



WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Notes of a meeting of the Wellington Town Centre Working Group held at 5.30pm on Tuesday 4th June in the Council Chamber, 28 Fore Street, Wellington.

Present: Councillors Lithgow, Powell-Brace, and Thorne
Richard Coupe, Keith Wheatley, Sharon Davies

Kathryn Hemensley– Town Clerk

1. Apologies: Councillor Lloyd.

2. Election of Chair and review of Working Group Membership

The Clerk opened the meeting with the election of a Chairman for the Working Group, where Cllr Lithgow was proposed, seconded and duly elected.

Recent elections had resulted in several new Councillors and Members on the group were now Cllrs Powell-Brace, Thorne, Pringle-Kosikowsky, McGuffie and Cllr Lloyd, as Mayor. The meeting had been at too short notice for most new Councillors to attend.

It was agreed to remove Emma Bellamy from the group as she had not attended any meetings for a considerable time. The Clerk would action this.

The interface between this group and the town's Business Association was queried and it was noted that the latter was likely to disband shortly.

3. Review of the Working Group's Terms of Reference (TOR)

The current Terms of Reference were reviewed and a range of amendments were to be made to produce an up-to-date working document. The revised TOR would need formal approval from full Council in due course.

4. Pop-up Shop

The group were updated on recent developments including the work Richard had done on the user guide. Nancy offered to act as 'Manager' of the facility and to speak directly with Fern Perry concerning the lease as nothing had been heard recently. It was understood that the not insignificant cost of producing a draft lease was one reason for the caution in progressing matters. Any updates would be circulated.

5. Film Festival (FF)

This remains a firm aspiration, with an £8k budget in place. Currently no replacement has come forward for the co-ordinator role. Nancy suggested contacting 'Take Art' a community-based art group and 'Forkbeard' film group, and would pass contact details to Mark.

6. Town Centre Signage

A range of suggestions were explored including a town map 'vending machine' which could be sited on the building housing the public conveniences at Longforth Road. Richard would look into further detail. There was still interest in orientation finger posts, and John offered to look into having a mention of the Basins and Park on Trip Advisor.

7. Any Other Business

(a) Promotional Space outside former post office.

John suggested better use could be made of this facility, particularly around promoting Wellington's history and heritage.

(b) Braziers Coffee shop

It was advised that although not in the town centre, the patrons would welcome opportunities to contribute and Mark would make contact with them.

6. Date of next meeting

Next meeting will take place at 5.30pm on Tuesday 16th July 2019 at the Council office.

The meeting ended 6.30 pm

Members: Councillors Lithgow (Chair), Thorne, Powell-Brace, McGuffie, Pringle – Kosikowsky, and the Mayor (Councillor Lloyd)
Richard Coupe, Sharon Davis, Keith Wheatley, Adrian Hooper.