

MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE HELD AT UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAY 18 JULY 2023 AT 4.00 PM

Present: Councillor M McGuffie (Chairman)
Councillors M Barr, C Booth and C Govier

In attendance: David Farrow (Town Clerk)
Councillor J Thorne
Charles Biscoe, Wellington Wheelers for agenda item 10
One member of the press and one member of the public

137. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors M Lithgow and K Wheatley

138. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

139. MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2023.

140 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

One member of the public spoke in relation to the work he had been doing monitoring butterflies around the town. The Town Clerk said that he would take up the offer of sharing the data he had gathered to help support an assessment of the level of biodiversity in the town’s green spaces.

141. HERITAGE UPDATE

(i) Amy Kemmish, Project Manager - Heritage at Risk, Somerset Council was unable to attend the meeting. Her report had been circulated with the agenda and was noted. The Town Clerk was asked to seek clarification on what action was being taken in relation to Teare’s Newsagents given that the Section 215 Notice had expired and also what action could be taken in relation to the old Shauls and Children’s Hospice buildings given they are both in the conservation area and in a very poor state of repair.

(ii) It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that a Council Working 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.

142 FOOTPATH UPDATE

No update had been received.

143 CROWN ESTATE LAND

The Town Clerk reported that following the decision of Full Council to proceed with the purchase of the land the Council’s solicitors had been instructed and had contacted the Crown Estate solicitors and the matter was now proceeding.

144. GREEN CORRIDOR ADVISORY BOARD

The notes of the Advisory Board Meeting held on 12 July 2023 had been circulated in advance of the meeting and were noted. The Town Clerk advised that the Council's Assets and Events Officer would be walking the land with the Council's Health and Safety Adviser on 19 July 2023.

145. CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

An updated draft strategy had been circulated with the agenda for comment. It was noted that activities such as the Foodbank should not be conflated with a response to the climate emergency as they were a result of the need of support as a result of cost of living issues.

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

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Charles Biscoe, Wellington Wheelers, to explain the work he and the group had done to produce the paper being considered and to take questions.

Standing Orders were reinstated

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that the submission prepared by the Wellington Wheelers should be included in the LCWIP recognising that it is aspirational and that for it to be implemented there would need to be more work done and that it was not something that could be delivered in the short term.

147. BASINS ALLOTMENTS ADVISORY BOARD

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that:

- (i) The Draft Terms of Reference for the Basins Allotments Advisory Board be adopted.
- (ii) That Councillors Janet Lloyd and Catherine Govier be the Council's representatives on the Board along with four tenants.
- (iii) That the proposed amendments to the Committees Terms of Reference to reflect this change be adopted.

148. TREE STRATEGY

It was **RESOLVED:**

- (i) To recommend to Full Council that the Fruit Tree Project is approved and that £5,400 is committed from the Environmental Improvement budget for the purchase of 300 dwarf apple trees to be given free of charge to residents and schools,
- (ii) To note the Somerset Council Tree Strategy (copy attached to the agenda) and for further consideration to be given to how it could be implemented in Wellington, and
- (iii) To recommend to Full Council that work should be undertaken to establish where trees could be planted around the town starting with land owned by the Town Council and Somerset Council owned land.

The Town Clerk was asked to develop a proposal for an annual budget for tree planting.

149. REQUEST FOR LITTER BIN

Information relating to a request for an additional waste bin at Popes Lane had been circulated with the agenda and was tabled at the meeting. After some discussion the Committee asked the Assets and Events Officer and Chair to do more work in relation to establishing the need for a bin at this location and also to bring back to the Committee a map showing the location of bins around the town to enable a more strategic approach to be taken to establishing where bins were needed.

150.SIGN FOR ROLY POLY GREEN

After some discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Booth and Officers should progress the project to design and install a sign on Roly Poly Green ,as proposed, with a view to bringing proposals back to a future meeting of the Committee for consideration.

151.TOWN CENTRE ENGAGEMENT

A list of potential actions for the Committee formed from a list of suggestions provided to the Town Centre Committee had been circulated with the agenda. It was agreed that officers would review and report back relevant actions to the next Committee meeting.

152. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that from September 2023 the committee will meet every other month in the second week of the month i.e. the week after the Council meeting has been held.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.00 pm

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Councillor M McGuffie
Chairman



SC HAR team Report to Wellington Town Council Environment and Heritage committee

13th September 2023

Heritage at Risk in Wellington

Authors: Amy Kemmish / Dr Joanne O'Hara

Toneworks, Grade II*, owned by SWT, HE HAR Register

- Phase 3 has now completed on site and the tanks are successfully supported. The windows have been restored and fitted and they really transform the space.
- Our summer tours are also up and running. The uptake has far exceeded expectations with all tours booking up within a week of being available. It is great to have such high interest from the local community and so far, most attendees have been from the local area. It has been really useful to show the site and the works we've done so far to the community and to gather their thoughts and opinions about it. We have been collecting feedback in our guestbook which has been overwhelmingly positive and also has included some useful contacts to learn more about the site. The best thing has been hearing things about the site that we don't know from people with relevant knowledge who have attended the tours.
- We look forward to welcoming Wellington Town Councillors for a private tour on the 12th September.

