



**WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA**

**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	Environment and Heritage Committee
Time	4.00 pm
Date	18 July 2023
Place	United Reformed Church Hall, Fore Street, Wellington TA21 8AG

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

Yours faithfully

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12 July 2023

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

1 APOLOGIES

To receive apologies and approve the reasons given.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3 MINUTES

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2023.

4 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

5 HERITAGE UPDATE

- (i) To receive a report on heritage matters in the town from Amy Kemmish, Project Manager Heritage at Risk, Somerset Council. A report is attached for consideration.
- (ii) To consider recommending to the Full Council that a Council led group is established to have oversight of the work taking place at Tonedale Mill in light of the decision of the current directors of Wellington Mills Community Interest Company to step down.

6 FOOTPATH UPDATE

Steve Saunders will provide an update.

7. CROWN ESTATE LAND

The Town Clerk will provide a verbal update.

8. GREEN CORRIDOR ADVISORY BOARD

To receive an update from the Advisory Board Meeting held on 12 July 2023. Notes of the meeting will be circulated in advance of the meeting

9. CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

To consider proposed actions for the delivery of the Climate Change Strategy. A paper is attached for consideration which if approved will be developed in to a detailed action plan.

10. LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN (LCWIP) UPDATE

To consider recommending to the Full Council that a draft submission, prepared by Wellington Wheelers at the request of the Town Clerk in relation to providing protected space for cycling through the town, be included in the LCWIP.

11. BASINS ALLOTMENTS ADVISORY BOARD

- (i) It was proposed by the Policy and Resources Committee and subsequently agreed by Full Council that an Advisory Board should replace the current Allotments Committee arrangements. The Board will report to this Committee. Proposed Draft Terms of Reference are attached for consideration.
- (ii) If (i) is agreed, the Committee should recommend two Councillors for appointment to the Advisory Board.
- (iii) If (i) is agreed to agree amendments to this Committees Terms of Reference to reflect this change.

12. TREE STRATEGY

- (i) Fruit Tree Project. To consider recommending to Full Council that it commits £5,400 from the Environmental Improvement Budget for the purchase of 300 dwarf apple trees to be given free of charge to residents and schools. A paper is attached for consideration.
- (ii) To note the Somerset Council Tree Strategy (copy attached to the agenda)
- (iii) To consider tree planting options for 2023/24.(paper attached)

13. REQUEST FOR LITTER BIN

A request has been received from a resident for a new bin on Popes Lane adjacent to the entrance to Andrew Allen Road. Somerset Council will no longer install any additional bins given the recent replacement scheme for larger units. They also expect the unit to be similar to those which have been recently installed. Council Officers are waiting for Somerset Council to provide the cost to purchase and install which will be circulated prior to the meeting or provided at the meeting.

If the Committee approve the request, It is asked that the Officers be given delegated authority to purchase an appropriate unit and approve the cost for installation if permission is granted for siting by Highways. Emptying will be carried out by Somerset Council at a cost of £7.33 per time (2x per week, x52 weeks = £1,524.64 per year).

14. SIGN FOR ROLY POLY GREEN

Councillor Booth has requested signage to be put up at Roly Polly Green. He has suggested that a competition for the design be run for primary school children. Permission will be required from Somerset Council, but the committee is asked to consider this in principle and recommend to Ful Council that delegated authority is given to Officers and Councillor Booth to set up the competition and approve costs in line with the Committee's Terms of Reference.

15. TOWN CENTRE ENGAGEMENT

To consider a list of potential actions for the Committee from a list of suggestions provided to the Town Centre Committee. Paper attached to the agenda.

16. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To consider recommending to Full Council that from September the committee will meet every other month in the week after the Council meeting.

David Farrow
Town Clerk
12 July 2023