



WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021

JOINT REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, COUNCILLOR MRS JANET LLOYD AND THE TOWN CLERK, MR DAVE FARROW

1. Introduction

This Annual Report of the Council will be available on the Council Web Site and at the Town Council Offices, when open. The summary of funds which is submitted separately to the Council forms part of this report as will the Audited Accounts when they have been approved by the Council's external auditors.

2. Town Council

Wellington Town Council has 15 Councillors in total with elections taking place every four years. The current Council was formed in May 2019 when elections last took place. Councillors' names and contact details are listed by Ward at **Appendix A** to this report. The political composition of the Council is Independent: 4, Conservative: 5 Liberal Democrat: 4, Labour 2. Importantly however, Councillors work together to serve the town without political bias.

3. Generally

This year has been overshadowed by the Coronavirus Pandemic. The Council Offices have been closed to the public and staff have been working from home. Lockdowns and restrictions on activities in general have curtailed the usual activities of the Council and other agencies with the focus instead being on supporting the most vulnerable during these particularly challenging times.

4. Council Staff

Following the restructuring in 2019/20 this year has seen the consolidation of the new structure. Because of Coronavirus staff have been working from home which required significant changes to working practices and investment in technology to support that. The previous Town Clerk, Katheryn Hemensley, left the Town Council in October 2020 to take up a new role with another town council. Dave Farrow was appointed as her successor working 37 hours a week and took up post on the 30 November. During the interregnum Alice Kendall, Assistant Clerk, acted as Acting Town Clerk.

Following Dave Farrow's appointment and a review of the Council's financial management systems an on-line accounting system was purchased. Alice Kendall's role was redesignated as Deputy Responsible Financial Officer/Assistant Clerk

(30hpw). Janet Palmer, Finance Assistant has decided to leave the Council at the end of April 2021 after nearly 12 years of service. As soon as the Council is able to reopen its offices, we will begin the recruitment of an Administrative Assistant.

Annette Kirk remains in post as Deputy Clerk (30hpw)

5. Council Offices

As stated previously the Council Offices have been closed during the pandemic with staff working from home and only coming into the office when essential to do so. It is hoped that as restrictions are lifted the office will be able to reopen and staff return to work there. That said, the benefits of flexible working should not be dismissed and staff will continue to review working practices to ensure they are working as effectively as possible whilst recognising the need for the office to be open to the public.

Whilst the current restrictions remain in place the contact details for the staff are

Dave Farrow, Town Clerk 07983 697740 dave@wellingtontowncouncil.co.uk
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The office would normally open to the public between 9 a.m. and 12 noon Monday to Friday. During lockdown this had to be downgraded to providing a telephone service between, but available over the longer period of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

6. Covid-19

Over this year the Council has been working to the arrangements agreed in March 2020. When restrictions are lifted, we will review those arrangements to determine which if any should continue.

All meetings have been held via Zoom with the exception of the Annual Parish and Town Council meetings which were suspended under the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

A Coronavirus Budget of £10,000 was allocated with a spend of £5,598.88 to 31st March 2021.

A key focus of the Council's work over the year has been to ensure those with vulnerabilities – and particularly those without access to computers, social media or similar – had access to essential information, adequate food supplies and medications, and equally importantly, social support. The Council has used its Facebook page to pass on key information from Public Health, the County and District Councils and other agencies and to promote services and support that have been available to residents.

Throughout the pandemic the Town Council has worked closely with all relevant parties – other Councils, local groups and charities etc. Working together has ensured a joined-up approach and enabled better all-round support for the town and residents.

7. Budget and Precept.

In January, the annual budget (2021 – 2022) was approved by Councillors. The budget reflected the fact that because of the pandemic expenditure had not been what it had been in previous years. In setting the budget for 2021/22 the Council wished to continue with priorities that it had previously agreed to support the success and wellbeing of the town, as well as providing funding to enable new areas of operation or the acquisition of new assets of benefit to the community.

As a result, the Council was able to hold the precept at the same level as in 2020/2021.

