

WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Wellington Town Centre Committee held at the United Reformed Church Hall, Fore Street, Wellington TA21 8AG on Tuesday 15th November 2022 at 5.00pm

Present: Councillors J Lloyd, M Lithgow, K Wheatley. M Barr, C. Booth, R Coupe. C Govier. K Canham (joined meeting at 6.35pm)

Dave Farrow – Town Clerk
Annette Kirk – Deputy Town Clerk
Alice Kendall – Deputy RFO

1 member of the press
3 members of the public

360 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from S Pringle-Kosikowsky

361 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest

362 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the Town Centre Committee meeting held on 26th September 2022.

363 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Member of the public asked a question to Councillor K Wheatley regarding the Film Festival.

364 SOMERSET TRASH TRAIL 2022

Deputy Clerk apologised for the administration error; the event is in 2023.

Kelly Durden gave a presentation on the Somerset Trash Trail.

RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting on 17th January 2023 to allow Council Officers to do more work with Kelly Durden to put a bespoke sponsorship package together for the Town Council.

At this juncture Richard Coupe left the meeting

365 KING'S CORONATION – Saturday 6th May 2023:

a) To consider Commemorative Coins to be given to Wellington school children.

RESOLVED to proceed with Commemorative Coins subject to proofs and costs are brought to the next meeting. The Committee will then decide on number and allocation.

- b) To consider replacing existing wall mounted flagpole holders in Fore Street, South Street and High Street to hold Coronation Flags.

RESOLVED to agree in principle subject to further work being carried out by Council Officers in obtaining owners/planning permissions and to provide quotations to replace the existing flagpole holders for the Coronation and other future events.

Richard Coupe re-joined the meeting

- c) To consider offering support to Friends of Wellington Park for their Spring Fair on Sunday 7th May 2023

RESOLVED that Council Officers will enter in discussions with Friends of Wellington Pak to offer support and additional entertainment at their Spring Fair on Sunday 7th May 2023 and report back to the next Town Centre Committee meeting.

366 ANNUAL STREET FAIR 2023:

- a) **RESOLVED** that the Town Council will deliver the Street Fair in 2023
- b) **RESOLVED** that the Town Council will deliver the Street Fair on Sunday 4th June 2023
- c) **RESOLVED** that the Town Council will charge a £30.00 fee for a stall to Traders. No charge for schools, charity groups and non-profit making community groups – they will pay a deposit fee of £30.00 which will be returnable if they attend the event.

367 RIFLES REGIMENT: FREEDOM OF THE TOWN 17TH JUNE 2023

Town Clerk gave an update on the event. Somerset West and Taunton Council has given preliminary approval for the use for the Recreation Ground to host re-enactment groups subject to appropriate event plans and risk assessments being in place and approved. Discussions are ongoing in relation to other events that might take place e.g., fly pasts etc. He advised that detailed planning for the event would start in January with regular meetings of the Project Group.

368 CHRISTMAS 2022

- a) Wellington Produce Market confirmed 22 stalls to date. 6 Community stalls
- b) Christmas Wrap on former Fox's Estate Agents fitted
- c) Lamp Post Banners were installed week commencing 7th November 2022
- d) New Christmas Light Contract 2023: Public Survey

RESOLVED to go ahead with the Christmas Light Public Survey. Deadline Friday 6th January 2023

369 EMERGENCY TOWN CENTRE RECOVERY FUND

Deputy Clerk confirmed deadline date to spend the money is 31st March 2023.

- a. **Community Photography Project:** Kathryn Gibbons Local Photographer. 24 small businesses. QR Codes and Business Names.– Former Kings Arms. Owners Falcon Housing have given permission for the wrap. Planned installation being week commencing 14th November 2022.
- b. **Creative Workshops for Children** - Christmas Workshop on Saturday 10th December 2022 at Wellington Scout Hall, Fore Street.
- c. **Living Walls on Town Centre Barriers**
Councillor Lithgow asked the committee to consider 12 living walls on the barriers to improve the look of the Town Centre. Locations to be confirmed. Create Landscaping Quotation dated 14th November 2022 for 12 Living Walls Displays - £6,858.24.

RESOLVED to agree in principle Create Landscaping Ltd quotation of £6,858.24 the cost of which will be covered by the Emergency Town Centre Recovery Fund, subject to obtaining permission/licence from Somerset County Highways.

- d. **5 Benches – Concrete Pads**

RESOLVED to accept the quotation from M J Fletcher Property Maintenance in the sum of £960.00 to install concrete pads for five benches. Cost to be met by the Emergency Town Centre Recovery Fund.

370 FILM FESTIVAL

RESOLVED to approve Somerset Films Invoice of £8,000.00.

371 TOWN CRIER LIVERY

RESOLVED to approve Option 2 quotation from Costume Hire Company in the sum of £1,066.61 to include Town Council emblem sewn on. Agreed for the costume to be adjustable where possible.

372 CORNHILL – VICTORIAN LANTERN

Councillor K Wheatley asked the Committee if he could commence talks with Somerset West & Taunton District Council to find the whereabouts of the Victorian Lantern.

RESOLVED to allow Councillor K Wheatley to pursue the whereabouts of the Victorian Lantern with Somerset West and Taunton District Council and get it re-instated.

373 WELLINGTON FOOTFALL REPORTS

Councillor J Lloyd (Chair) gave an update.

- i) Monthly footfall reports for September and October were provided for information.
- ii) HUQ reports were provided for information and will continue to be available by Somerset West and Taunton District Council until end of April 2023.

374 TOWN CENTRE MASCOT

Councillor M Barr asked the committee to consider having a Town Council Mascot.

RESOLVED to agree in principle to having a Town Council Mascot. Further work is needed on how to choose the mascot design, cost and who will wear the mascot costume. A report to be brought back to the next Town Centre Committee meeting.

375 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 6pm – United Reformed Church Hall.

The meeting ended at 6.20pm

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Councillor Janet Lloyd
Chair