

WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Wellington Town Centre Committee held at United Reformed Church Hall, Fore Street, Wellington TA21 8AG on Wednesday 25th May 2022 at 3pm

Present: Councillors J Lloyd, M Lithgow, N Powell-Brace, M Barr, C Govier, R Coupe. C. Booth (arrived 5 mins late) K Wheatley (arrived 5 mins late)

Councillor A Govier
Dave Farrow – Town Clerk
Annette Kirk – Deputy Town Clerk

26. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR

The Committee **RESOLVED** to elect Councillor J Lloyd as Chair

Proposed by: Councillor M Lithgow
Seconded by: Councillor C Govier

27. CO-OPTION OF NON-COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to co-opt Richard Coupe, Donna Munson, Sharon Davis and Sean Pringle-Kosikowsky to the committee

28. APOLOGIES

Councillor K Canham, Sharon Davis

29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

R Coupe declared an interest in agenda item 8 - Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations as editor of The Edge which had published adverts for the Jubilee.

30. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- Councillor N Powell Brace asked the position on the new footpath between the football recreation ground and The Basins. Councillor M Lithgow replied and confirmed Somerset West and Taunton District Council will be getting it completed.

31. REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

Following the setting of membership at the Annual Council Meeting, the committee should review its Terms of Reference. A copy had been attached to the agenda with recommended amendments marked, this will include managing the additional Town Centre Emergency Fund of £25,000.

RESOLVED to recommend acceptance of the revised Terms of Reference to the next full Town Council meeting.

32. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – 2ND TO 5TH JUNE 2022

- Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk gave a verbal report
 - Thursday 2nd June 2022 – Lighting of the Beacon at 9.45pm. Steve Hawker to organise the strobe lighting of red, white and blue to go into a Pyramid Shape. Public have been advised of the event on Facebook and Instagram. Piper to play “Diu Regnare.” We are still hoping to find a Bugler Call to announce the lighting of the Beacon.
 - Friday 3rd June 2022 – Street Parties around Wellington organised by residents.
 - Saturday 4th June 2022 – Street Fair – Deputy Clerk confirmed Traffic Management and Marshalling to be provided by Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival Ltd. 40 plus stalls. Music and Dance Entertainment. Fuse Performance Ltd to provide Street Entertainment. We are recruiting volunteers to help with setting up and taking down of stalls, litter picking etc., Email been sent to Councillors to man the Town Council Stall.
 - Sunday 5th June 2022 – St. John's Parish Church – Civic Service 10am. Picnic and music in the park from 2.30pm with additional entertainment provided by Fuse Performance Ltd and Churches Together
 - Commemorative Coins – The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk have started presenting the coins to the schools. Town Clerk confirmed we would give them to children with special needs who live in Wellington and unable to attend Wellington schools.
 - Councillor M Lithgow confirmed the Jubilee Mural would be started on Monday 30th May 2022.

RESOLVED: The committee approved to following expenditure from the Queen's Jubilee Budget

1. Up to £400 to Carly Press for printing the Orders of Service for the “Service of Thanksgiving”. Final numbers to be agreed
2. Lighting of the Beacon – Lighting Costs £450.00 –red, white & blue lights joining together to make a Pyramid shape. To be lit for an hour. Including set up and dismantling costs.
3. Bay Media –7 Lamp Post Banners - £1043.00 + £208.60 VAT. Cost to remove the banners approx. £400.00
4. Steve Hawker – PA, Speakers for the Street Fair - £250.00

33. WELLINGTON IN BLOOM

- The committee welcomed being part of the Britain in Bloom competition
- A Councillor and the Deputy Clerk will be available on judging day 7th July 2022 (date to be confirmed by SWT)
- Richard Coupe highlighted that the Town Council should start thinking about who and how the management of flower beds and hanging baskets in the town will be managed from 1st April 2023 following the dissolution of Somerset West and Taunton District Council. Whether this will be done by the Town Council or outsourced to another company.
- Councillor A Govier confirmed the fountain and Waterfall were now working in Wellington Park and that the information boards had been replaced.

34. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Provisional Date 19th July 2022 at 6pm. As set out in the Calendar of meetings to be approved at the next full council meeting on Monday 6th June 2022.

The meeting ended at 3.30pm

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Councillor Janet Lloyd
Chairman