



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	6 February 2023
Place	United Reformed Church Hall, Fore Street TA21 8AG

Councillors will be discussing all the items listed on the attached Agenda and minutes will be available online 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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31 January 2023

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 9 January 2023 (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 Kat Forrest will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

8. SOMERSET COUNTY AND UNITARY COUNCIL PROGRESS 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

A report from the Town Clerk will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

10. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2023 and relevant supporting papers relating to the recommendation below are attached for information and consideration. Councillor Lithgow will provide an update at the meeting.

(a) Wellington Community Counselling Service Level Agreement (SLA)

The Committee **RESOLVED** to refer this to Full Council as those present felt that more Councillors should consider the item given the importance of the decision. The supporting paper considered by the Committee is attached for information. The recommendation of the Councillors Working Group that met to review the SLA was that with effect from the 1 April 2023 the SLA should be amended as follows:

- (i) That 348 hours should be provided so to come in line with a full number of courses of 12 hours.

- (ii) Yearly payments/costings
 - (a) In year 1 (23-24) the cost being £50 per hour = £17,400
 - (b) In year 2 (24-25) the cost being £55 per hour = £19,140
 - (c) In year 3 (25-26) the cost being £60 per hour = £20,880
- (iii) Item 5 of Appendix B of the SLA will be updated to reflect that trainee Counsellors shall also be subject to the same requirements for insurance etc.
- (iv) The draft agreement as amended (changes highlighted) is attached.

The Town Council is asked to consider whether it wishes to approve the proposed changes.

12. ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2023. Councillor M Lithgow will provide an update at the meeting.

13. TOWN CENTRE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2023 and the background papers relating to the recommendations below are attached for information and consideration. Councillor J Lloyd will provide an update at the meeting. The Committee **RECOMMENDS**

a) Kings Coronation Celebrations

- (i) That the Council approve the quotation from Insignia Ltd in the sum of £4,832.00 + VAT for 3,200 coins for children in the town including early years, home schooled and special needs children living in Wellington but attending a school elsewhere.
- (ii) That the projected costs of up £20,000 to cover the King's Coronation Celebrations event on Sunday 7th May 2023 as set out in the attached paper, be agreed. The event to be funded from the Jubilee/Coronation budget carried over from 2022/23 (£11,000) and other funding to be agreed.
- (iii) That the Council support Friends of Wellington Park and provide performers/entertainment for the Spring Fayre on the 7 May 2023.
- (iv) That the Council accept the offer from Wellington Rugby Club to have full use of their Club facilities and pitches to run sporting activities for families on the 7 May 2023. Town Council Officers to work with the Rugby Club and Sports Federation to encourage all sporting clubs in Wellington to take part in the event.

b) Town Centre Flagpole Holders

That the existing 43 flagpole holders in the town centre be replaced and to accept the estimate from Flags.co.uk for 2m Aluminium white powder painted coated pole £6,654.00 plus VAT. Additional costs will need to be taken into account for site survey, disposal of old holders, installation and wall repair work if required. When finalising the specification, the flagpole holders to be used to display Christmas Trees.

14. REQUEST FROM BEECH GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR FUNDING FROM THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS BUDGET

A paper is attached for consideration. The Town Council is asked to consider whether it agrees to pay £3,720 to Beech Grove Primary School from the Cost of Living Crisis Budget to enable it extend its Breakfast Club and provide additional food for some pupils at the school.

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