



Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Wellington Held on 17 May 2023 at 6.00pm at The United Reformed Church Hall, Fore Street, Wellington

Present: There were 34 members of the public present including the following Town Councillors: Marcus Barr (Mayor), Zoe Barr, Wayne Battishill, Chris Booth, Kieran Canham, Andrew Govier, Catherine Govier, Mark Lithgow, Janet Lloyd, Mike McGuffie and John Thorne

Dave Farrow, Town Clerk and Alice Kendall, Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Responsible Financial Officer

Councillor Marcus Barr, as Mayor, Chaired the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies had been received.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS YEARS MEETING

The minutes of the previous annual parish meeting held on 24 May 2022 had been previously circulated and were received and confirmed as correct.

3. PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY COUNCIL SOMERSET ON THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

A member of staff from Smart Communities presented to the meeting on the importance of generating a good response to the Community Survey and circulate fliers for people to take away and use to promote it.

4. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022/23 FROM THE FORMER MAYOR AND TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk presented the report. He said that it had been a good year for the Council and that it was in a good position to take advantage of any opportunities to take on responsibilities for services or assets that had previously been managed by Somerset West and Taunton Council.

5. TO PRESENT COMMUNITY AWARDS

- a. The Youth Award was presented to Dulcie Harding
- b. The Business Award was presented to Bradley Ellison of Ellisons School of Motoring
- c. The Community Award was presented to Wellington Majorettes.
- d. The Civic Award was presented to Dave Burge

6. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS IN RECEIPT OF SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT FUNDING FROM THE COUNCIL IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR

Presentations were made by representatives of the following organisations setting out how the funding provided by the Town Council had supported their work

- Citizens Advice Taunton
- Reminiscence Learning

- Wellington Community Counselling

7. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS IN RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDING FROM THE COUNCIL IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR

Presentations were made by representatives of the following organisations setting out how the funding provided by the Town Council had supported their work

- Avon & Somerset Police
- People's Plot T/A eat:Festivals
- Wellington Basins Volunteer Group
- Wellington Carnival Committee
- Wellington Methodist Church (Clothes Swap)

8. ANY OTHER MATTERS WHICH THE PUBLIC WISH TO RAISE

- (a) Town Centre Flag – in response to a question the Town Clerk said that they were looking at where a flag could be sited but it wasn't as straightforward as just placing it on the outside of the Town Council offices.
- (b) The suggestion was made that the Council should do more to promote volunteering in the town not just for its events but in general.

The meeting ended at 7.20 pm.