



WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
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COUNCIL MEETING

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Wellington Town Council to be held at Court Fields School, Mantle Street, Wellington TA21 8SW on **Monday 10 JANUARY 2022 at 7.00pm.**

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 hall 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 council will need to advise the Clerk in writing by no later than 12 noon on Friday 7 January 2022.

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4 January 2022

1. TO OFFER WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO APPROVE THE REASONS GIVEN

If you cannot attend, please send your apology and reason to the Town Clerk.

Councillors are reminded that failure to attend any Council meeting for 6 months, full council or a committee/s on which the councillor is a member, will result in them automatically ceasing to be a councillor irrespective of whether apologies are given.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

Standing declarations made by Councillors are set out at the end of the agenda.

4. MINUTES

To approve and sign the minutes of the Planning and Full Council meetings held on 6 December 2021 (copies attached).

5. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Public Attendance: If the public wish to make a comment or ask the Council a question must inform the Town Clerk by 12.00 on Friday 7 January 2022. For those members of the public who wish to ask a question or make a statement a three-minute time limit applies to each speaker.

N.B Councils cannot lawfully decide items of business that is not specified in the summons/agenda (LGA1972 Sch 12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

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

The report is attached to the agenda for information

8. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE LOCAL POLICING TEAM

A report from Sergeant Dan Bishop will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

9. TO SET THE PRECEPT FOR 2022/2023

Having agreed the budget for 2022/23 at its last meeting, the Council will set the Precept for 2022/23 based on the final tax base figure issued by Somerset West and Taunton Council. Paper attached. It is **PROPOSED** that the Precept is set at £413,677, being the shortfall between anticipated income and expenditure in the 2022/23 budget agreed at the December meeting, with the Band D cost being £76.95 pa.

10. LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN (LCWIP)

It is **PROPOSED** that the Council should participate in Phase 2 of the rollout of LCWIPs in Somerset with the £3,000 contribution being drawn from the Climate Change Strategy budget. Details are set out in the attached email from Sarah Ellwood, Project Manager Active Travel and Regeneration, Somerset West and Taunton Council.

11. TO CONSIDER GRANTING THE BRITISH ARMY REGIMENT THE RIFLES THE FREEDOM OF THE TOWN

A supporting paper is attached to the agenda. It is **RECOMMENDED** that

- (a) the Town Council resolves to grant The Freedom of Wellington to The Rifles on a future date and time to be agreed.
- (b) the Town Council resolves to form a working party to liaise with representatives of The Rifles on the detail of how and when the honour can be bestowed.
- (c) the working party shall report to the Policy and Resources Committee when such details have been finalised, for the plans to be considered before being put to the Town Council for determination.
- (d) the Town Council delegates the composition of the working party to the Town Clerk.
- (e) the financial implications of the working party's approved proposals be met from the Promotion of Wellington budget

12. TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Council is asked to **RESOLVE** to exclude members of the press and public for agenda item 14 in accordance with Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

13. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE FROM 6 DECEMBER 2021

To approve and sign the Confidential Minute from the Council meeting on the 6 December 2021 (attached)

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