8. Committees and Working parties

The Council has a range of formal committees and working parties with specific Councillors having responsibility for certain areas of the Council's business. A committee delegation scheme is in place to enable committees (where appropriate) to make decisions in accordance with their agreed terms of reference. This speeds up the decision-making process. Decisions of the committees are normally implemented as soon as they have been made without having to wait for the formal agreement of the Council. Details of the committees that are currently operating are attached as **Appendix B to this report.**

9. The Mayor – Councillor Janet LLoyd

The Mayor is the Chairman of the Council. A specific aim for the Mayor, alongside other Councillors, is to promote the town, raising the Council's profile of the Town Council and represent the local community. Civic events such as the Two Minute Silence, Remembrance Sunday and Armed Forces Day are normally regular engagements in the Mayor's calendar, as well as an annual Civic Service. Unfortunately, over the past year because of the restrictions required to manage the Coronavirus there have been very few formal engagements. One event that did take place was Remembrance Sunday although the numbers of people who could attend were severely curtailed. However, the Council were able to live stream the service from the park which was viewed over 4,000 times. The Council also produced a video to celebrate Christmas with a Christmas message from the Mayor and music recordings from the schools in Wellington. This was viewed over 10,000 times and had numerous positive messages. The Council will continue to use this approach even when restrictions are lifted.

10. General Power of Competence

The Council resolved at its January 2020 meeting to adopt the General Power of Competence (GPC) following the previous Clerk gaining the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) qualification. This legal power extended the Council's range of activities by enabling it to carry out any activity or operation that an individual might do, if it is lawful and not expressly prohibited through other strands of legislation. The new Clerk does not have the CiLCA qualification, but the GPC remains in place for the duration of this council i.e. until the next election. Both the Clerk and Deputy Clerk are studying for the CiLCA and expect to complete it by the end of this year.

11. Financial Support to the Community

Unlike many other Parishes, the Town Council usually seeks to support the wellbeing and success of the town by giving financial support to many local clubs and organisations through its grant system. This enables a wide range of activities and events to take place which otherwise might not be possible. To be successful, applicants need to demonstrate that there is demand for the activity/event for which funding is requested, and that there will be a positive benefit to residents within the town. Councillors make decisions on applications at the monthly Council meetings. Applications are determined against the Council's grants policy and funds are directed to organisations needing financial support, and whose proposals are in line with the Council's over-arching aims and aspirations. Organisations receiving grants are expected to give feedback at the end of the year as the success of their activity or event.

As a result of restrictions on activities very few applications for Grants have been received. Just £6,500 was paid out in grants over the past year. Below are the community groups who successfully bid for an award in the 2020/21 financial year, together with the amount received. Where appropriate some awards have been allocated to alternative budget headings:-

Wellington Museum	£ 500.00
PCC St John the Baptist	£3,000.00
Rockwell Green War Memorial Institute Club	£3,000.00

The Council also has in place three Service Level Agreements, each with a three-year term. This enables a financial commitment for a longer support period for these charities as they work to help local people. The recipients are:-

- Reminiscence Learning £3,000 – Supporting local people with dementia (2018 – 2020)
- WHERE (West Country Health Education and Research Enterprise) £2,000 – offering support to local residents with any sort of disability (2018 - 2020)
- Wellington Community Counselling £12,000 – providing free and affordable counselling services for the people of Wellington, taking referrals from GPs, PFSAs, and directly from individuals.

The Town Council remains committed to supporting groups which promote the town, and the safety and wellbeing of parish residents. Funding is available through the Council's 'Promotion of Wellington' budget and the 'Health and Wellbeing' budget, formerly named 'Devolved Services', then 'Community Services'.

12. Communication

It is important, and in fact a legal requirement, for the Council to be clear, open and transparent in all its activities, and to make details of its work, decisions, and finances readily available to the public.

Website

The website was launched in March 2020 and has been a key part of our communication strategy over the last year along with our Facebook page.

Further development of the website will continue periodically alongside a general review of our communication strategy so that it remains up-to-date and an effective tool of communication.

Other communications

There has been a concerted effort over the past year to promote the good work of the Council through regular press and media releases, most frequently using the Wellington Weekly and the County Gazette and other online publishers e.g. Around Wellington. Articles have focussed on Council services and activities and aim to be 'good news'.

Town Guide

This remains a highly popular annual publication, containing a huge range of local information and contacts. Entries include schools, sports and social clubs as well as faith organisations, local charities and the like. The Mayor includes a foreword by way of an address to local residents. The guide is free, and is available from a wide range of outlets around the town.

Social Media

The Council's Facebook page continues to be a highly successful method for communicating topical issues. The Council has a social media policy and does not enter into public debate on contentious items.

The Council's Twitter account is available but not being actively monitored. This will go live again once there is a full staffing team.

13. Planning

The Council considers and makes recommendations on all planning applications that are made within the town.

