

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 12th March 2024 at 6.00pm

Present: Councillors: C Booth (Chair), M Barr, C Govier, M Lithgow, J Lloyd, S Pringle-Kosikowsky, K Wheatley.

In Attendance: Councillor J Thorne
Annette Kirk – Assets & Events Officer
1 member of the press

550 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from co-opted members Zoe Old.

551 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest.

552 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the Town Centre Committee meeting held on 16th March 2024.

553 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were in attendance.

554 POP UP SHOP

A report had been circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting. The Committee would like to pass on their gratitude to the Community Warden and Administration Assistant for the decorating and cleaning work carried out in the shop.

555 WELLINGTON MARKET

Councillors M Lithgow and K Wheatley updated the committee on the current position with regards to Wellington Market. Correspondence had been received from Wellington Market informing that they will have to pass the management of the markets on to someone else. The market on 30th March will be their final event. The Committee agreed it was now the right time to explore fully all the options available around having a street market. i.e. location, trading day, frequency of market etc.

Councillor M Lithgow praised Wellington Market on how they worked to appease businesses in South Street, and they were fully committed to make the market work.

RESOLVED that Councillors M Lithgow, K Wheatley, and the Assets & Events Officer will work together to fully explore the options around having a street market. To engage with other organisations and individuals who may be interested in taking on the market and to bring back to the Town Centre Committee proposals to take to Full Council.

At this juncture Councillors J Thorne and M Barr left the meeting.

556 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY EVENTS

a. TONEDALE BRIDGE

After much discussion, there was mixed feeling whether to put new artwork on the bridge or not. It was felt by not putting something on the bridge it would leave a dull blank canvas, which would encourage graffiti. It was also felt whilst there was a need for artwork in Wellington. Artwork could be better located within the town by engaging with the Community in the design.

RESOLVED to steam/chemical clean the mural off the bridge. The Assets and Events Officer to confirm which budget heading would cover the cost. One quotation had been received. Council Officers await receipt of two further quotations.

b. COMMEMORATIVE FLAG

It was agreed that the D-Day 80th Anniversary Flag would be flown in Wellington Park.

557 TOWN COUNCIL 50TH ANNIVERSARY

RESOLVED to approve the maximum spend up £600 to cover the cost of the light buffet reception after the Civic Service to be held in St. John’s Church Hall on Saturday 14th April.

558 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: To be advised.

The meeting ended at 7.00 pm.

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