross Vickers expressed his concern over the amount of Cigarette ends that are being dropped in Church Street and outside the Lord Nelson Pub. Bob Coalbran supported this as he is also finding an increase when path clearing. The amount of takeaway rubbish from people purchasing from Kebabys is also a concern. Cllr Carter agreed to highlight these points to Jas Bedesha at T & W.

Sarah Chard, representing the new Orbit, said that behind the scenes the volunteers' are all working extremely hard although from the outside it may not seem it.

Nisa is leaving the 'Little Business Shop' (old bank) and the Orbit are being allowed to use this venue as their base on a month by month lease. If anyone would like to volunteer to help the Orbit please contact Sarah.

Cllr Gorse - Methodist Church Art Exhibition 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July 10.00am – 4.00pm.

Bob Coalbran asked if there was any way that the Bowring Café could be opened for Lions Day. Caroline would look into this.

Cllr Carter reported to the Committee that the Young High Street challenge had been won by Wrekin College. They had been awarded £20k for a retro shop to be opened in Wellington Town.

Burton Borough and Adams Grammer had also been awarded £10k each.

The empty Martin & Co shop would be getting a new tenant soon thanks to the empty property grant scheme.

Funding for a new digital totem had been secured and locations were being discussed.

Gum removal in the town had been completed but had received a few complaints from shop owners.

The rubbish outside Pussy cats / Espey close had finally been removed.

**25/18 To agree date and time of next meeting – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 11.00am.**

28.6.18