



# Kington Town Council

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## Minutes of the Services Committee Meeting

held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at  
The Old Police Station, Market Hall Street, Kington HR5 3DP

### PRESENT

### IN ATTENDANCE

Mary Tolhurst

Cllr. T. Bounds  
Cllr. J. Dennis  
Cllr. M. Fitton  
Cllr. L. Rees  
Cllr. I. Wood-Johnson (in the Chair)

	<u>Agenda item</u>		<u>Actions</u>
Serv 015-18	1.	<b>To elect a Chairman for the forthcoming year</b> Cllr Fitton took the Chair in Cllr Widdowson's absence. Cllr Widdowson, who has been the Chair of the Committee for many years and is fully conversant with the issues addressed by the Committee, was elected in his absence. This was done with Cllr Widdowson's agreement.	
Serv 016-18	2.	<b>To elect a Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year</b> Cllr Wood-Johnson was elected as Vice Chair, proposed by Cllr Dennis and seconded by Cllr Rees. Cllr Wood-Johnson took the chair.	
Serv 017-18	3.	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were noted from Cllrs. Widdowson, Forrester and Elizabeth Banks.	
Serv 018-18	4.	<b>Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation</b> The Declarations of Interest book was available. There were no Declarations of Interest and no requests for dispensation.	

- Serv 019-18**      5      **Minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018**  
It was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 which had been previously circulated, be signed by the Vice Chairman as a true record of proceedings at that meeting.
- Serv 020-18**      6.      **Update from the Emergency Planning Group**  
As there were no members of the Committee present, there was no update available.
- Serv 021-18**      7.      **Standing Items**
- a      •      **Buildings currently occupied by the Town Council and such other buildings that can be determined as Community Assets**  
Cllr Fitton reported on a recent meeting between himself, Dave Tristram, funding officer from Herefordshire Council, and other Councillors. Given the passage of time since the Asset Transfer work was started, Dave Tristram had advised a re-assessment of the Old Police Station and an accurate / up to date statement of running costs.  
this would be taken to the next Full Council meeting if available.
- **Provision of public conveniences**
- b      Councillors have received several complaints about the condition of the public conveniences at Place de Marines. It was reported that Balfour Beatty would shortly be taking over the cleaning contract for the toilets and councillors expressed optimism for some improvement.  
Cllr Hawkins requested that Kington Town Council ask for clarification of the contract and what Balfour Beatty's duties would be.  
It was agreed that if Kington Town Council were to take on the public conveniences as part of the Asset Transfer, any cleaning contracts would need to be agreed and clarified well in advance of the takeover.  
Cllr Fitton clarified the difference between the buildings, and the open spaces in connection with the Asset Transfer.
- c      •      **Provision for young people**  
Nothing to report
- d      •      **Play area provision**  
Kington Town Council now have funds to employ a contractor to make some improvements and repairs to the fencing at the Crooked Well play area. Mayor Fitton will discuss the most effective use of the money with the Clerk. It was noted that a small repair had already been made by a volunteer: this will not affect any contract work.

- e • **Tourism and Tourist Information Centre**  
Nothing to report. The two new festivals in town have improved the town's profile and brought many visitors into town.
- f • **Arts, culture and museum provision**  
Nothing to report
- g • **Health provision, Social care, Support Services and Information and Advice Services**  
It was noted that the Garth Care Home had plans to extend the building to accommodate more residents.  
Cllr Rees noted that there will be an increase in Social Care needs in town as more vulnerable young people were being housed here.  
Cllr Dennis agreed to raise this at the PPG meeting.
- h **Health Provision and care**  
Cllr Dennis reported that there was to be a Patient Participation Group meeting the following day and he would be attending.  
The Surgery now has three GPs.  
Cllr Fitton advised members present that the next Health Commission meeting was to be on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June: he was to attend a pre-meeting, with other agencies, on 20<sup>th</sup> June.  
Cllr Dennis expressed some concern that the PPG had not been told about this.
- i • **The leisure centre**  
Nothing further to report on this subject.
- j • **LHS Foundation/Education provision**  
Nothing further to report on this subject
- k • **Markets**  
The Markets seem to be very busy, but stall holders do not report good sales. The spring Food Festival brought a good many people into town and it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Chamber of Trade to express their thanks.

Serv 022-18

8. **Date of next meeting and items for the next agenda**  
The next meeting will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> August.  
Cllr Hawkins recommended that item 7d be taken off the Services Committee agenda and put on the Recreation Ground Trust agenda. To be discussed and agreed.  
Lighting in the clock tower (Cllr Bounds)

Public toilets in Place de Marines (monitoring any follow-up to our complaints)

Signed .....

Chair of Services Committee

Date