

**MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE HELD AT UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAY 17 JANUARY 2023 AT 4.30 PM**

**Present:** Councillor M Lithgow (Chairman)  
Councillors M Barr, C Booth, C Govier and J Lloyd  
**In attendance:** David Farrow (Town Clerk), Annette Kirk (Assets and Events Officer)  
Councillor A Govier  
1 Member of the press  
1 Member of the public

In the absence of Councillor McGuffie Councillor Lithgow was elected as Chairman for the meeting.

**464 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor M McGuffie.

**465 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**466 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2022 as a true record.

**467 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

One member of the public spoke in relation to item 11 on the agenda – Storage Facility at Fox’s Field.

**468 GREEN CORRIDOR LAND**

The Town Clerk advised that the purchase and subsequent lease of the land to the Town Council was imminent.

The Committee noted the notes of the meeting of the Green Corridor Advisory Board and **RESOLVED** to agree the planting plan for Westford Field/Linden Meadow and that the £1 per tree payment should be retained by Transition Town Wellington (TTW). Councillors thanked TTW for their work in relation to this.

**469 TRASH TRAIL SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE**

After some discussion it was agreed that more information was required before any recommendation could be made. The Assets and Events Officer will report back to the next meeting.

**470 CARBON NEUTRAL STRATEGY**

The Town Clerk reported that the Project Officer post had now been advertised with a closing date of Friday 27 January.

**471 PLAY AREAS**

The Town Clerk reported that the work at Tonedale Play Area had been completed but that an inspection had identified a minor issue with one piece of equipment which it was hoped would be resolved in the next few days.

Councillor C Booth tabled a paper recommending an approach to repurposing what used to be a play area at gay Close which no longer had any play equipment in it. The Committee agreed that this should be explored further. Councillor A Govier raised concerns that he had received about the condition of the footpath by the Westford Play Area and whether that could be improved at the same time work was done at Fox’s Field. The Town Clerk said he would see if that was possible.

**472 LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN UPDATE**

The Town Clerk reported that the cycling audits were now underway with the support of the Wellington Wheelers Cycling Club. It was hoped that they would be completed by the end of January/early February and the draft plan by the end of March.

**473 SOMERSET WEST AND TAUNTON COUNCIL GRASSLAND MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - PARKS AND OPEN SPACES TO INCLUDE WELLINGTON.**

A document had been circulated with the agenda and was noted.

**474 STORAGE FACILITY AT FOX’S FIELD**

A paper had been circulated with the agenda. The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that a further £2,000 be made available to support the installation of the storage facility and hardstanding for its base and for a parking area subject to the agreement of Somerset West and Taunton Council.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.20 pm**

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**Councillor Mark Lithgow**  
**Chairman**