



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 March 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 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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28 February 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 6 February 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 PRESENTATION FROM JURASSIC FIBRE

Jack Bostman, Community Engagement Ambassador for Jurassic Fibre will detail the build plan rollout for Wellington.

8. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT FOR THE DELIVERY OF A YOUTH PEER SUPPORT GROUP PROGRAMME IN WELLINGTON

Mind In Somerset is seeking funding of £5,565 a year for three years through a service level agreement to contribute to the costs of delivering a youth peer support group in the town from April 2023. A paper is attached for consideration. If approved it is recommended that the funding be drawn from the Youth Services Budget line of £26,000 which has not be utilised for a couple of years.

9. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

10. 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.

Bill Revans, Leader of Somerset County Council will also be attending the meeting for this item.

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

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

12. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2023 and relevant papers supporting its recommendation are attached for information and consideration. Councillor Lithgow will provide an update at the meeting.

- (a) The Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the asset register be accepted after updating the date that the Mayoral Robes were inherited and that the Council's insurance for 23-24 should remain with Zurich for one year at a cost of £3,845.

- (b) The Town Council is asked to note the following decisions of the Committee taken under its delegated powers:
 - (i) To approve a grant of £390 to Avtar Indian Dance
 - (ii) To award £1080 to St Johns Church from the Cost-of-Living Budget for the purchase of equipment to help deliver the offer of hospitality at their Talking Café, Baby and Toddler and Warm Space sessions.

13. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meetings held on 20 February 2023 and the background papers relating to the recommendations below are attached for information and consideration. Councillor Lithgow will provide an update at the meeting.

- (i) The Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the Town Council resolves;
 - (a) That £50,000 of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding should be allocated to Somerset West and Taunton Council to support the work at Tonedale Mill on the basis that it would support opening up parts of the site to the public. Since the Committee meeting Somerset West and Taunton officers have provided additional information about how the funding would be used and this is attached.
 - (b) That the draft Sponsorship Policy be adopted.
 - (c) That the terms of reference of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee be amended to include having oversight of heritage matters in the town and that the Committee be renamed the Environment and Heritage Committee.
 - (d) To proceed with the process to seek to rename the Taunton Road from the Chelston Roundabout to the town centre as Queen Elizabeth Way to honour the memory of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II once guidance had been published by the Cabinet Office

- (ii) The Town Council is asked to note the following decisions of the Committee taken under its delegated powers:
 - (a) To agree the specification for the appointment of a Project Manager to oversee building work at the Longforth Road Toilet Block.
 - (b) To agree to pay £3,000 from the Environmental Improvements budget to SWT as a contribution to the costs of replacing The Basins boardwalk.

- (c) To approve the quotation from WT Consultancy (SW) Ltd to provide specialist health and safety support to the Council and for the Committee to review the contract annually.
- (d) To approve the implementation of the Allotment, Park Inspection and Asset Manager app from CloudyIT subject to a satisfactory 30-day free trial by Officers.

14. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meetings held on 20 February are attached for information. Councillor J Lloyd will provide an update at the meeting.

15. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A CONTAINER AT FOX'S FIELD

A request for additional funding for installing a storage container at Fox's Field was considered by the Environment and Open Spaces Committee at its meeting on the 17 January 2023 but was omitted from the February Council agenda in error. The paper setting out the request is attached and the Committee **RECOMMENDS** that a further £2,000 be made available from the Green Corridor Budget to support the installation of the storage facility, hardstanding for its base and for a parking area.

16. TO AGREE THE BUDGET FOR THE FREEDOM OF THE RIFLES AND ARMED FORCES DAY EVENTS 17 JUNE 2023

A draft budget is attached for information. The Town Council is asked to approve the budget on the basis set out in the paper.

17. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION – SATURDAY 18 MARCH 2023

It is proposed that we erect the Council Gazebo in the town centre on Saturday 18 March between 10.00am and 1.00pm to allow members of the community to speak to Councillors. It will also provide an opportunity to seek the community's views on issues like the proposal for a Town Mascot, the next stage of the community consultation and the work of the Town Council in general.

18. DATES FOR 2023 ANNUAL MEETING AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Given that the first two Mondays in May are Bank Holidays, it is proposed that the Annual Meeting of the Council take place on 3 May 2023 at 6.00pm and that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on 17 May 2023 at 6.00pm to incorporate presentations from agencies that have received funding from the Council over the previous year and also the presentation of Civic Awards.

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

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Councillor Mark Lithgow
Councillor Ross Henley
Councillor Marcus Barr
Councillor Chris Booth
Councillor Keith Wheatley