Date	Event	Time	
Thursday 27 July	Meet the Architect – Claire Fear (Architectural Thread)	12.30	2.15
Tuesday 1 August	Standard tour	2.15	3.30
Monday 7 August	Standard tour	10.15	11.30
Saturday 19 August	Standard tour	2.15	3.30
Thursday 24 August	Meet the Historian – Vanessa Ruhlig (Architectural Thread)	12.30	2.15
Wednesday 30 August	Standard tour	2.15	3.30
Friday 8 September	Heritage and Climate Change – Joanne Williams (Historic England)	1.15	2.45
Saturday 9 September	Heritage and Climate Change – Joanne Williams (Historic England)	10.15	11.45
Friday 15 September	Textile History and Toneworks – Bethan Murray (South West Heritage Trust)	1.15	2.45
Saturday 16 September	Meet the Engineer – Nick Winn (Integral Engineering Design)	10.15	11.45
Thursday 21 September	Standard tour	2.15	3.30
Wednesday 27 September	Standard tour	11.45	1.00
Tuesday 3 October	Standard tour	2.15	3.30
Monday 9 October	Standard tour	11.45	1.00
Thursday 19 October	Standard tour	10.15	11.30
Friday 27 October	Looking into the Future & Cherry Picker	12.30	2.15

Tonedale Mill, Grade II*, private ownership, HE HAR Register

- Recently they have done some works to improve parts of the fencing on site and some minimal vegetation clearance. We have been working with them to make this work more extensive, however the progress has not been satisfactory and therefore we have had to take statutory action against them.
- We have now served a Section 215 notice on Block H at Tonedale Mill mandating that the owners repair / install new compound fencing, deal with vegetation, the scaffolding over the footpath and security issues.
- We have been in regular contact with the police and fire service following incidents at the start of the summer holidays and have also facilitated meetings between these services and the owners.
- We are also continuing our efforts towards progressing the major urgent works required to the buildings on site and have been working with Historic England on this recently.

Conservation Area, HE HAR Register

- We have recently advised Historic England that the CA should remain on the At Risk Register for 2023/24. We continue to engage our contact in HE to see if we can get a renewed focus put on the CA.
- We have an upcoming meeting with a Historic England Strategic officer to walk the Conservation Area and talk about next steps.

Historic Water Ways

- Historic England have now nearly finished their report to understand the historic significance of its features. We are just awaiting a final copy after the author has retired.
- The project with the SRA funding secured by the HAR team will be underway from August with the Heritage at Risk team remaining involved to advise and advocate for the historic waterways and heritage assets involved. When there are opportunities for contribution to the project we will be certain to let you know and ensure WTC are closely involved.

Enforcement cases

- **Rockwell Green Water Towers, Grade II, Private ownership**
- We have now served a 2nd Section 215 notice at Rockwell Green following a lack of communication from the owner in the last few months. The notice runs out in October.
- **Teare's Newsagents, Grade II and CA, Private ownership**
- The notice period at Teare's Newsagents ran out on Thursday 3rd August.
- The property was re-inspected and it was confirmed that no works have been undertaken.
- The case is back with the enforcement team at Somerset Council now for the next steps and they have submitted a request to the legal team.

Fundraising

- We're very grateful for the recent contribution from WTC of £50K towards further Phase 3 works at Toneworks that will allow us to take tours around site in the summer months for the community and interested members of the public. Your contribution has made a great difference to what we have been able to achieve in this phase and has also helped to attract further funding from both Historic England and the South West Heritage Trust.
- We hope our summer programme of events will help us further with our fundraising by raising the profile of the site.
- We are particularly focused on securing money to restore the roof of building R which if you have visited site with Jo, has been referred to as the theatre room but is also known as the cloth carbonising room. The roof here partially collapsed during Phase 1 of the project and then a further portion was removed in Phase 3 to facilitate the support of the tanks. We have carried out some repairs to the principal rafters during this phase, however we were unable to fund restoring the rest of the roof and it remains partially open to the elements. We have some slates left over that we can use making this a good next repair to fund but unfortunately, we've not been able to stretch our remaining funding this far.

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General Tree Assessment (Detailed)

Tree Survey 2023 at Allotment boundary hedges and Greenbelt footpaths

Tree ID: 1	Common Alder <i>Alnus glutinosa</i>		Tag:		Assessor: Kim Dear						
			TPO:		Date: 19-Apr-23						
	Tree Comment:										
	Survey Comment: Hanging deadwood over pathway.										
Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	10 m	4 m	2	400 mm	Semi-mature	No		N/A	19-Apr-25	N/A	Fair
Observations	Root		Stem		Branch		Leaf/Bud				
	Waterlogged		Leaning		Damage / wounding Minor dead wood						
Work	Category			Action			Priority		Done		
	Reduce faulted limbs/stems			Unspecified			1 year		No		

Tree ID: 2	Common Ash <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>		Tag:		Assessor: Kim Dear						
			TPO:		Date: 19-Apr-23						
	Tree Comment:										
	Survey Comment: Monitor for dieback.										
Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	13 m	5 m	2	650 mm	Semi-mature			N/A	19-Apr-25	N/A	Fair
Observations	Root		Stem		Branch		Leaf/Bud				
			Leaning		Damage / wounding						
Work											

General Tree Assessment (Detailed)

Tree ID: 3

Common Ash
Fraxinus excelsior

Tag:

Assessor: Kim Dear

TPO:

Date: 19-Apr-23

Tree Comment:

Survey Comment: Canker to 3 m, poor in decline.

Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	9 m	3 m	2	450 mm	Semi-mature	No		N/A	19-Apr-25	N/A	Poor
Observations	Root	Stem			Branch	Leaf/Bud					
		Cracked / included bark Leaning Cavities			Apical die back	25% dead / absent					
Work	Category	Action			Priority	Done					
	Fell	Unspecified			1 year	No					

Tree ID: 4

Common Ash
Fraxinus excelsior

Tag:

Assessor: Kim Dear

TPO:

Date: 19-Apr-23

Tree Comment:

Survey Comment: Leaning over lake, early stages of ash dieback. Monitor .

Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	13 m	5 m	2	700 mm	Mature			N/A	19-Apr-25	N/A	Poor
Observations	Root	Stem			Branch	Leaf/Bud					
		Leaning			Apical die back	25% dead / absent Small / sparse					
Work	Category	Action			Priority	Done					
	See Comment	Unspecified				No					

General Tree Assessment (Detailed)

Tree ID: 5	Common Ash <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Tag:	Assessor: Kim Dear	TPO:	Date: 19-Apr-23						
Tree Comment:											
Survey Comment: Monitor for dieback.											
Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	13 m	5 m	2	850 mm	Mature	No		N/A	19-Apr-25	N/A	Fair
Observations	Root	Stem			Branch			Leaf/Bud			
					Minor dead wood Major dead wood			25% dead / absent			
Work	Category			Action			Priority		Done		
	Crown Cleaning			Unspecified			1 year		No		

Tree ID: 6	Willow <i>Salix Unknown</i>	Tag:	Assessor: Kim Dear	TPO:	Date: 19-Apr-23						
Tree Comment:											
Survey Comment: Remove faulted limb over pathway. Included fork and decay fungus.											
Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	8 m	5 m	7	850 mm	Mature			N/A	19-Apr-25	N/A	Fair
Observations	Root	Stem			Branch			Leaf/Bud			
		Fungus or decay Leaning									
Work	Category			Action			Priority		Done		
	Reduce faulted limbs/stems			Unspecified			1 year		No		

Tree ID: 7	Common Alder <i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	Tag:	Assessor: Kim Dear	TPO:	Date: 19-Apr-23						
Tree Comment:											
Survey Comment:											
Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	11 m	3 m	2	750 mm	Dead			N/A	19-Apr-25	N/A	Poor
Observations	Root	Stem			Branch			Leaf/Bud			
Work	Category			Action			Priority		Done		
	Fell			Unspecified			6 Months		No		

General Tree Assessment (Detailed)

Tree ID: 8

Scots Pine
Pinus sylvestris

Tag:

Assessor: Kim Dear

TPO:

Date: 19-Apr-23

Tree Comment:

Survey Comment:

Details

Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
14 m	3 m	1	590 mm	Mature	No		N/A	19-Apr-25	N/A	Poor

Observations

Root	Stem	Branch	Leaf/Bud
	Bark wounds Cavities		

Work

Category	Action	Priority	Done
Further inspection	On internal trunk decay.	1 year	No

Tree ID: 9

Common Alder
Alnus glutinosa

Tag:

Assessor: Kim Dear

TPO:

Date: 19-Apr-23

Tree Comment:

Survey Comment: Mostly dead, no immediate target,

Details

Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
8 m	3 m	2	30 mm	Semi-mature			N/A	19-Jul-24	N/A	Poor

Observations

Root	Stem	Branch	Leaf/Bud
	Fungus or decay Cavities		All dead / absent

Work

Category	Action	Priority	Done
Fell	Unspecified	1 year	No

General Tree Assessment (Detailed)

Tree ID: 10	European Larch <i>Larix decidua</i>	Tag:	Assessor: Kim Dear								
		TPO:	Date: 19-Apr-23								
		Tree Comment:									
		Survey Comment: Broken limb at 6 metres. Remove deadwood.									
Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	16 m	4 m	1	700 mm	Over Mature			N/A	19-Apr-25	N/A	Fair
Observations	Root		Stem		Branch		Leaf/Bud				
			Leaning		Minor dead wood Major dead wood		25% dead / absent				
Work	Category		Action				Priority		Done		
	Reduce faulted limbs/stems		Unspecified				1 year		No		

Tree ID: 11	Grey Poplar <i>Populus canescens</i>	Tag:	Assessor: Kim Dear								
		TPO:	Date: 19-Apr-23								
		Tree Comment:									
		Survey Comment: Severe lean towards lake. No immediate target. Monitor root plate.									
Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	18 m	15 m	1	1200 mm	Mature			N/A	19-Apr-25	N/A	Fair
Observations	Root		Stem		Branch		Leaf/Bud				
			Leaning								
Work	Category		Action				Priority		Done		
	See Comment		Unspecified						No		

