



## **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Wellington Town Council held via Zoom on Tuesday 4 May 2021**

**PRESENT:** Councillor J Lloyd (Mayor)

Councillors M Barr, C Booth, A Govier, J Hunt, M Lithgow, M McGuffie, J Thorne, N Powell-Brace, S Pringle-Kosikowsky, V Stock-Williams

The Mayor read out a report summarising her activities as Mayor since 2019 which had been significantly affected by the COVID pandemic. A copy is attached for reference. Councillors thanked her for all that she had done for the Town during the most challenging of circumstances.

### **1. To Elect a Mayor for 2021/22**

Having been appropriately nominated by Councillor Chris Both and seconded by Councillor Andrew Govier in accordance with Town Council Standing Orders the Council **RESOLVED** that Councillor Mark Lithgow should be appointed Mayor for the coming year. Councillor Lithgow thanked councillors for giving him the opportunity to undertake the role in the forthcoming year and read out the declaration of acceptance of office which will be signed subsequently. He also thanked Councillor Lloyd for all that she had done during her period of office and commented that the Council was fortunate to have councillors who were willing and able to take on the role of Mayor. The Mayor will present Councillor Lloyd with A Past Mayors badge when restrictions allow.

### **2. To Elect a Deputy Mayor for 2021/22**

Having been appropriately nominated by Councillor Marcus Barr and seconded by Councillor John Thorne in accordance with Town Council Standing Orders the Council **RESOLVED** that Councillor Vivienne Stock-Williams should be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the coming year. Councillor Stock-Williams thanked councillors for their support and said that she was looking forward to working with the Mayor over the coming year.

### **3. Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted for Councillors D Bradley and W Battishill

Councillors Henley and Smith were noted as being absent.

### **4. Review of Committees, their Membership and Terms of Reference**

#### **4.1 Terms of Reference**

**Resolved** that, except for the Terms of Reference for the newly named Policy and Resources Committee, which were being considered at the next meeting of that Committee on the 5 May, all other Terms of Reference should remain as they were in the previous year.

#### **4.2 Committee Membership**

Councillor Stock-Williams volunteered to join the Town Centre Committee

**Resolved** that, with the addition of Councillor Stock-Williams to the Town Centre Committee, membership of committees should remain as it was for the previous year.

## **5. To Elect Representatives to Outside Bodies**

Councillor Powell-Brace agreed to represent the Town Council on the Wellington Community Association.

It was noted that Councillors Lithgow and Pringle-Kosikowsky should be listed as representing the Town Council on the Hospital of Sir John Popham Knight

It was also noted that the Wellington Business Association had not met for some time and should be removed from the list.

Councillor Stock-Williams noted that The Wellington Basins Group was not listed. The Council representatives should be Councillors Stock-Williams and Powell-Brace.

With these changes the Council **Resolved** that the representative on outside bodies should be as listed noting that a new representative will be required to take up the Town Council place on the Governing Body of Wellington School from September 2021. The Clerk will seek volunteers once notification is received from Wellington School. The Town Clerk will also update the list to reflect the changes noted above and present it to the next meeting of the Town Council for information.

## **6. Renewal of Annual Subscriptions.**

### **Resolved to:**

1. renew the subscription to the Somerset Association of Local Councils.
2. take up the subscription to The Community Council for Somerset
3. take up the subscription for the Society of Local Council Clerks

## **7. Calendar of Meetings for 2021/22**

**Resolved** that the Calendar of meetings should be adopted noting that the Town Centre Committee meetings commenced at 10.30 and not 10.00.

## **8. Councillor Attendance**

The report of Councillor Attendance during 2020/21 that had been circulated with the agenda was noted.

The meeting ended at 6.55pm