

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 16th May 2023 at 6.00pm

Present: Councillors S. Booker (Chair), M. Barr, C. Booth, C. Govier, M. Lithgow, and J. Lloyd
Non-Councillors Z. Old, M. Vincent (co-opted at minute 35)

In Attendance:
Dave Farrow – Town Clerk
Alice Kendall – Deputy Clerk
Annette Kirk – Assets & Events Officer

One member of the public
One member of the press

34 TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTH COMING YEAR
RESOLVED to elect Councillor S Booker as Chairman.

35 CO-OPTION OF NON-COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to co-opt Sean Pringle-Kosikowsky, Sharon Davis, Zoe Old and Marion Vincent to the committee.

36 APOLOGIES
Apologies had been received from Councillors N. Powell-Brace and K. Wheatley.

37 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
No declarations of interest.

38 MINUTES
RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the Town Centre Committee meeting held on 21st March 2023.

39 TO REVIEW DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS
RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council on the Town Centre Committee meetings be held on the 2nd Tuesday of every other month. The timing will depend on the size of the agenda but will be approx. 6.00pm.

40 TOWN COUNCIL MASCOT

RESOLVED not to have a Town Council mascot following public consultation and survey.

41 KING'S CORONATION CELEBRATIONS – Sunday 7th May 2023

- The Committee were extremely pleased how successful both the Spring Fayre and Family Fun Day were. Only positive feedback received.
- Thank you to Wellington Rugby Club for hosting the Family Fun Day and Firework Display. Concerns were raised why the firework display start earlier than the advertised time; this should not have happened.
- The Committee would like to say a huge thank you to the Council Officers for all their hard work and commitment.
- Councillor M. Lithgow did ask that we consider silent firework displays in future.

42 ANNUAL STREET FAIR 2023

The Assets & Events Officer reported that interest was exceptionally good and on receipt of all stall fees, we will have a total of 67 stalls. We have also set up a reserve list. We have musical entertainment from local community groups. We are also approaching community groups and sport clubs asking them to come forward to volunteers to help manage the event.

43 RIFLES REGIMENT: FREEDOM OF THE TOWN 17 JUNE 2023

1. Assets and Events Officer gave an update to the Committee on the Working Group meeting on 9th May 2023.
2. **RESOLVED** to approve the costs on block for the following expenditure:
 - a. Somerset Council – Traffic Order - £650.00
 - b. Weston Recovery Truck Service - £750.00
 - c. Steve Hawker PA System for The Rifles Parade and Armed Forces Celebration - £310.00
 - d. Hire of United Reform Church Hall - £35.00
 - e. Hire of Scout Hall - £30.00
 - f. First Aid Cover by St. John's Ambulance £442.40
 - g. WGS Electricals to put up and take down street banners - £790.00.
 - h. Interiors & Flowers Quotation - £875.00 to decorate canopy, 2 x pillars and Dais. Quotation Circulated prior to meeting.
 - i. Carly Press Quotation – £1413.00 for 8500 copies of the Rifles Regiment Programme to be inserted in Wellington Town Centre Guide and delivered. 500 copies to be held back to give to town centre businesses to distribute.
 - j. Event Hire Solutions Ltd: Hire of 4 x Portaloos - £420.00
 - k. Somerset Council – Free Parking - £928.00
 - l. Crown 1776 Re-enactment Group - £300.00

44 TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED** that the public and press be excluded from the meeting under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

45 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTRACT

Information redacted

46 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 11th July 2023

The meeting ended at 8.05pm

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Councillor S Booker
Chair