

Report of a Meeting between Representatives of Wem Town Council and Wem Town Hall Community Trust held on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at 14.00 in Wem Town Hall

Present:-

Wem Town Council - Cllrs C Granger (Chairman), Cllr Dee, Cllr R Dodd, Cllr Towers.
Mrs P O'Hagan (Town Clerk).

Wem Town Hall – S Yates, R Owens, R Reeves, P Jones, J Dinsdale, R Horner.

1. Apologies for absence.

Absent Cllr G Soul, Cllr P Broomhall.

2. To approve as a correct record the minutes of a meeting of this Liaison Group held on 18th July 2019.

Rose Horner reported that minute point 4 line 2 of her report was incorrect as the 2018-19 surplus was put into reserves and did not go into extending Adam Knight's contract.

Once this correction had been made it was agreed to sign the minutes as a true record.

3. To receive an activity report from the representatives of the Trust.

Rose Horner presented the Town Hall report which is attached to the minutes.

Market Report - Rose Horner presented the results of the market survey and reported on new stall holders and future stall holders. A discussion took place on the recommendations in the action plan.

Financial Report - R. Reeves explained the financial report (attached) he stated that the ceiling blind works will cost in excess of £20,000 which will have to be funded from the reserves, which currently stand at £50,000. It is anticipated that funding from Shropshire Council will be reduced in the future.

4. To consider any other issues raised.

Damage to the floor – it was reported that this work had been partially completed and discussions were ongoing to see whether it would be feasible to alter the machinery to prevent further damage to the sprung floor.

Climate Change – The Town Clerk outlined the Town Council's commitment to reducing its carbon output to 0 by 2030 and explained how the Town Council was seeking to do this. As a key community building in the area it was suggested that trustees may want to consider making a commitment to become carbon neutral in line with the Town Council's aspirations. It was explained that as climate change was now covering all areas of the Town Council's work future service level agreements with the Town Hall may well expect a commitment of this nature.

Mental Health Drop in Sessions - It was reported that the Town Council is considering submitting a grant application with Shropshire Mind to run Mental Health First aid training for representatives from organisations in the town and to develop drop in sessions for people suffering with poor mental health. The Town Council would like the Town Hall to be a partner in this project which would be funded by a grant application

and from funds raised during Cllr Granger's Mayoral year. The Town Hall would be a good venue to hold the drop in as its central location made it easy for people to access.

Trustees expressed thanks for the continued financial support of the Town Council to the trust.

Chairman.....

Meeting ended 15.15