

REGULATORY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 19 January 2021

<u>Present:</u>	Councillor	AER Jones (Vice-Chair in the Chair)	
	Councillors	AER Jones M Collins C Cooke G Davies K Greaney C Jones D Mitchell	L Rowlands J Stapleton I Williams KJ Williams S Williams C Muspratt (In place of T Norbury) A Wright (In place of A Hodson)
<u>Deputies:</u>	Councillors	C Muspratt (for T Norbury) A Wright (for A Hodson)	
<u>Apologies:</u>	Councillors	A Hodson T Norbury	

Vice-Chair in the Chair

9 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Committee were asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests, in connection with any item on the agenda and state the nature of the interest.

Councillor G Davies declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 4 - Wirral Award (minute 12 refers), by virtue of having submitted two nominations.

Councillors A Jones, D Mitchell and C Cooke declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 4 - Wirral Award (minute 12 refers), by virtue of having been Members of the Wirral Award Working Party who considered the nominations.

10 MINUTES

Resolved – That the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of the Regulatory and General Purposes Committee held on 18 November 2020 be approved.

11 **REFERRAL FROM COUNCIL - MOTION - WIRRAL COUNCIL ASKED TO BACK THE RSPCA'S FIREWORKS CAMPAIGN**

A motion, approved by Council, at its meeting on 7 December, 2020 (minute 45 refers) regarding the RSPCA'S Fireworks Campaign had been referred to this Committee, in accordance with the wording of the motion.

Councillor L Rennie, proposer of the motion, addressed the Committee and advised that one of the resolutions of the motion was to ask this Committee to investigate how the Council can work with our licensed venues to encourage the safe, responsible and neighbourly use of fireworks within their grounds.

Councillor Rennie proposed that Members of this Committee work with officers to encourage venues to comply with a Code of Conduct outlining how they could be good neighbours to people and animals within the vicinity of their premises should they wish to set off fireworks.

The Licensing Manager informed Members that she would research and investigate the matter to draw up a Code of Conduct to share with Councillors Rennie and Lewis (as proposer and seconder of the motion) and requested that any other Councillors of this Committee who wished to be involved notify the Democratic Services Officer.

Resolved – That the motion be noted and that a nominated group of Councillors from this Committee, together with Councillors Rennie and Lewis, work together with the Licensing Manager to draw up a Code of Conduct in order that venues be encouraged in the safe, responsible and neighbourly use of fireworks within their grounds.

12 **WIRRAL AWARD 2020**

Councillor G Davies declared a non-pecuniary interest in this matter by virtue of having submitted two nominations (minute 9 refers).

Councillors A Jones, D Mitchell and C Cooke declared a non-pecuniary interest in this matter, by virtue of having been Members of the Wirral Award Working Party who considered the nominations (minute 9 refers).

A report by the Director of Law and Governance requested agreement from the Committee that the Wirral Award be conferred on the nominees as recommended by the Wirral Award Working Party held on 10 December 2020. The Wirral Award is intended to confer civic recognition upon individuals or organisations resident or located in Wirral for an outstanding achievement within the previous twelve months, or for distinguished service to the Borough over a period of twenty years or more.

It was reported that once nominations were agreed, due to the current pandemic, certificates would be issued to the successful nominees or a virtual presentation ceremony would be arranged which would be attended by The Mayor of Wirral, the Leader of the Council, Group Leaders or their nominees, the Chair and spokespersons of the Regulatory and General Purposes Committee or their nominees and the award nominees.

Members considered the recommendations of the Wirral Award Working Party and the nominations which were attached to the report as an exempt appendix.

On a motion by Councillor M Collins and seconded by Councillor S Williams it was -

Resolved –

- (1) That the Wirral Award 2020 be conferred upon those recipients recommended by the Wirral Award Working Party.**
- (2) That the recommendation to make appropriate arrangements for the presentation ceremony to take place (if possible due to the current pandemic) as set out in paragraph 3.0 of the report or to hold a virtual ceremony be approved.**