



Kington Town Council

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Minutes of the Services Committee Meeting

held on Monday 15th April 2019 at
The Old Police Station, Market Hall Street, Kington HR5 3DP

PRESENT

IN ATTENDANCE

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

Cllr. F. Hawkins

Liz Kelso - Clerk

	<u>Agenda item</u>	<u>Actions</u>
Serv 001-19	1. Apologies Apologies were noted from Cllrs. C. Forrester, P. Prior and T. Bounds.	
Serv 002-19	2. Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation There were no Declarations of Interest and no requests for dispensation.	
Serv 003-19	3. Minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 2018 It was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 th December 2018 which had been previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a true record of proceedings at that meeting. It was noted that the meeting scheduled for 18 th February 2019 had not taken place as the meeting was inquorate.	
Serv 004-19	4. ATMs It was noted that one ATM in town has been out of action for several days but does not charge for use whilst two others now charge a fee of 95p per transaction. Although this is outside of the remit of the Town Council, concern was expressed that not only does this impact on the most vulnerable who are most likely to withdraw small amounts of cash more frequently, but restricts cash availability within the town, impacting on small businesses in particular. When HSBC closed, the	

bank were to review the impact within the town. It was agreed that the Clerk write to HSBC to request a copy of the impact assessment and to also write to the MP with out concerns. This will also be raised as an agenda item for the Annual Town Meeting.

Serv 005-19

5. **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 the application for a grant towards the costs of employing a project officer to further this project has been submitted.

b • **Provision of public conveniences**

It was felt that standards of cleanliness of these public toilets is still unacceptable. A general meeting with Balfour Beatty who are responsible for the maintenance of the public toilets will be requested after the forthcoming elections.

c • **Provision for young people**

It was generally considered that lack of facilities for young people may be contributing to the increase in anti social behaviour within the Town and the Recreation Ground.

d • **Tourism and Tourist Information Centre**

The Tourist Information Centre is due to open for the coming season shortly. The success of the recent walking festival was noted and it was agreed that the walking festival group be congratulated on the event.

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

Members were reminded that the Makers Festival will take place over the early May Bank Holiday weekend.

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

There was nothing to report under this agenda item.

g • **Health Provision and care**

The Mayor reported that there has been no formal signing off of the Health Commission report although much of the action items are now taking place such as the move of services into the Surgery. The Mayor expressed disappointment at the lack of feedback to the public who have taken part in the consultation exercises carried out by the CCG in recent months.

- h • **The leisure centre**
Nothing further to report on this subject.

- i • **LHS Foundation/Education provision**
 - I. Members noted that budget constraints have resulted in some courses no longer taking place. Work on the memorial stone continues.
 - II. The Mayor reported on his attendance at the NMite event in Hereford and noted that staff are looking for opportunities to work on projects throughout Herefordshire. With that aim, he will be discussing possible opportunities within Kington with a staff member on Good Friday and will report to Full Council

- j • **Markets**
It was noted that the revised Market Operators Licence is still awaited from Herefordshire Council.

Serv 006-19

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

The next meeting will take place on 17th June 2019 at the Old Police Station, starting at 6.30pm. There were no items requested for the next agenda.

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

Signed

Chair of Services Committee

Date