Tree ID: 12	Common Ash <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Tag:	Assessor: Kim Dear								
		TPO:	Date: 19-Apr-23								
		Tree Comment:									
		Survey Comment: No immediate target, some deadwood over pathway.									
Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	12 m	3 m	3	500 mm	Dead			N/A	19-Apr-25	N/A	Poor
Observations	Root		Stem		Branch		Leaf/Bud				
Work	Category		Action				Priority		Done		
	See Comment		Unspecified						No		

General Tree Assessment (Detailed)

Tree ID: 13	Common Oak <i>Quercus robur</i>	Tag:	Assessor: Kim Dear
		TPO:	Date: 19-Apr-23
		Tree Comment:	
		Survey Comment: Veteran tree apical dieback. Needs sympathetic reduction to remove deadwood. Old fungal bracket at base.	

Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	12 m	12 m	1	1450 mm	Over Mature			N/A	19-Apr-25	N/A	Fair
Observations	Root		Stem		Branch			Leaf/Bud			
			Fungus or decay		Apical die back Minor dead wood			25% dead / absent			
Work	Category		Action					Priority		Done	
	Crown Cleaning		Unspecified					1 year		No	

Tree ID: 14	Common Ash <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Tag:	Assessor: Kim Dear
		TPO:	Date: 19-Apr-23
		Tree Comment:	
		Survey Comment: Monitor for dieback.	

Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	17 m	8 m	2	1100 mm	Mature	No		N/A	19-Apr-25	N/A	Fair
Observations	Root		Stem		Branch			Leaf/Bud			
					Minor dead wood						
Work											

General Tree Assessment (Detailed)

Tree ID: 15 Common Ash
Fraxinus excelsior

Tag:
TPO:

Assessor: Kim Dear
Date: 19-Apr-23

Tree Comment:
Survey Comment: On stream bank, decay down side of stem. Leans away from house, school. Other ash growing through stream wall. Monitor for dieback.

Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	19 m	9 m	1	850 mm	Mature	No		N/A	19-Apr-25	N/A	Poor
Observations	Root	Stem			Branch			Leaf/Bud			
		Fungus or decay Bark wounds Cavities									
Work	Category	Action			Priority	Done					
	See Comment	Unspecified				No					

Tree ID: 16 Common Oak
Quercus robur

Tag:
TPO:

Assessor: Kim Dear
Date: 19-Apr-23

Tree Comment:
Survey Comment: Huge veteran tree, mostly hollow, wounds from shed limb. No immediate target.

Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	20 m	10 m	1	2500 mm	Over Mature			N/A	19-Apr-25	N/A	Fair
Observations	Root	Stem			Branch			Leaf/Bud			
	Soil erosion	Cavities			Apical die back Damage / wounding Minor dead wood Major dead wood						
Work	Category	Action			Priority	Done					
	See Comment	Unspecified				No					

General Tree Assessment (Detailed)

Tree ID: 17	Common Oak <i>Quercus robur</i>	Tag:	Assessor: Kim Dear	TPO:	Date: 19-Apr-23						
Tree Comment:											
Survey Comment: Remove deadwood over pathway and bench.											
Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	18 m	9 m	1	2000 mm	Over Mature			N/A	19-Apr-25	N/A	Fair
Observations	Root	Stem			Branch			Leaf/Bud			
	Damage to buttress roots	Cavities			Apical die back Damage / wounding Minor dead wood Major dead wood						
Work	Category	Action			Priority			Done			
	Remove	Major dead wood			1 year			No			

Tree ID: 18	Maple <i>Acer Unknown</i>	Tag:	Assessor: Kim Dear	TPO:	Date: 19-Apr-23						
Tree Comment:											
Survey Comment: Deadwood over school entrance and footpath.											
Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	16 m	8 m	5	300 mm	Mature			N/A	19-Apr-25	N/A	Fair
Observations	Root	Stem			Branch			Leaf/Bud			
		Bark wounds Cracked / included bark Leaning Cavities			Minor dead wood Major dead wood						
Work	Category	Action			Priority			Done			
	Remove	Major dead wood			6 Months			No			

General Tree Assessment (Detailed)

Tree ID: 19	Common Ash <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Tag:	Assessor: Kim Dear	TPO:	Date: 19-Apr-23						
Tree Comment:											
Survey Comment: Major limb over pathway, cracked included union at 3 m.											
Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	18 m	9 m	1	825 mm	Mature			N/A	19-Apr-25	N/A	Fair
Observations	Root	Stem			Branch			Leaf/Bud			
		Cracked / included bark Leaning			Weak fork						
Work	Category	Action			Priority				Done		
	Remove	Faulted branch/limbs			1 year				No		

Tree ID: 20	Goat Willow <i>Salix caprea</i>	Tag:	Assessor: Kim Dear	TPO:	Date: 19-Apr-23						
Tree Comment:											
Survey Comment:											
Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	14 m	5 m	3	560 mm	Mature			N/A	19-Apr-25	N/A	Fair
Observations	Root	Stem			Branch			Leaf/Bud			
		Leaning			Damage / wounding Minor dead wood Major dead wood						
Work	Category	Action			Priority				Done		
	Remove	Suspended or broken branches			6 Months				No		

