



**WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA**

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Wellington Town Council Environment and Open Spaces Committee at The United Reform Church, Church Hall Fore Street TA21 8AG on **Wednesday 20 October 2021** at **6.30pm**.

Members of the public are cordially invited to join this meeting. However given the current situation with COVID rates in the town we are looking to minimise the number of face to face contacts so ask that members of the public only attend if there are pressing reasons to do so. Minutes are available online following the meeting.

Councillors, members of the public and members of the press are reminded that they must not attend the meeting if they have been advised to self-isolate through Test and Trace or by Public Health or if they or are any of their immediate household have COVID symptoms and/or have had a positive COVID test.

Those who are attending the meeting are reminded that social distancing of 2m is required before, during and after the meeting and that face coverings must be worn when entering the Worship Centre or moving around it. They can only be removed when seated.

All those attending will be required to provide their names and contact details for test and trace purposes. These will be held securely by the Town Council for a period of 30 days.

Members of the public who wish to have the opportunity to address the Committee will need to advise the Clerk in writing by no later than 12 noon on Monday 18 October 2021.

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1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of personal or prejudicial interests, in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

3. 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. Any written submissions received from the public no later than 12 noon on Monday 18 October will be read aloud to the meeting, with a 3-minute time limit per submission.

4. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A COMMUNITY FARM IN WELLINGTON

At its July meeting the Town Council agreed to provide funding of £1500 to fund a feasibility study for the development of a community farm in Wellington. Adam Lockyer will attend the meeting to provide an update on progress.

5. TO CONSIDER A SPECIFICATION FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE RICHARDS CLOSE PLAY AREA

The play equipment at the above play area, which is the responsibility of the Town Council, is old and needs replacing. The roundabout was taken out of action some months ago as it was broken. Attached to the papers is a draft specification for alternative equipment which, if approved, officers will use to go out to tender.

The Committee is asked to **RECOMMEND** to the Town Council that the attached specification is used as a basis for seeking quotes to replace the play equipment at the Richards Close Play Area and that the Council's Community Infrastructure Levy should be used to fund the work.

6. REVIEW OF DOG BIN PROVISION

As requested at previous Council meetings, maps will be prepared detailing the locations of all District and Town Council dog bin locations. This will be forwarded in advance of the meeting. The information can be used to identify gaps in provision and plan a programme of new installations where needed.

7. TO CONSIDER HOW TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY FOR ACHIEVING THE COUNCIL'S POLICY TO REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS

At its meeting on the 6 September the Council resolved that it and the town should take rapid steps to reduce carbon emissions going forward, so that becoming carbon neutral by 2030 in line with local, national and international government commitments is achievable. It tasked this Committee with developing a strategy that sets out how this could be achieved both in relation to the Council's own activities and also across the town as a whole given the Council's role in place leadership.

The Committee is asked to consider what steps need to be taken to develop a strategy and what support is required to do so.

8. DORMOUSE WOOD

The Town Clerk will provide an update at the meeting.

9. COUNCIL WORK PLAN

Attached to the agenda is an extract from the Council Work Plan that details the activities that have been identified as being the responsibility of this Committee. The Committee is asked to consider whether the activities properly reflect the priorities of the Committee and, if not, to propose changes.

10. BUDGET PLANNING 2022/23

In the context of the Work Plan to consider any budget requirements to feed into the Council's annual budget setting process.

11. STREET TREE PROJECT

The Chair and Clerk will provide an update

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It is suggested that given the importance of the development of the Carbon Neutral Strategy this Committee should meet every other month. It is proposed that the next meeting should take place on 14 December 2021 at 18.30.

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