



WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
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**Members of the Public and the Press are invited to attend all Council Meetings
(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)**

Dear Councillors,

You are hereby summoned to attend the following meeting:

Meeting	Council Meeting
Time	7.00pm
Date	3 October 2022
Place	United Reformed Church Hall, Fore Street TA21 8AG

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Councillors will be discussing all the items listed on the attached Agenda and minutes will be available online and on the Council Notice Board after the meeting.

Councillors and members of the public are reminded that they shouldn't attend the meeting if they or someone they live with has tested positive for COVID or have COVID symptoms.

Yours faithfully

David Farrow
Town Clerk
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27 September 2022

1. 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 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 Town Council and Planning meetings held on 5 September 2022 (copies attached).

5. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Public Attendance: 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 AN UPDATE FROM THE LOCAL POLICING TEAM

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

7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

8. UNITARY COUNCIL UPDATE

Unitary councillors to provide an update on any issues of interest to the Town Council and to consider any progress reports on Local Government Reorganisation.

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

The report is attached to the agenda for information.

10. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2022 are attached for information and Councillor Lithgow will provide an update at the meeting.

11. PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A COST OF LIVING CRISIS BUDGET

A paper is attached for consideration. The Council is asked to consider resolving to establish a Cost of Living Crisis Budget line, initially of £20,000, to provide support to agencies and other organisations to enable them to extend their offer or create new offers to meet the needs of those in the Wellington Community experiencing difficulties over the winter arising from the increases in the cost of living. The Finance Committee to be given delegated responsibility to agree payments from this budget and to report on spend to each Council meeting.

12. ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 26 September 2022 and the background paper relating to Play Areas are attached for information and Councillor McGuffie will provide an update at the meeting. The Committee **RECOMMENDS**

(a) Corner Close Play Area - that the Council approach Persimmon and Somerset West and Taunton to take ownership (including maintenance) of the play area.

(b) Weavers Reach Play Area - that the Councillor's Solicitors be instructed to enter negotiations with Burgess Salmon to take ownership of the play area at Weavers Reach from the Crown Estate. Fees and purchase cost to be funded from the Capital Projects reserve.

13. TOWN CENTRE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 26 September 2022 are attached for information and Councillor Lloyd will provide an update at the meeting.

14. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE GREEN CORRIDOR ADVISORY GROUP

These were omitted in error from the Environment and Open Space's Committee September agenda. The Council is asked to consider adopting the Draft Terms of Reference attached to the agenda.

15. LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORK (LCN) CONSULTATION

The Consultation on the future development of LCNs was published on the 6 September 2022 with a closing date of the 17 October 2022. The consultation papers have been circulated to councillors previously. The Council is asked to consider whether it wishes to submit a Council response to the consultation or whether councillors should respond individually.

16. COMMUNITY REVIEW - MEMBERSHIP OF STEERING GROUP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

A paper is attached for information. The Council is asked to

(a) consider adopting the Model Terms of Reference as amended to reflect the towns context and to agree the membership of the Steering Group as set out in the report.

(b) To agree an initial budget for the work to be drawn from the Neighbourhood Plan budget line

17. CONCLUSION OF AUDIT 21/22

The External Auditor, PKF Littlejohn LLP, has returned Section 3 (External Auditor Report and Certificate 2021/22) of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return which is attached with the public notice of conclusion of audit. The contents should be formally noted by the Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of Somerset County Council:

Councillor Andrew Govier

Councillor Marcus Barr

Councillor Ross Henley

Members of Somerset West and Taunton Council:

Councillor Janet Lloyd

Councillor Andrew Govier

Councillor Mark Lithgow

Councillor Ross Henley

Councillor Marcus Barr

Councillor Chris Booth

Councillor Keith Wheatley