General Tree Assessment (Detailed)

Tree ID: 21	Common Oak <i>Quercus robur</i>	Tag:	Assessor: Kim Dear	TPO:	Date: 19-Apr-23						
Tree Comment:											
Survey Comment: Deadwood/ limb over pathway.											
Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	17 m	9 m	1	1350 mm	Mature			N/A	19-Apr-25	N/A	Fair
Observations	Root		Stem		Branch			Leaf/Bud			
					Minor dead wood Major dead wood						
Work	Category		Action					Priority		Done	
	Remove		Major dead wood					1 year		No	

Tree ID: 22	London Plane <i>Platanus x hispanica</i>	Tag:	Assessor: Kim Dear	TPO:	Date: 20-Apr-23						
Tree Comment:											
Survey Comment: Hanging deadwood over drive.											
Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	25 m	15 m	1	1750 mm	Mature			N/A	20-Apr-25	N/A	Good
Observations	Root		Stem		Branch			Leaf/Bud			
					Minor dead wood Major dead wood						
Work	Category		Action					Priority		Done	
	Remove		Suspended or broken branches					6 Months		No	

General Tree Assessment (Detailed)

Tree ID: 23	Common Lime <i>Tilia europaea</i>	Tag:	Assessor: Kim Dear								
		TPO:	Date: 20-Apr-23								
		Tree Comment:									
		Survey Comment: Kretzschmaria deusta to 3 metres. Alternatively fell.									
Details	Height 23 m	Spread 6 m	Stems 1	Ø 1050 mm	Maturity Mature	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp N/A	Next Due 20-Apr-25	QTRA Score N/A	Condition Poor
Observations	Root		Stem Fungus or decay Epicormic growths		Branch Apical die back Minor dead wood		Leaf/Bud				
Work	Category Further inspection		Action On internal trunk decay.				Priority 3 Months		Done No		

Tree ID: 24	Common Lime <i>Tilia europaea</i>	Tag:	Assessor: Kim Dear								
		TPO:	Date: 20-Apr-23								
		Tree Comment:									
		Survey Comment: Need to access to allow inspection.									
Details	Height 21 m	Spread 6 m	Stems 1	Ø 950 mm	Maturity Mature	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp N/A	Next Due 20-Apr-25	QTRA Score N/A	Condition Fair
Observations	Root		Stem Epicormic growths		Branch Minor dead wood		Leaf/Bud				
Work	Category Remove		Action Epicormic growths				Priority 3 Months		Done No		

Tree ID: 25	Crack Willow <i>Salix fragilis</i>	Tag:	Assessor: Kim Dear								
		TPO:	Date: 20-Apr-23								
		Tree Comment:									
		Survey Comment: Dead stem leaning over pathway.									
Details	Height 11 m	Spread 9 m	Stems 7	Ø 850 mm	Maturity Semi-mature	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp N/A	Next Due 20-Apr-25	QTRA Score N/A	Condition Fair
Observations	Root		Stem Leaning		Branch Minor dead wood		Leaf/Bud 25% dead / absent				
Work	Category Remove		Action Faulted stems				Priority 1 year		Done No		

General Tree Assessment (Detailed)

Tree ID: 26	Common Oak <i>Quercus robur</i>	Tag:	Assessor: Kim Dear	TPO:	Date: 20-Apr-23						
Tree Comment:											
Survey Comment: If container placed under crown, recommend deadwooding.											
Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	18 m	8 m	1	1050 mm	Mature			N/A	20-Apr-25	N/A	Fair
Observations	Root	Stem			Branch			Leaf/Bud			
					Minor dead wood			25% dead / absent Small / sparse			
Work	Category			Action			Priority		Done		
	See Comment			Unspecified					No		

Tree ID: 27	Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Tag:	Assessor: Kim Dear	TPO:	Date: 20-Apr-23						
Tree Comment:											
Survey Comment: Decay in buttress roots. No immediate target. Potentially fence off surrounding area.											
Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	17 m	8 m	1	900 mm	Mature			N/A	20-Apr-25	N/A	Fair
Observations	Root	Stem			Branch			Leaf/Bud			
	Damage to buttress roots	Cavities			Minor dead wood Major dead wood						
Work	Category			Action			Priority		Done		
	See Comment			Unspecified					No		

Tree ID: 28	Common Oak <i>Quercus robur</i>	Tag:	Assessor: Kim Dear	TPO:	Date: 20-Apr-23						
Tree Comment:											
Survey Comment: Inonotus brackets to East and West. Picus test to assess decay.											
Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	18 m	10 m	1	1050 mm	Mature			N/A	20-Apr-25	N/A	Fair
Observations	Root	Stem			Branch			Leaf/Bud			
		Fungus or decay									
Work	Category			Action			Priority		Done		
	Further inspection			On internal trunk decay.			6 Months		No		

General Tree Assessment (Detailed)

Tree ID: 29 Common Oak
Quercus robur

Tag:
TPO:

Assessor: Kim Dear
Date: 20-Apr-23

Tree Comment:
Survey Comment: Hollow veteran, deadwood over road/ driveway. Monitor.

Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	10 m	8 m	1	1850 mm	Over Mature			N/A	20-Apr-25	N/A	Fair
Observations	Root		Stem		Branch			Leaf/Bud			
			Cavities		Minor dead wood Major dead wood						
Work	Category			Action			Priority			Done	
	See Comment			Unspecified						No	

Tree ID: 30 Common Alder
Alnus glutinosa

Tag:
TPO:

Assessor: Kim Dear
Date: 20-Apr-23

Tree Comment:
Survey Comment: Dead stems on river bank. No immediate target and poor pedestrian access.

Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	12 m	2 m	5	260 mm	Dead			N/A	20-Jul-24	N/A	Poor
Observations	Root		Stem		Branch			Leaf/Bud			
Work	Category			Action			Priority			Done	
	See Comment			Unspecified						No	

General Tree Assessment (Detailed)

Tree ID: 31

Common Ash
Fraxinus excelsior

Tag:

Assessor: Kim Dear

TPO:

Date: 20-Apr-23

Tree Comment:

Survey Comment: 1 of 4 semi mature ash, with nest box at 3 m. Suspect die back. Monitor.

Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	15 m	3 m	1	350 mm	Semi-mature			N/A	20-Apr-25	N/A	Poor
Observations	Root		Stem			Branch		Leaf/Bud			
			Ivy covered			Apical die back Minor dead wood		25% dead / absent Small / sparse			
Work	Category			Action			Priority			Done	
	See Comment			Unspecified						No	

Tree ID: 32

Common Ash
Fraxinus excelsior

Tag:

Assessor: Kim Dear

TPO:

Date: 20-Apr-23

Tree Comment:

Survey Comment: Early stages of ash dieback. No immediate target, won't hit railway.

Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	QTRA Score	Condition
	10 m	5 m	9	850 mm	Semi-mature			N/A	20-Apr-25	N/A	Varied
Observations	Root		Stem			Branch		Leaf/Bud			
						Damage / wounding Minor dead wood					
Work	Category			Action			Priority			Done	
	See Comment			Unspecified						No	

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General Tree Assessment (Summary)

Tree Ref	Species	H (m)	Spr (m)	Maturity	Condition	Action Recommendations	Priority	Done	Inspected
Tree Survey 2023 at Allotment boundary hedges and Greenbelt footpaths									
1	Common Alder	10	4	SM	Fair	Reduce faulted limbs/stems :: Unspecified	1 year	No	19-Apr-23
Comment: Hanging deadwood over pathway.									
2	Common Ash	13	5	SM	Fair				19-Apr-23
Comment: Monitor for dieback.									
3	Common Ash	9	3	SM	Poor	Fell :: Unspecified	1 year	No	19-Apr-23
Comment: Canker to 3 m, poor in decline.									
4	Common Ash	13	5	M	Poor	See Comment :: Unspecified		No	19-Apr-23
Comment: Leaning over lake, early stages of ash dieback. Monitor .									
5	Common Ash	13	5	M	Fair	Crown Cleaning :: Unspecified	1 year	No	19-Apr-23
Comment: Monitor for dieback.									
6	Willow	8	5	M	Fair	Reduce faulted limbs/stems :: Unspecified	1 year	No	19-Apr-23
Comment: Remove faulted limb over pathway. Included fork and decay fungus.									
7	Common Alder	11	3	Dead	Poor	Fell :: Unspecified	6 Months	No	19-Apr-23
Comment:									
8	Scots Pine	14	3	M	Poor	Further inspection :: On internal trunk decay.	1 year	No	19-Apr-23
Comment:									

Age Classification:	NP Newly planted	EM Early Mature	Condition:	Overall unless specified as -	C Crown
	Y Young	M Mature			S Stem
	SM Semi-mature	OM Over Mature			B Basal area

