



# Kington Town Council

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## Minutes of the Services Committee Meeting

held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at  
The Old Police Station, Market Hall Street, Kington HR5 3DP

### PRESENT

Cllr. R. Widdowson (Chair)  
Cllr. E. Banks  
Cllr. J. Dennis  
Cllr. M. Fitton  
Cllr. L. Rees  
Cllr. I. Wood-Johnson

### IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. F. Hawkins  
Liz Kelso - Clerk

### Agenda item

### Actions

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| <b>Serv 023-18</b> | 1. | <b>Apologies</b><br>Apologies were noted from Cllrs. C. Forrester and T. Bounds.  |  |
| <b>Serv 024-18</b> | 2. | <b>Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation</b><br>There were no Declarations of Interest and no requests for dispensation.   |  |
| <b>Serv 025-18</b> | 3  | <b>Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b><br>It was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 which had been previously circulated, be signed by the Vice Chairman as a true record of proceedings at that meeting. |  |
| <b>Serv 026-18</b> | 4. | <b>Clock Tower Lighting</b><br>It was noted that the Clock Tower lighting has now been repaired.  |  |
| <b>Serv 027-18</b> | 5. | <b>2019-2020 Budget setting</b><br>Members noted the budget setting timetable set by the Finance & General Purposes Committee and noted that committees can submit items for the agenda in October.   |  |

6. **Standing Items**a • **Buildings currently occupied by the Town Council and such other buildings that can be determined as Community Assets**

It was noted that a working party has now been set up to progress this item. Up to date costings are to be obtained for the buildings to be considered and it has been suggested that a project officer be appointed, funded through a lottery grant, to take this forward. It is hoped that a report will be made to Full Council shortly.

• **Provision of public conveniences**

b As requested at the last meeting, Herefordshire Council has been asked to provide information on the contract with Balfour Beatty for the maintenance and upkeep of the public conveniences. This is awaited and a report will be made to the next meeting. It was suggested that a representative of Herefordshire Council's property services be invited to attend the next meeting.

c • **Provision for young people**

It was reported that Herefordshire Council are conducting a consultation exercise on provision for Children's Services. Cllr. Rees agreed to investigate further and provide a report.

d • **Tourism and Tourist Information Centre**

Nothing to report on this agenda item.

e • **Arts, culture and museum provision**

It was reported that there is a new curator of the museum.

f • **Social care, Support Services and Information and Advice Services**

Members noted that support for those accessing universal credit is becoming difficult in Leominster and appeals are taking up to 14 months – during which time claimants receive no payments - as there is no agency in Herefordshire to handle appeals. Some funding is available from the Department for Work and Pensions to support work in Libraries in connection with Universal Credit, aimed primarily at providing computer training. Calls on food banks have increased in recent weeks.

g • **Health Provision and care**

a) The Mayor reported on discussions he had with the pharmacy regarding the difficulties in staffing they have experienced resulting in an inability to dispense medication to residents. This has caused severe issues for many people. Despite being assured that measures would be in place by 1<sup>st</sup> August, it had been noted that

the pharmacy had been closed again last week. This has also been raised with the CCG and although the Town Council has no clear remit in this, it was suggested that contact be made with NHS East who are the body directly responsible for the provision and monitoring of pharmacy contracts nationally. It was further noted that whilst the pharmacy continues to trade in Kington, the surgery are unable to help residents with medication through their own pharmacy as a result of contract restrictions.

b) Cllr. Widdowson reported on the role of social prescribers and noted that although these hoped to work with voluntary bodies in Kington, relying on organised groups was felt to be unrealistic in the town. There will be a presentation on the role of a social prescriber at the September full council meeting.

c) There appears to have been little progress from the Health Commission in recent weeks

- h • **The leisure centre**  
Nothing further to report on this subject.
- i • **LHS Foundation/Education provision**  
Nothing further to report on this subject
- j • **Markets**  
Nothing further to report on this agenda item.

Serv 029-18

7. **Date of next meeting and items for the next agenda**  
The next meeting will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018.  
There were no items requested for the next agenda.

Signed .....

Chair of Services Committee

Date