The Devolved Planning Agreement with Somerset West and Taunton Council (SWT) which lapsed in January 2020 and was placed on hold by SWT in March 2020 due to the fact that in-person Council meetings were no longer able to take place was reinstated in February 2021. This enables the Town Council to make decisions on certain categories of minor planning applications. All councillors undertake specific training before they can exercise this devolved power.

Development

The town continues to develop and grow and the Town Council, take a keen interest in all planning applications that affect the town. There have been meetings between Councillors or Officers and Developers, including CG Fry (Jurston Farm) and Gladman in relation to a potential development on the north side of the Exeter Road in Rockwell Green. Progress has been made in discussions with CG Fry in relation to the transfer of the Dormouse Wood which we expect to be completed in the coming year.

The commercial estate at Westpark continues to be developed with a range of businesses.

13. Working Together for the good of the community

The Town Council is an important part of local democracy and the tier of government closest to local people. Councillors and staff continue to work hard to encourage social inclusion and engagement with the widest possible range of residents. Other key objectives remain to have a say in future development locally, to support and advocate for local business, and to promote the success and wellbeing of the town and its residents.

There is an ongoing commitment to ensuring that essential local facilities continue to be available in their fullest range. These include direct provision of discretionary services such as public conveniences, dog waste and litter bins. Or pro-actively advocating on residents' behalf for community services or health facilities. Wherever possible Councillors and staff seek to work closely with other agencies so that a joined up, effective and value-for-money approach is taken to the problems and issues that arise in the area.

As part of the annual budget setting process, Councillors agreed a principle of striving to acquire new and additional community assets should any realistic opportunities arise. A budgetary sum of £50,000 was therefore set aside for 'capital projects' with £20,000 contingency for professional fees to support any assessment or purchase.

Open and Accountable

Despite the fact that Council meetings, and Committee meetings have had to be held virtually this year they are always open to the public, and people are actively encouraged to join the meetings to hear about local issues. The Coronavirus restrictions have meant that public speaking has been suspended but members of the public are able to make written submissions on matters of their particular interest which are read out to the Council by the Clerk.

The Allotments Committee and Environment and Open Spaces Committee meetings are particularly well attended by individuals or representatives of local groups. Planning meetings provide an opportunity for residents to express their views on specific planning applications, which helps inform the Council's decision or comment.

Public participation at meetings provides a valuable opportunity for Councillors to be in touch with local views. It also gives local people an opportunity to see what

the Council does and to understand issues of interest and concern. This assists in developing mutual understanding and in managing expectations.

Working with Others

Included in this report are details of how we work with local agencies and organisations, with a view to addressing common problems, responding to community concerns and sharing aims and aspirations.

Young People

The Council aims to encourage interest in the community and civic affairs. The civic award scheme which we run with Beech Grove and Rockwell Green Primary Schools could not run this year due to the pandemic. The Council is keen to develop this area of work and the Town Clerk will discuss how this can be done with all head teachers in Wellington in the coming year.

A key Council priority remains to continue actively working with relevant parties so a meaningful youth service can be maintained in the town. The Council has a three-year agreement in place which provides annual funding of around £26,000 to Wellington Community Support Service. This ensures that youth services are delivered, and the young people's centre remains open. This agreement comes to an end with the close of the financial year, but proposals for a new Service Level Agreement will be considered once received.

We are keen to ensure that young people have an opportunity to make their views known on local issues that concern them.

Local Groups and Charities

The Council maintains a close connection with a number of local groups working for the benefit and wellbeing of local residents.

We continued to work closely with the National Trust regarding the Wellington Monument over the last year and received regular updates on progress at Council meetings. The Council is delighted with the progress that has been made and the fact that the project is soon to be completed. It hopes to be able to relocate the Pyramidion of the Monument and is grateful to the National Trust for providing them with the opportunity to do so.

Wellington One – this service, which co-ordinates a multi-agency, 'one team' approach to statutory services and local charities, continues to meet monthly and is a significant example of working together. Following the Somerset West and Taunton merger this vital service was to be discontinued. However, a range of local bodies, including the Town Council agreed to provide funding to save this extremely valuable service.

By retaining this multi-agency group Council are able to realise many of its aspirations and focus on the areas it considers to be important, such as welfare and wellbeing, as well as support for vulnerable residents and reduction in crime.

Wellington Heritage - Dr Joanne O'Hara remains with Somerset West and Taunton Council in her Heritage Conservation speciality role. Ongoing projects

include a number of high-profile projects including Wellington Mills and The Basins. Her support is greatly appreciated.

