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Minutes of the Services Committee Meeting

held on Monday 15th February 2021

via video conferencing in accordance with

The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings)
(England) Regulations 2020

PRESENT

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. R. Widdowson (Chair)
Cllr. E. Banks
Cllr. J. Dennis
Cllr. M. Fitton
Cllr. J. Gardner
Cllr. D. Redmayne – Agenda item 3(c)
onwards

Liz Kelso – Town Clerk

	<u>Agenda item</u>		<u>Actions</u>
Serv 001-21	1.	Apologies, declarations of interest and requests for dispensation Apologies were noted from Cllrs. T. Bounds and F. Hawkins (technical difficulties). There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensation	
Serv 002-21	2.	Minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2020 It was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 th June 2020 which had been previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a true record of proceedings at that meeting.	
Serv 003-21	3 a)	Standing Agenda items Buildings currently occupied by the Town Council and such other buildings that can be determined as Community Assets The Clerk reported that the roof in the Training Room is leaking. This has been reported to Herefordshire Council and landlords. Members noted that the Economic Development Plan for Kington is progressing and identifies key buildings within Kington as part of that plan. However, some confusion now exists as to the processes to be	

adopted in furthering the plans and further guidance will be sought from the Herefordshire Council Cabinet Member.

- b) **Public Conveniences**
There was nothing to report on the current public conveniences but it was noted that a local group is working on a community hub which will include provision for a changing place, i.e. facilities for those with disabilities. The existing public convenience includes provision for those with disabilities but is not wheelchair accessible.
- c) **Provision for young people**
It has been identified that young people would value a late bus linking Kington with Hereford. Previous investigation into the service and subsidy needed to run a service showed poor usage data. It was agreed that Cllr. Gardner investigate existing voluntary sector transport services and how this might work in practice. It was also noted that this might tie into the Economic Investment Plan in terms of supporting the visitor economy.
- d) **Tourism and Tourist Information Centre**
It was noted that proposals for a tourist map is included in the proposals for the Market Hall and Place de Marines as part of the economic development plan proposals.
- e) **Arts, Culture and Museum Provision**
Nothing to report on this agenda item.
- f) **Social care, support services and information and advice provision**
Following on from the informal town meeting held last month, it was noted that there would be a further meeting after the next Government announcement about Covid restrictions at the end of the month. It was suggested that the meeting might identify what further support local residents might need to move out of lockdown restrictions.
- g) **Health Provision and Care**
It was noted that there are proposals for an NHS Day in June, aimed at recognising the contribution of the NHS and staff throughout the pandemic. There has been no further information available to us at this stage.
- h) **Leisure Centre**
There was nothing to report under this agenda item.
- i) **LHS Foundation**
There was nothing to report under this agenda item
- j) **Educational provision**

There was nothing to report under this agenda item.

k) **Markets**

There was nothing to report under this agenda item

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4. **Date of next meeting and items for the next agenda**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 19th April 2021.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Signed

Chair of Services Committee

Date