



WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

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COUNCIL MEETING

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Wellington Town Council to be held remotely by ZOOM meeting on **Tuesday 4 May at 7.00pm.**

Members of the public are cordially invited to join this meeting.

Due to Coronavirus (Covid-19) measures Wellington Town Council is conducting its meetings remotely until further notice using 'ZOOM' technology. Members of the press and public are welcome to join this meeting using these details:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84462004331?pwd=ajZiSWQzajJgRkRNNmRXM1h0ZXI3UT09>

Meeting ID: 844 6200 4331

Passcode: 282677

Members of the public who wish to have the opportunity to address the council will need to advise the Clerk in writing by no later than 12 noon on Friday 30th April 2021.

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27th April 2021

1. TO OFFER WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. TO NOTE AND AGREE APOLOGIES FOR THE MEETING

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of personal or prejudicial interests, in accordance with the Code of Conduct. Standing declarations made by Councillors are set out at the end of the agenda.

4. MINUTES

To approve and formally adopt the minutes of the Planning and Full Council meetings on 12 April (copies attached).

5. IN LIEU OF PUBLIC SPEAKING TO RECEIVE ANY REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

In the absence of an in-person meeting, the usual public speaking session has temporarily been replaced with the presentation of any written submissions received from members of the public.

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE OUTGOING MAYOR ON ACTIVITIES SINCE THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE LOCAL POLICING TEAM

Sergeant Dan Bishop will present a report to the Council.

8. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM EMMA JONES, NATIONAL TRUST

This will be Emma's last meeting.

9. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT ON RECENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Due to the short timeframe since the last Council meeting, the Clerk will give a short verbal update at the meeting.

10. GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Finance Committee will make a recommendation on the following;

(a) Citizen's Advice Taunton

Citizen's Advice Taunton have submitted an application for a grant of £4,850 to continue delivery of their advice service covering a number of issues (benefits, debt, housing, employment). The application has been circulated to Councillors by e-mail. *Officer's note: a specific heading was added to the 2021-22 budget for an SLA with CAB in the amount of £5,000.*

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Somerset West and Taunton are consulting the Council on an Application for Premises Licence at Rosie's Larder, Fore St, Wellington. Details have been forwarded to Councillors by e-mail.

12. TO REVIEW ELECTRONIC DECISIONS MADE BY COUNCILLORS

At its emergency Coronavirus meeting on 19th March 2020, the Council made several proposals, subsequently approved by full Council. This included electronic voting for decisions about the Council's affairs. A summary report of electronic Council decisions since the Council meeting of 12 April is attached. Full details of all electronic voting are available on the Council's website

13. COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

To note and approve the bank reconciliation up to 26 April 2021 (attached)

14. TO REVIEW COUNCIL OPERATIONS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF CORONAVIRUS-RELATED WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

This is a standing agenda item to enable decisions about arrangements for Council Committee and Working Group meetings, and to agree any working arrangements.

The following meeting dates have been agreed by their Committees/groups.

- Allotments Committee – 24th May 2021 – 6pm
- Town Centre Working Group – 5 May 2021 - 10.30am
- Staffing and Resources Committee – 5 May 2021 - 2.30pm

15. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

The Committee met on the 27 April. Councillor McGuffie will give an update

16. DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS: THE LIVING LEGACY FUND – Councillor Thorne.

To consider a £1,000 donation to this recently launched fund aimed at providing an opportunity for a million more young people from all backgrounds to take part in the DofE Awards Scheme when they otherwise might not be able to do so, as a way for the council to pay tribute on behalf of the Wellington community to the life of HRH Prince Philip.

17. WELLINGTON PARK WAR MEMORIAL CENTENARY – Councillor Thorne

To propose an event to commemorate the centenary of the War Memorial being unveiled, which took place on 17th June 1921.

18. REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM COURT FIELDS SCHOOL

The Council has received the following request for financial support from Terri Bruce, Head of English at Court Fields School as follows:

As you will know, all our students have been strongly impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic and there has been a significant disruption to their education. We have worked tirelessly to mitigate the effects of this for our students. Despite this, one of the key areas for us in terms of English has been the loss of enrichment activities such as theatre trips and opportunities for students to have experiences which would help to develop their cultural capital.

During my research, I have found a theatre company based in London that travels to schools to stage productions of classic texts which appear on our syllabuses. They are offering the chance for us to have a staged production of Jekyll and Hyde (one of the texts our students' study as part of their GCSE English Literature course) at Court Fields for the whole year group. The cost for this production would be £750 + VAT. This is also the text

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that they studied during the recent lockdown period so it would be particularly useful for them to see this performed live in such an engaging way.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of Somerset County Council:

Councillor Andrew Govier

Councillor James Hunt

Councillor John Thorne

Members of Somerset West and Taunton Council:

Councillor Janet Lloyd

Councillor Andrew Govier

Councillor Mark Lithgow

Councillor Ross Henley

Councillor Vivienne Stock-Williams

Councillor Marcus Barr

Councillor Chris Booth