Tree Ref	Species	H (m)	Spr (m)	Maturity	Condition	Action Recommendations	Priority	Done	Inspected
9	Common Alder	8	3	SM	Poor	Fell :: Unspecified	1 year	No	19-Apr-23
Comment: Mostly dead, no immediate target,									
10	European Larch	16	4	OM	Fair	Reduce faulted limbs/stems :: Unspecified	1 year	No	19-Apr-23
Comment: Broken limb at 6 metres. Remove deadwood.									
11	Grey Poplar	18	15	M	Fair	See Comment :: Unspecified		No	19-Apr-23
Comment: Severe lean towards lake. No immediate target. Monitor root plate.									
12	Common Ash	12	3	Dead	Poor	See Comment :: Unspecified		No	19-Apr-23
Comment: No immediate target, some deadwood over pathway.									
13	Common Oak	12	12	OM	Fair	Crown Cleaning :: Unspecified	1 year	No	19-Apr-23
Comment: Veteran tree apical dieback. Needs sympathetic reduction to remove deadwood. Old fungal bracket at base.									
14	Common Ash	17	8	M	Fair				19-Apr-23
Comment: Monitor for dieback.									
15	Common Ash	19	9	M	Poor	See Comment :: Unspecified		No	19-Apr-23
Comment: On stream bank, decay down side of stem. Leans away from house, school. Other ash growing through stream wall. Monitor for dieback.									
16	Common Oak	20	10	OM	Fair	See Comment :: Unspecified		No	19-Apr-23
Comment: Huge veteran tree, mostly hollow, wounds from shed limb. No immediate target.									
17	Common Oak	18	9	OM	Fair	Remove :: Major dead wood	1 year	No	19-Apr-23
Comment: Remove deadwood over pathway and bench.									
18	Maple	16	8	M	Fair	Remove :: Major dead wood	6 Months	No	19-Apr-23
Comment: Deadwood over school entrance and footpath.									
19	Common Ash	18	9	M	Fair	Remove :: Faulted branch/limbs	1 year	No	19-Apr-23
Comment: Major limb over pathway, cracked included union at 3 m.									
Age Classification: NP Newly planted EM Early Mature Y Young M Mature SM Semi-mature OM Over Mature Condition: Overall unless specified as - C Crown S Stem B Basal area									

Tree Ref	Species	H (m)	Spr (m)	Maturity	Condition	Action Recommendations	Priority	Done	Inspected
20 Comment:	Goat Willow	14	5	M	Fair	Remove :: Suspended or broken branches	6 Months	No	19-Apr-23
21 Comment: Deadwood/ limb over pathway.	Common Oak	17	9	M	Fair	Remove :: Major dead wood	1 year	No	19-Apr-23
22 Comment: Hanging deadwood over drive.	London Plane	25	15	M	Good	Remove :: Suspended or broken branches	6 Months	No	20-Apr-23
23 Comment: Kretzschmaria deusta to 3 metres. Alternatively fell.	Common Lime	23	6	M	Poor	Further inspection :: On internal trunk decay.	3 Months	No	20-Apr-23
24 Comment: Need to access to allow inspection.	Common Lime	21	6	M	Fair	Remove :: Epicormic growths	3 Months	No	20-Apr-23
25 Comment: Dead stem leaning over pathway.	Crack Willow	11	9	SM	Fair	Remove :: Faulted stems	1 year	No	20-Apr-23
26 Comment: If container placed under crown, recommend deadwooding.	Common Oak	18	8	M	Fair	See Comment :: Unspecified		No	20-Apr-23
27 Comment: Decay in buttress roots. No immediate target. Potentially fence off surrounding area.	Sycamore	17	8	M	Fair	See Comment :: Unspecified		No	20-Apr-23
28 Comment: Inonotus brackets to East and West. Picus test to assess decay.	Common Oak	18	10	M	Fair	Further inspection :: On internal trunk decay.	6 Months	No	20-Apr-23
29 Comment: Hollow veteran, deadwood over road/ driveway. Monitor.	Common Oak	10	8	OM	Fair	See Comment :: Unspecified		No	20-Apr-23
30 Comment: Dead stems on river bank. No immediate target and poor pedestrian access.	Common Alder	12	2	Dead	Poor	See Comment :: Unspecified		No	20-Apr-23
Age Classification: NP Newly planted EM Early Mature Condition: Overall unless specified as - C Crown Y Young M Mature S Stem SM Semi-mature OM Over Mature B Basal area									

Tree Ref	Species	H (m)	Spr (m)	Maturity	Condition	Action Recommendations	Priority	Done	Inspected
31	Common Ash	15	3	SM	Poor	See Comment :: Unspecified		No	20-Apr-23
Comment: 1 of 4 semi mature ash, with nest box at 3 m. Suspect die back. Monitor.									
32	Common Ash	10	5	SM	Varied	See Comment :: Unspecified		No	20-Apr-23
Comment: Early stages of ash dieback. No immediate target, won't hit railway.									




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Tre Survey 2023 of trees
in the Allotment boundary
hedges and adjacent to
Greenbelt Footpaths

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1 September 2023

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By Email: annette@wellingtontowncouncil.co.uk

Re: Tree work Quotation for work required from Tree Survey

Tree work required within 6 months

7 Common Alder Fell	<u>Cost: £ 440.00 + VAT</u>
18 Maple Remove major deadwood	<u>Cost: £ 210.00 + VAT</u>
20 Goat Willow Remove hanging branches	<u>Cost: £ 60.00 + VAT</u>
22 London Plane Remove hanging branches	<u>Cost: £ 60.00 + VAT</u>
23 Common Lime Fell (if required)	<u>Cost: £1420.00 + VAT</u>
24 Common Lime Remove epicormic growth around base	<u>Cost: £ 220.00 + VAT</u>

28 Common Oak and 23 Common Lime
 Require further inspection with a Picus or Resistograph. Please contact Atworth Arboriculture Ltd for costing.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Groves BEng.Tech.Arbor.A
CHRIS GROVES ASSOCIATES



WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL – AUGUST 2023

FOXES MEADOW

This facility has been acquired, with public funding, to secure an open access recreational area.

