



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 7 March 2022 at 7.00pm.**

Members of the public are cordially invited to join this meeting. Whilst statutory COVID restrictions have been lifted we are continuing to look 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 or are any of their immediate household, have COVID symptoms.

Whilst restrictions have now been lifted, we would ask anyone attending the meeting to respect social distancing and to feel free to wear a face covering whilst attending the meeting.

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 4 March 2022.

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Town Clerk
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1 March 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, 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 7 February 2022 (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 4 March 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 PRESENTATION FROM YEAR 8 PUPILS FROM COURT FIELDS SCHOOL

As part of their Geography course work, Year 8 students from Court Fields have been carrying out research in the town centre to see how people feel about the town and have been invited to present their findings.

7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE LOCAL POLICING TEAM

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

8. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

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

The report is attached to the agenda for information.

10. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 10 FEBRUARY 2022

The draft minutes and relevant supporting papers are attached for information and Councillor McGuffie will provide an update. It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Council approves The Climate Change Strategy as amended by the Committee.

11. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 17 FEBRUARY 2022

The draft minutes and relevant supporting papers are attached for information and Councillor Lithgow will provide an update. It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Council:

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- (a) Approves the Specification for the Cleaning of the Longforth Road Toilet Block to form the basis of the tendering process
- (b) Approves the Vision for Wellington Town Council document as the basis for the future work of the Town Council.
- (c) Approves the installation of a Dog Bin in Westford Field.
- (d) Approves that the Terms of Reference for the Environment and Open Spaces Committee should be amended to include having responsibility for the oversight of the management of land for which the Town Council is responsible either directly through ownership or through some other agreement that the Town Council may enter in to.

12. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 21 FEBRUARY 2022

The draft minutes of the meeting are attached and Councillor Lloyd will provide an update.

13. TO CONSIDER FUTURE VENUES FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Given that all legal restrictions relating to COVID have been lifted the Council is asked to consider whether it wishes to continue to meet at Court Fields School or return to the United Reform Church Hall for all Full Council meetings from April 2022.

14. 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.

15. TO CONSIDER DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF LAND BEING PURCHASED BY SOMERSET WEST AND TAUNTON COUNCIL (SWT)

The Policy and Resources Committee considered the attached draft Heads of Terms received from Somerset West and Taunton Council, the details of which are commercially sensitive, and **RECOMMENDS** that the Town Council agrees in principle to the proposed Heads of Terms as a basis for further discussions.

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