

22nd March 2021

WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Date: Monday 22nd March 2021

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Via Zoom

Members are hereby summoned to this meeting and reminded that they have a duty to state a Declaration of Interest prior to the appropriate agenda item and to consider the Crime and Disorder Act s.17 and Equality Act 2010 s.149 when reaching a decision.

Members of the public wishing to watch or take part in the meeting please contact us at Grove House on admin@wsm-tc.gov.uk or 01934 632567 and we will let you have the Zoom meeting login and password ahead of the meeting.

At the commencement of the Town Council meeting the Town Mayor will invite those who so wish to join him in prayers.

The Town Mayor will invite questions and observations from parishioners present (maximum time 15 minutes).

- 1. To receive Apologies for Absence**
- 2. To receive Declarations of Interest**
- 3. To approve the accuracy of the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 25th January 2021 (attached)**
- 4. To receive announcements and communications from the Town Mayor (attached)**
- 5. To receive the Notes of the Youth Council Meetings held in January and February 2021 (attached)**
- 6. Designation of Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor for the year 2020/2021**
- 7. To approve the draft Calendar of Meetings for June 2021 to May 2022 (attached)**
- 8. Committee Membership**
Recommendation from the Policy and Finance Committee (attached)
- 9. Committee Terms of Reference – Events Grants Budget**
To receive the report of the Town Clerk (attached)
- 10. Town Council Strategy 2020-30 (attached with the Policy and Finance Committee agenda 15th February 2021 and available on request)**
Recommendation from the Policy and Finance Committee (attached)
- 11. Lease of Town Quarry**
Recommendation from the Policy and Finance Committee (attached)

12. Blakehay Procurement

Recommendation from the Policy and Finance Committee (attached), Recommendation from the Heritage Arts and Culture Committee the report of the Deputy Town Clerk regarding use of General reserves to enable project works (to follow)

13. Supplementary Standing Orders for Remote Meetings

Draft Supplementary Standing Orders for approval (attached)

14. Motion under Standing Order 11 - Fair Trade – Councillor Pete McAleer

“Weston Town Council, as a significant opinion leader, supports the aim of the Fairtrade Foundation to raise general awareness of the importance of ethical shopping in helping farmers receive a fair return for their work in disadvantaged countries.

This Council welcomes the initiative from Fairtrade Weston Steering Group to campaign for Weston to make progress to becoming a recognised Fairtrade town, as our neighbours in Sandford and Winscombe has done. This council therefore agrees to work in partnership with the steering group and the retail sector to develop strategies encouraging progress towards achieving the Fairtrade Foundation Mark.

Weston Town Council commits to providing where possible only products which are ethically sourced at internal committee meetings in all its venues that we have influence over, including the Blakehay, the Museum and the Town Quarry. In particular that Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar are usually available as refreshment options. We further resolve to review our procurement policy to ensure this is taken into account.

The Council agrees to actively promote awareness of Fairtrade issues through their web-site as well as in the email newsletter. Also, whenever practicable, the Council will assist in promoting annual events such as Fairtrade Fortnight”

15. Motion under Standing Order 11 – Hidden Disabilities – Councillor Sarah Codling

“A ‘hidden disability’ is a disability that may not be immediately obvious. Hidden disabilities don’t have physical signs and include learning difficulties, mental health conditions as well as mobility, speech, visual or hearing impairments. It is deeply regrettable that there have been instances where people with hidden disabilities which require urgent visits to toilet facilities, have faced abuse from the public and even accusations by staff members of being ineligible to use accessible toilets.

The charity Crohn’s and Colitis UK is encouraging venues providing accessible toilets to install new signage. This is to help stop stigma and discrimination towards people with invisible conditions. The signage has two standing figures and a wheelchair user with the words ‘Accessible Toilet’ and the logo ‘Not every disability is visible’.

In view of its duties under the Equality Act 2010 and as a demonstrable indication that it supports the dignity of all its residents, whilst aiming to do all it can to prevent and challenge instances of abuse and discrimination, this Council resolves to:

- Ensure that Town Council accessible toilets bear these signs;

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- Encourage town and district centre retailers and leisure outlets to do likewise with their accessible toilets;
- Use its community leadership position to exploit opportunities to raise awareness of hidden disabilities and be explicit in condemnation of disabilism;
- Seek advice from disability charities on the information and training that could be provided for Council staff members, to further their understanding of these conditions and to prevent potential embarrassment for those who have them.”



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M L Nicholson', written over a thin horizontal line.

Malcolm L Nicholson, LLB, DMS
Town Clerk
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