Plans for a range of improvements to Wellington's park, which has heritage status, have been on hold due to Coronavirus regulations.

Alongside organisations already mentioned, the Council is indebted to the many groups and charities around the town who give much free time to provide or support activities and opportunities for the public, or who advocate for pleasant, safe and environmentally friendly surroundings.

The Local Police Team

Sergeant Dan Bishop attends every Town Council meeting and provides a report on the team's activities and any emerging issues within the town. As a result of this the relationship between the Town Council and the team is effective and ensures that matters of mutual interest are shared and acted on in a timely way.

14. Transport

The Railway

There were further meetings of the Devon and Somerset Metro group which specifically looks at reinstating a railway station for Wellington. The Town Council's representative on this provides feedback, and there has been progress with the scheduling of signalling works into a firm 5-year plan, as well as a grant bid for funding to further develop the project. Currently the group have submitted a successful bid to the Department for Transport for the sum of £50,000 to further the development of the proposed railway station. A Strategic Outline Business Case has recently been submitted to the Department for Transport and has been well received. The Portfolio Holder in Somerset West and Taunton Council is optimistic that the station could be delivered by 2026.

CyclingThe Town Council jointly, with Somerset West and Taunton Council, funded a professional feasibility study for a cycle route between Wellington and Taunton. This had been commissioned by the local 'Wellington Wheelers' group and carried out by Sustrans. The report has been published and identified a number of options. A Project Group has now been established, on which the Town Council is represented by the current Mayor and the Town Clerk, which will be seeking to take this project forward.

15. Town Centre Working Group

Continuing its work to promote the town and encourage local business the Town Centre Working Group meets every four to six weeks throughout the year, reporting back to the Council on the current issues faced by shops and businesses in Wellington and is delighted to be joined by representatives from local businesses. The group's priorities remain:-

- Shops and other commercial premises which are currently vacant;

- The problems and issues faced by the businesses already operating in Wellington;
- Proposing practical solutions to issues identified which are affordable and within the scope of the Council's powers

As part of National Government Funding, Wellington Town Council was granted £100k Emergency High Town Centre Recovery funding. The aim of the funding was to provide immediate and short-term interventions that support Town Centre and High Street Businesses to be adaptable, resilient and grow back stronger following the Covid-19 pandemic. To also promote a clean, attractive and vibrant Town Centre with the aim to attract visitors, shoppers and consumers.

We have used the funding to:

- Improve the Christmas Lighting infrastructure in the town, making it safe. These can also be used for other events throughout the year.
- Provide Street Entertainers on five dates leading up to Christmas 2020 – to include publicity on facebook, twitter etc and printed media locally.

We are currently progressing the following projects:

- Replacing the current Town Centre Maps & Boards
- Four new finger post signs
- Refurbishment/replacement of Cycle Racks
- Refurbishment and Replacement of Town Centre Street Furniture to include; Seating, Planters etc.,
- Farmers Market
- Supporting Community Events Scheduled for September 2021 pending further Government Guidelines being announced in June 2021

Pop-Up-Shop

The Pop-Up shop has continued to operate when able to and has been fully booked for those times. A recent example has demonstrated exactly what the shop was designed to do. The Wellington Bakehouse occupied the shop for a four week period in March/April 2020 and proved so popular that the owners decided to take move in to the former Shauls Bakery when their time at the Pop-Up shop came to an end.

Town Centre Promotional Space

The promotional space provides an opportunity to enhance the vibrancy of the town centre through use by local groups for selling, promotion, fundraising or entertainment purposes. The Council does not charge for charitable use, but a small amount of income is gained through the weekly commercial letting of the space, which again needed to be stepped down at the end of March due to Coronavirus.

Being in the heart of the town centre the promotional space is a great location for activities including those directly organised by the Town Council.

16. Local Government Reorganisation

In February 2021 The Government announced a consultation on the future of the structure of local government in Somerset. The two proposals being consulted on are the One Somerset case promoted by the County Council and the Stronger Somerset case promoted by the district councils. The closing date for the consultation was the 10 April and a decision on which proposal will be adopted is expected in the summer. The proposed changes will see the abolition of district and county councils and their replacement with a 'unitary' structure in Somerset, and the Government is consulting on two different models for how it would work.

In both models, many of the services delivered in Wellington by the existing district council could be offered to the town council to take over.

