



WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Notes of a meeting of the Wellington Town Centre Working Group held at 5.30pm on Tuesday 30th April in the Council Chamber, 28 Fore Street, Wellington.

Present: Councillors Lithgow, and James
Richard Coupe, Keith Wheatley, Adrian Hooper,

Kathryn Hemensley– Town Clerk

1. Apologies: Councillor Shepherd, and Russell-Cairns, Sharon Davis

2. Film Festival (FF)

Rowen had notified that due to changes in personal circumstances she will no longer be able to organise the film festival. At present there are others who are interested in helping with this project, but no-one immediately to hand with previous experience of running a film festival.

A suggestion was made to consider organisers of other local events such as the street fayre. Richard would also be able to put an article in the Town Guide, subject to ratification of the content by the Council.

3. Pop-up Shop

The Council had not heard back from Perrys since the Clerk's email on 29 March although feedback was given that there had been concern on their part about the delays in entering into the lease. The request for a sample lease would be chased up and if possible a start date brought forward from the proposed 1st September. Cllr Shepherd is working on the User Licence and Richard on the handbook.

The issue of the legal fees and lease were to be raised at full council meeting as a formal resolution will be required to proceed.

4. Town Centre Signage

Discussion clarified that the current proposal is to consider an additional street map rather than finger-posts. This could be situated near the coach stop, for example on the side of the public toilet block. Further consideration will be given to this at future meetings.

5. Any Other Business

(a) Post Office – There were concerns about the forthcoming closure of the One-Stop shop which might ultimately lead to post office being lost. The PO is willing to be approached with proposals for sharing premises but is not planning any action until closure is imminent. cigarette-end and pigeon-droppings issues which degrade the appearance of this area.

(b) Former HSBC Bank

This is currently being converted and the same developer may also take over the former Nat West building

6. Date of next meeting

Next meeting will take place at 5.30pm on Tuesday 4th June 2019 at the Council office.

The meeting ended 6.30 pm

Members: Councillors Shepherd (Chair), Lithgow, Russell-Cairns, Barr and the Mayor (Councillor James)

Richard Coupe, Sharon Davis, Emma Ransom-Bellamy, Keith Wheatley, Adrian Hooper.