There are significant failures –

1. One group has been permitted to hijack the entire space to dominate the development.
2. The development strategy has failed to reflect the needs of other users. There has been a failure to identify an inclusive management policy for the site to enable informed contributions from other users.
3. There has been a failure to ensure adequate oversight as the site has degenerated into a tangled mess of overgrown nettles/brambles rendering the exclusion of potential users eg picnics, sightseers, family gatherings.
4. The site has failed to create a diverse and stimulating environment especially for walkers who are confronted by a depressing mass of bedraggled clumps of brown grass and banks of swollen undergrowth that impede walking. A lack of well defined paths is another impediment. It certainly lowers the spirits – unlike the natural invigorating walk along the canal nearby.

There has been a failure to ensure projected potential outcomes are framed realistically.

5. The site has ultimately failed – as the meadow has become socially unusable.

I fear that some councillors have been seduced by the fanciful claims of certain groups and are pandering to fads rather than taking a responsible and inclusive approach to the development of this important public facility.



BASINS ALLOTMENTS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
United Reformed Church Hall, Fore Street, Wellington

1st August 2023 at 6pm

Present:

Cllr Janet Lloyd (Chair)– Town Council (JL)
 Cllr Catherine Govier – Town Council (CG)
 Dave Farrow - Town Council (Town Clerk) (DF)
 Annette Kirk- Town Council Assets & Events Officer (AK)

Tenants:

Helen Gillingham (HG)
 Mary Bradford (MB)
 Susan Hughes (SH)
 David Lee (DL)
 David Cappel (DC)
 Derrick Tron (DT)
 Michael Broom (MB)

1. Welcome

Dave Farrow Town Clerk introduced himself, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and explained the Town Council's vision for the setting up of the Advisory Board.

2. Chair

It was agreed that Councillor Janet Lloyd would be Chair, as per the Terms of Reference.

3. Terms of Reference

Cllr Janet Lloyd (Chair) explained the terms of reference which will be adopted at the Full Council meeting on Monday 7th August 2023.

4. Four Tenants To Join Advisory Board

Under the Terms of Reference, four tenants to become members of the Advisory Board. A Member Request Form will be sent to all tenants. Tenant to complete and return. On the form there will be a section for tenants to make any further comments about the Basins Allotments. If more than four tenants apply to be members of the advisory board, then, it will be the tenants who will vote on who they want to see on the Advisory Board.

5. Allotments Competition Results

Winners to receive one year's free rent.

- a. Best Cultivated Winner – Plot 70
- b. Best Managed Winner – Plot 23
 - i. Highly Commended – Plot 18b
- c. Best Ecological Winner – Plots 14 & 15 (double plot)

- d. Best Newcomer Winner – Plot 19c (Will not receive a year's free rent, as this a small piece of ground taken on in addition to Plot 18a)

6. Inspections: Spring, Summer & Autumn

Will continue to be conducted by a Councillor and Assets & Events Officer.

Town Council are still working on obtaining suitable software capable of completing the inspections quicker. We are finding the internet signal is extremely poor at the allotments.

7. Maintenance and Repairs

- a) Tracks and hedgerows will be cut twice a year March and September – We are currently recruiting for a Community Warden and once in position, they complete this work,
- b) Plot 20 indicated they will be giving up their plot
- c) First Warning Letters sent to Plots 52, 55 & 99.

Assets & Events Officer explained that she visits the allotments weekly and monitors the progress of work conducted by tenants on plots where warning letters have been issued.

8. Plot 7 – tenant request to reduce the size of plum tree or remove

The tenant wanted to get the tree pruned or removed, as she inherited the tree when taking on the plot. It was agreed the Council would obtain a quotation to get the tree pruned to be approved at the next Environment & Heritage Committee meeting.

9. Advisory Board Objectives

- i) Allotments Association – The Council have recently taken advice from Allan Cavill, National Allotments Consultant. The Council are looking at a number of models and will be looking at a 4-to-5-year phased approach with full consultation with tenants.

10. AOB

- a. Rent due letter will be sent to all tenants in readiness for the new financial year 29th September 2023 – Rent £28 per annum. Majority of tenants have signed and returned their new tenancy agreement. Town Council chasing up the last few. If they are not returned, then the plots will be available to relet.
- b. MB was concerned about how long it takes to terminate a tenancy for plots that are not being maintained. Assets & Events Officer explained that there is a legal process which we have to follow. In some cases, this is down to the tenant being in poor health and other personal circumstances. The Council do remind tenants that if they are having trouble maintaining their plot, due to

circumstances, outside of their control, then please let us know to avoid receiving warning/termination letters.

- c. HG would not advise that plots are reduced in size, as it would not allow room for crop rotation and have space to house a shed and small greenhouse.
- d. SH raised concern over Plot 60 – she has provided help in the past, but the school do not spend enough time at the plot. It was felt the school should get involved with the Community Farm as they are looking into introducing an Educational Resource for Schools.

11. Date of Next Meeting:

Third week in October 2023. Date to be agreed and Tenants to be advised.
Future advisory board meetings will be held in the Council Chamber, Wellington Town Council, 28 Fore Street.

Meeting closed: 6.35pm