The town council welcomes the potential opportunities provided by both 'unitary' proposals to play a greater role in the delivery and management of services for the town's residents and to take more responsibility for the management of public assets in Wellington.

The town council is well placed to develop its role and will work with the local community and neighbouring parish councils to ensure that, whatever the outcome of the Government's review, the residents of Wellington are properly represented in shaping the future delivery of services in the town.

Both options also envisage groups, or clusters, of parish councils across Somerset working together in a network which could also involve other agencies such as the police and community groups.

To that end, the town council some time ago has started meeting regularly with our neighbouring parish councils to form working relationships on which we can build once we know the outcome of the Government review, which will be no later than the end of July 2021.

17. Council Priorities

The Council continues to consider the following as priorities for the town where appropriate working in partnership with other agencies: -

- Improving the environment
- Co-ordinating support for older people
- Supporting families and young people
- Being proactive in getting people into employment
- Promotion of Wellington
- Health and Well Being
- Supporting traders and businesses
- Transport issues
- Community Safety
- Community Engagement
- Preparing the Council for the outcome of the review of local government structures and for taking on more responsibilities for service delivery and assets.

It is intended that the Town Council will over this next year develop a Town Strategy/Plan that will enable it to make informed decisions around future service developments and also assess the impact of the work it does.

18. Other Service considerations

Once again provision has been made in the Council's budget to fund extra cuts of highway grass and weed spraying next year, should this prove necessary.

The Council also purchased grit for use in the main streets in the event of severe winter weather, and made funding available for clearance of some local roads should heavy snow fall. Happily, neither was needed.

The Allotments

The Town Council's allotments (100 plots) at Corams Lane continued to prove extremely popular and at year end the waiting list totalled around 20 applicants. Plots are allocated in strict order of application date, with an annual review of the rental fee in September. Tenancies are brought to end by hirers giving notice, or less frequently when plots are not maintained to a satisfactory standard despite requests to do so. All indications suggest growth in demand in the year ahead.

We are also working with Bloor Homes in relation to the area of land that has been set aside for allotments on the Longforth Farm development.

Longforth Road Public Toilets

As a result of Coronavirus restrictions access to the Longforth Road toilets has had to be restricted and no progress has been made on refurbishment. This will be looked at again the coming year.

Community Warden

Hours for the Community Warden reduced to 15 hours per week from 22 because of coronavirus restrictions. The service is used to provide additional services which contribute to the overall appearance of the parish. The warden attends the town on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, providing street cleaning plus a wide range of other services such as – litter-picking, strimming, weeding, clearing bus shelters, inspection of the Tonedale play area, cleaning town signs, and repainting street furniture.

Duties remain flexible so the Council can react quickly to unforeseen situations that might arise or request one-off tasks (where appropriate) brought to the council by the public. Weekly contact is maintained with the Warden, and a monthly liaison meeting takes place with ID Verde who host this post on our behalf.

Community safety

The Council has two community defibrillators, one at the Longforth Road public toilets and the other at the Rockwell Green Christian Fellowship Centre. A defibrillator at the Reminiscence Learning Centre was funded through a Council grant.

The town is now very well-provided with defibrillators at many locations, good news considering that survival rates increase hugely where heart attack victims are given 'shock' treatment.

Once again funds were put aside in case of severe winter weather, which in the event, did not occur.

Sports provision

Meetings of groups involved in the Playing Pitch Strategy only recommenced in February 2020. The football club has identified a potential relocation to the Longforth Farm development, which was not part of the original feasibility study, and Somerset West and Taunton Council announced that it was considering transferring land to the rugby club to enable it to extend its provision on the Beech Grove playing field which resulted in concerns being raised because of the nature of the land under consideration. Meetings will continue over the coming year to consider how best to deliver improved pitch facilities for the town making best use of any funding that is available to support that.

Footpaths

Somerset County Council has overall responsibility for Footpaths and Rights of Way. We receive a small grant from Somerset West and Taunton towards the cost of footpath maintenance and contribute extra sums as required.

Walking remains popular and the maintenance of public rights of way is very important to the local community. During the year the Footpaths Committee was merged with the Environment Committee to form a new Environment and Open Spaces Committee.

The Council and walkers continue to benefit greatly from the services of local volunteer Tom Borg who, together with his wife, Eunice, acts as an excellent Parish Path Liaison Officer. They are supported by two footpath volunteers who, like Tom and Eunice, generously give their time to surveying, strimming and clearing footpaths. The work of all four is greatly appreciated by the Council. Tom is stepping down from his role at the end of April 2021 and the Council wishes to place on record its appreciation for all that he has done.

