



WEMECONOMICFORUM

**Wem Economic Forum
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, Wem
Thursday 12 July 2018
5.15pm**

Present: Wem Rural Parish Councillor Geoff Glover, Shropshire Councillor Chris Mellings, Wem Town Councillor Edward Towers, Wem Rural Parish Clerk Carole Warner, Wem Rural Parish Councillor Tim Wilton- Morgan and Wem Town Hall representative Sarah Zazahrek.

1. Chair of WEF

Cllr Tim Wilton-Morgan was appointed Chair

2. Vice Chair of WEF

Cllr Edward Towers was appointed Vice Chair

3. Secretary to WEF

Carole Warner was appointed Secretary

4. Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting 11 January 2018

The Minutes were approved

5. Voting Members for Expenditure

It was agreed that existing voting members should continue in their roles. It was noted a representative for the agricultural sector should be sought.

6. Annual Accounts

The accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018 were noted.

7. Report on WEF's activities over the last year

The Chair reported on the work of WEF and that it was positive that the working groups established after the Extraordinary Meeting were progressing their projects.

8. Economic Development Plan

It was agreed that the existing Plan should continue. Other areas to be considered in the autumn would be Pop-up Shops and Wem Independent Traders Group. Shropshire Council Economic Growth Team would be making contact with the Forum in due course.

9. To appoint Working Groups and agree Terms of Reference, membership, Chair and Secretary.

It was agreed that the existing Working Groups would continue in their present format. No new Groups were considered necessary at this time.

10. Traffic Working Group

Cllr Wilton- Morgan gave an update from the latest meeting. He was pleased suggested improvements were being considered by Shropshire Council.



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11. Emergency Plan Working Group

Cllr Mellings gave an update from the latest meeting. Work was progressing, and a draft should be agreed before the end of year.

12. Review Markets Working Group

In the absence of other member of the Working Group, Sarah Zazahrek advised sail flags had been purchased and PVC banners were due soon.

13. Dementia Friendly Town

In the absence of other member of the Working Group, Sarah Zazahrek advised a flyer had been designed and waiting approval

14. Any other business

None

15. Date, venue and time of next meeting

Thursday 20 September in the Roden Suite at 5pm.

Signed..... Date