

## WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES 10 JANUARY 2022

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT COURT FIELDS SCHOOL HALL, WELLINGTON TA21 8SW ON MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2021 AT 7.00 PM

**PRESENT:** Councillor M Lithgow (Mayor),  
Councillors M Barr C Booth, A Govier, J Hunt, J Lloyd, N Powell-Brace, S Pringle-Kosikowsky, V Stock-Williams, J Thorne

David Farrow (Town Clerk), Annette Kirk (Deputy Clerk), Alice Kendall (Deputy RFO & Assistant Clerk), Rebecca Hunt (Administration Assistant)

Two members of the press were in attendance and one member of the public

#### **409 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Mayor opened the meeting.

#### **410 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors McGuffie and Bradley.

Councillors R Henley and W Battishill were absent.

#### **411 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Barr, Booth, Govier, Lithgow Lloyd and Stock-Williams declared personal interests as members of Somerset West and Taunton Council.

Councillors Govier, Hunt and Thorne declared personal interests as members of Somerset County Council.

Item 11 – Councillor Barr declared a personal interest as was formerly enlisted in the Rifles and Councillor Pringle-Kosikowsky declared a personal interest as he is the manager of the Museum of Somerset and the Somerset Military Museum.

#### **412 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to approve and formally adopt the minutes of the Planning and Full Council meetings held on 6 December 2021.

#### **413 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

A member of the public addressed the Council in support of item 11 due to the history between the town of Wellington and the British Army Regiment The Rifles.

#### **414 REPORT FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor had circulated details of his engagements prior to the meeting. Councillor Llyod requested that this report be circulated 24 hours before the meeting and the Mayor agreed to consider this .

**415 CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's report had been circulated with the agenda and was noted. Councillors Barr and Thorne expressed concern at the quality of cleaning being carried out at Longforth Road public conveniences and asked if the Council was paying for two cleans a day. The Clerk confirmed that ID Verde were being paid for two cleans unless he was made aware that cleaning was not taking place. He also advised that he had met with the ID Verde manager that morning and raised the ongoing concerns. A specification was being drawn up which would set out the standards required including timing of cleans

In response to a point raised by Councillor Thorne relating to the Station update it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should ask to have sight of the revised Governance arrangements being developed to enable the Town Council to comment prior to finalising and also to ask that the Town Council is represented on officer level working groups.

Councillor Thorne congratulated the Town Clerk on gaining the Certificate in Local Council Administration.

**416 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE LOCAL POLICING TEAM**

Sergeant Bishop's report had been circulated in advance of the meeting and was also delivered by the Sergeant. The Mayor congratulated the Wellington Policing Team on all the positive work they did with children and young people which was reflected in the low rate of ASB in the town. Councillors Hunt and Thorne asked Sergeant Bishop about cyclists without lights or with LED lights that dazzle drivers. Sergeant Bishop conferred that his team would continue to work with local cyclists.

**417 PRECEPT FOR 2022/2023**

The report setting out the basis on which the Precept should be set had been circulated with the agenda. It was **RESOLVED** that the Precept should be set at £413,677, being the shortfall between anticipated income and expenditure in the 2022/23 budget agreed at the December meeting, with the Band D cost being £76.95 pa.

**418 LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN (LCWIP)**

An email relating to this item had previously been circulated to Councillors. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council should participate in Phase 2 of the rollout of LCWIPs in Somerset with the £3,000 contribution being drawn from the Climate Change Strategy budget.

**419 GRANT BRITISH ARMY REGIMENT THE RIFLES THE FREEDOM OF THE TOWN**

The report setting out the proposal had been circulated with the agenda. It was **RESOLVED** that

(a) the Town Council grant The Freedom of Wellington to The Rifles on a future date and time to be agreed.

(b) the Town Council form a working party to liaise with representatives of The Rifles on the detail of how and when the honour can be bestowed.

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(c) the working party shall report to the Policy and Resources Committee when such details have been finalised, for the plans to be considered before being put to the Town Council for determination.

(d) the Town Council delegates the composition of the working party to the Town Clerk.

(e) the financial implications of the working party's approved proposals be met from the Promotion of Wellington budget.

**420 TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude members of the press and public for agenda item 13 in accordance with Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

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**Councillor Mark Lithgow**  
**Mayor**