



**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, 35 Fore Street, Wellington TA21 8AG on **Wednesday 25 May at 4.00 pm.**

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 Committee will need to advise the Clerk in writing by no later than 12 noon on Monday 23 May 2022.

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19 May 2022

Committee Membership: Councillors M Barr, C Booth, K Canham, C Govier, M Lithgow, J Lloyd and M McGuffie.

1. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR

2. TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR

3. APOLOGIES

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

5. MINUTES

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 9 March 2022.

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

Public Attendance: If the public wish to make a comment or ask the Council a question, these must be emailed to the Town Clerk by 12.00 on Monday 23 May 2022. For those members of the public who have submitted any questions or statements, please note, 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

7. REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

Following the setting of membership at the Annual Council Meeting, the committee should review its Terms of Reference. A copy is attached with recommended amendments appropriately marked for consideration. The Committee will need to make any recommendations for change to Full Council.

8. TONEDALE PLAY AREA

(a) Refurbishment Update

Several tender submissions have been received, they will be opened as advertised on Friday 27th May at 4pm by the Clerk, Mayor, Committee Chairman and the Deputy RFO. They will then be shortlisted and referred to a special Committee meeting on Tuesday 14th June at 2.30pm. Presentations will be invited from those shortlisted.

(b) Tree Report/Works

The trees in the play area have been inspected by a tree surgeon as it has been several years since they have been tended to. Some are overgrowing neighbouring properties and some complaints have been received. The report containing recommendations for works and quotations is attached. The committee is asked to make a recommendation of approval of the quotation to Full Council.

9. UPDATE ON FOOTPATHS/RIGHTS OF WAY

Steve Saunders, PPRO, will provide a general update. The Committee is also asked to agree that the Council will continue to pay for the hosting of the Welly Walking website at a cost of £83.88 per year.

10. LAND AT WESTFORD

(a) Tree Works

An inspection of the mature sequoia and oak trees were carried out. Works to removed deadwood and reduce two over extended laterals are required to the sequoia at a cost of £880. The oak requires no work. The report is attached to the agenda. Under its Terms of Reference, the Committee can agree expenditure of up to £1,000 per item. The Committee is therefore asked to approve this work

11. COMMUNITY FARM

A paper is attached from Wellington Community Food setting out a proposal to trial a growing project on land that is part of the area being purchased by Somerset West and Taunton (SWT) Council prior to being leased to the Town Council and which has been identified as the potential location for the Community Farm. The Committee is asked to consider whether it would recommend to the Council that approval is given for the trial subject to the agreement of the current landowners and SWT Council.

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