

**Draft Minutes of Wem Economic Forum Meeting
Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, Wem
8 March 2018 at 6pm**

Present: Wem Rural Parish Councillor Tim Wilton-Morgan (Chair), Shropshire Councillor Chris Mellings, Wem Town Councillor Philip Glover, Wem Town Councillor Connie Granger, Wem Town Councillor Edward Towers, Wem Rural Parish Councillor Peter Broomhall, Wem Rural Parish Councillor Fiona Ford, Wem Civic Society representative Oliver Richardson, Wem Town Hall Manager Rose Horner, The Co-operative Food Manager Simon Thornley

In attendance: Wem Town Council Clerk Penny O'Hagan, Shropshire Council Community Enablement Officer Sue Thomas, Wem Rural Parish Council Clerk Carole Warner and Gloria Marriott

01/18 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

02/18 Apologies

None

03/18 Notes of Meeting held on 3 July 2017

The notes were agreed.

04/18 Expenditure Voting Members

It was agreed to appoint Mark Brothwood (NFU) to represent the agriculture sector, and Cllr Fiona Ford to represent the commercial sector. The hospitality sector appointment was still outstanding.

It was agreed to appoint Oliver Richardson (Wem Civic Society) from Local Constituted Groups.

05/18 Economic Development Plan 2018

It was agreed to adopt the Plan with some minor amendments.

06/18 New Projects

a. Agree projects

Three projects were identified: Wem Area Emergency Plan, Review Markets and Dementia Friendly Town

b. Agree Working Groups, Terms of References, Chairs and Secretaries

Wem Area Emergency Plan: to produce a Plan within 12 months. Cllr Chris Mellings to be Chair and Carole Warner to be secretary. Other members: Shropshire Council Emergency Planning Manager, Cllr Connie Granger and one other to be approached.

Review Markets: to review current offer issues and to make recommendations for follow up at the next WEF meeting. Members: Rose Horner, Penny O'Hagan, Cllrs Philip Glover and Cllr Connie Granger

Dementia Friendly Town: to review process to achieve accreditation and to make recommendations at the next WEF meeting. Members: Rose Horner, Sue Thomas and at least 2 others to be approached.



07/18 Traffic Working Group

a. Update

Consultation will take place at the Town Hall and Co-op between 3 and 17 April. Members were asked to help man the stand.

b. To approve expenditure

Simon Thornley offered to help with the printing of the questionnaire.

08/18 Any other business

Oliver Richardson reminded members of the Spring Market taking place in April.

09/18 Date, venue and time of next meeting

Provisional date of Wednesday 23 May, Roden Suite at 6pm.

Now confirmed as Wednesday 30 May