Regular visits by the Community Payback team have contributed to the upkeep of some paths, which represents a valuable low-cost service. All definitive footpaths within the town boundary are regularly inspected and a schedule drawn up to keep them clear and passable. There is also an interactive online map showing Wellington's public rights of way.

19. Conclusion

The past year has been like no other with lockdowns, school closures and so much more because of the pandemic. We have seen the most severe but understandable restrictions placed on what people can and cannot do which has placed huge pressure on individuals and families and the services trying to support the most vulnerable in our community. The resilience of the community has been tested like never before and it has risen to the challenge magnificently.

Looking forward we hope that restrictions can be lifted and that life for all us can return to some sort of normality.

Over the coming year the Council will be looking to develop and grow its role once the outcome of the review of local government structures is known. We will continue to work with partners to acquire appropriate land or assets which will enhance the town's amenities and maintain a pleasant and attractive environment. Where possible the Council will seek value-for-money assets with the potential to increase the Council's currently very modest income so as to reduce the demands on the public purse whilst maintaining a high degree of service.

The Council has positioned itself to be resilient and flexible to meeting resident's aspirations and help counter the challenges that might arise. Representing the Town Council, at whatever level, remains an interesting and varied experience, one that constantly puts the wellbeing of the town at the heart of activities and where achievement for town residents is the ultimate reward.

Janet Lloyd
Town Mayor

Dave Farrow
Town Clerk

APPENDIX A



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APPENDIX B

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FROM JANUARY 2020

The following committees were elected:

(a) Finance Committee - 9 members: Councillors Barr, Govier, Lithgow, Lloyd, Stock-Williams, Thorne, McGuffie, Bradley and Pringle-Kosikowsky.
Meets monthly.

(b) Environment and Open Spaces Committee - 7 Members: Councillors Lithgow, Lloyd, McGuffie, Smith and Stock-Williams, Booth and Pringle-Koskowsky.
Meets every 4 months.

(c) Community Safety Committee – 5 members: Councillors Booth, Govier, Hunt and Stock-Williams, and Battishill.
Meets twice a year.

(d) Staffing and Resources Committee – 8 members: Councillors Barr, Govier, Lithgow, Lloyd, Smith, Stock-Williams, Hunt and Thorne.
IT and Comms sub-group: Councillors Lloyd, Thorne, Barr Govier.
Meets every month to 6 weeks.

(e) Allotments Committee – 6 members: Councillors Booth, Hunt, Lloyd, McGuffie, Barr and Stock-Williams.
Meets quarterly.

(f) Town Centre Working Group – 5 members: Councillors Lithgow, Powell-Brace, Thorne, Pringle-Kosikowsy and McGuffie. Plus the current Mayor.
Meets every month to 6-weeks.

(g) Neighbourhood Plan/Parish Plan Working Party – 5 members: Councillors, Govier, Lithgow, McGuffie. Pringle-Kosikowsky and Thorne plus 1 vacancy.
Currently disbanded.

(h) Playing Pitch Strategy Working Party
Membership is open to all councillors. Regular attendees are Cllr Lloyd, Govier (as Somerset County Council representative), and Bradley.

6. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The following councillors were elected to outside bodies on which the Council was represented:

WELLINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION (2 members)
Councillor Stock-Williams plus 1 vacancy.

WELLINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (1 member)
Councillor Lithgow

SOMERSET ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (2 members)

Councillors Lithgow and Lloyd

HOSPITAL OF SIR JOHN POPHAM KNIGHT (3 members)
Councillors Stock-Williams, Lithgow and Pringle-Kosikowsky

WELLINGTON IN BLOOM COMMITTEE (1 member)
Councillor Stock-Williams

FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON PARK (1 member)
Councillor Lithgow

WELLINGTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (1 member)
Councillor Lithgow

WELLINGTON MUSEUM AND LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY COMMITTEE (1 member)
Councillor Hunt

DEVON AND SOMERSET METRO GROUP (1 member)
Councillor Barr
(and Stock-Williams if a second member is permitted).

REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNOR AT WELLINGTON SCHOOL (1 member)
(This 4-yearly re-appointment was deferred to 2020)
Councillor Stock Williams)

WELLINGTON ONE (2 members)
Councillors Lithgow and Stock-Williams

BASINS VOLUNTEER GROUP (as from June 2019)
Councillors Powell-Brace and Stock-Williams