



Wellingborough Town Council

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY 2023 AT 6pm IN THE STUDIO
THEATRE AT THE CASTLE THEATRE, CASTLE WAY, WELLINGBOROUGH,
NN8 1XA**

AGENDA

- 1. WELCOME BY THE MAYOR**
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ON 4TH MAY 2022**
- 4. SPEECH FROM THE LEADER ON THE TOWN COUNCIL'S ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE LAST YEAR**
- 5. CITIZENS AWARD PRESENTATIONS.**
- 6. CHEQUE PRESENTATION TO THE MAYOR'S CHOSEN CHARITIES.**

Sally McLellan
Town Clerk to Wellingborough Town Council
31st March 2023



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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON 4th MAY 2022 AT 6PM AT SWANSPOOL HOUSE, WELLINGBOROUGH, NN8 1DP

Councillors: Cllr L Lawman, G Lawman, Ekins, Bell, Bindley, Wilkinson, Jones, Carr, Turner-Hawes, Inskip, Aslam, Francis, Anslow, Cesauanu, Erskine and Henley

Attendees: Teamwork Trust, Made with Many and the Victoria Centre, plus three members of the public

Officers present: Sally McLellan-Town Clerk and Joanne Coduri-Deputy Clerk

Minute Reference	Minute
ATM22/01	WELCOME BY THE MAYOR The Worshipful the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting. The mayor reported on the highlights of her mayoral year including the volunteering work provided to her designated charity, Teamwork Trust.
ATM21/02	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE The following apologies were received: Cllr Irwin Cllr Scarborough Cllr Sterland Cllr Harrington
ATM21/03	APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ON 27TH MAY 2021 It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 27 th May 2021 as a true and correct record.
ATM21/04	SPEECH FROM THE LEADER ON THE TOWN COUNCIL'S ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE LAST YEAR Cllr Erskine arrived at the meeting. The leader spoke about the council's achievements over the past year and the services they have delivered to the community.
ATM21/05	PRESENTATIONS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS Kevin Johnstone from the Victoria Centre gave an insight on their work in the community. During Covid grants were obtained to continue the running of the centre, provide support to the community and act as a vaccination centre. The obtaining of these grants was attributed to Marion Turner-Hawes who managed the Victoria Centre during these times. One of their projects was to support Afghan refugees which has recently progressed to supporting the Ukrainian people in collaboration with Glamis Hall and St Marks Church. The centre also provides 'warm of Wellingborough' project, a monthly workshop running until 24 th May to assist people in the community to

	<p>reduce their energy bills. Regular community events are held, such as the Easter Event and sports screenings for people to watch the sports live on TV. For the forthcoming year the centre plans to continue supporting the Ukrainian people, provide support for the youth, undertake projects to address the cost-of-living crisis and champion community resilience.</p> <p>Merle Roach from Made with Many presented on the aims of the organisation, to provide opportunities to enable people who are not normally able to, to take the lead, participate and create high culture arts activities. These are opportunities are focused in the Victoria Ward, Queensway and Kingsway. The organisation is funded through the Arts Council until 2025 and has provided five community projects each financial year in 2020/2021, 2021/2022.</p> <p>Cllr Irwin arrived at the meeting.</p> <p>Made with Many worked with the community to publish a book about staying at home in lockdown when you are homeless, they also established an online choir which operated each week for four months aimed at the homeless and people who support the homeless. A writers' group was established with Wellingborough Methodist Church and now continues without their funding. During covid they also worked with Covid Community Champions within Support Northamptonshire, producing videos about being safe during covid. Other projects include the production of the Wellopages and they are looking to produce stories from the community on the effects of Brexit and the war in Ukraine.</p> <p>The council received a presentation from the users of Teamwork Trust, Paul and Mark. Teamwork Trust was established to provide an opportunity for positive risk taking to those with learning disabilities, mental health needs and autistic adults. These opportunities are provided through activities such as gardening, artwork, literacy, pottery, community volunteering, apple picking at Saxby's, plus arts activities such as making poppy wreaths from plastic bottles. This year the charity will be taking part in the walks at the Waendal walk, as well as having a stall to provide badges for the walkers. The charity is keen to work more with the community, to provide more volunteering opportunities for their users and recruit volunteers.</p> <p>Mayor closed the meeting at 19.57</p>
ATM21/06	<p>HONORARY FREEWOMAN AWARDS CEREMONY</p> <p>The mayor opened the meeting welcoming Anita Neil OLY and family to the ceremony, along with the press and eighteen members of the public. The mayor summarised the outstanding achievements that Anita had obtained in her sporting career, which has led to the council presenting her with the Freewoman award for Wellingborough.</p> <p>Anita was presented with her certificate and status, before the mayor closed the meeting at 19.14</p>