



Kington Town Council

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Minutes of the Services Committee Meeting

held on Monday 18th October 2021

at the Old Police Station, Market Hall Street, Kington

PRESENT

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. R. Widdowson (Chair)
Cllr. E. Banks
Cllr. J. Gardner
Cllr. F. Hawkins
Cllr. D. Redmayne

Liz Kelso – Town Clerk

Agenda item

Actions

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| Ser 010-21 | 1 | Election of Chair
Cllr. R. Widdowson was re-elected Chair of the Committee to hold office until May 2022. | |
| Serv 011-21 | 2. | Apologies, declarations of interest and requests for dispensation
There were no apologies, declarations of interest or requests for dispensation. | |
| Serv 012-21 | 3 | Election of Vice Chair
Cllr. D. Redmayne was duly elected Vice Chair of the Committee to hold office until May 2022. | |
| Serv 013-21 | 4. | Minutes of the meeting held on 26th April 2021
It was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 th April 2021 which had been previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a true record of proceedings at that meeting. | |

5 **Standing Agenda items**

a) **Buildings currently occupied by the Town Council and such other buildings that can be determined as Community Assets**

It was noted that the roof of the Market Hall requires urgent repairs and in particular the guttering appears to be blocked and requires clearing. The Clerk will report this to Herefordshire Council.

Members also noted that Herefordshire Council are continuing to market as possible office space the meeting room in the Old Police Station for rental as a single unit with room 4. Some interest has now been shown by a prospective tenant and if leased would mean that the Town Council, currently using the room on an hourly basis as agreed with Herefordshire Council, would need to find an alternative meeting room and storage facility.

b) **Public Conveniences**

A loose roof tile on the public conveniences adjacent to the Market Hall has been reported and removed by Herefordshire Council also it is not clear whether the roof has yet been repaired.

c) **Provision for young people**

Nothing further to report on this agenda item.

d) **Tourism and Tourist Information Centre**

To encourage visitors to the town funding via the Great Places to Visit fund would be used to replace and renew planters and hanging baskets around the Town.

e) **Arts, Culture and Museum Provision**

The Museum has now closed for the winter. The Food Festival is scheduled to take place in early December.

f) **Social care, support services and information and advice provision**

It was reported that Citizens Advice Bureau have yet to identify a suitable venue for the provision of debt advice in Kington, funded by Herefordshire Council.

g) **Health Provision and Care**

Members noted a report that face to face appointments are difficult to book. It had previously been agreed that the surgery would be invited to speak to the Town Council on an annual basis but this has not been possible during Covid. It was agreed to reinstate this in the New Year.

h) **Leisure Centre**

There was nothing to report under this agenda item.

- i) **LHS Foundation**
The Foundation are currently renovating the cricket pavilion in the School.

- j) **Educational provision**
There was nothing to report under this agenda item.

- k) **Markets**
Members noted that the Community Markets have now stopped for the winter although the Craft Market will continue until Christmas.

Serv 015-21

- 6. **Date of next meeting and items for the next agenda**
The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 20th December 2021, but will be confirmed nearer the date. There were no items raised for the next meeting.

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

Signed

Chair of Services Committee

Date