



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 November 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.

Yours faithfully

David Farrow
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31 October 2023

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. MINUTES SILENCE

The Council will hold a minute's silence as a mark of respect for former Councillor Stanley Broom who passed away recently. Stanley was a Town Councillor from 1987 – 1999.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. MINUTES

To approve and sign the minutes of the Town Council and Planning meetings held on 2 October 2023 (copies attached).

6. 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

7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE LOCAL POLICING TEAM

A report from Sergeant Jon O'Connor will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

8. CO-OPTION OF TOWN COUNCILLOR

To determine who should be co-opted on to the Council to fill the vacancy in the East Ward of the Town.

- (i) To receive short presentations from individuals who have submitted expressions of interest:
- (ii) To vote on who should be co-opted – it has been proposed that this should be done by secret ballot in accordance with Standing Order 8(a).

9. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor will provide an update on his activities since the last meeting.

10. SOMERSET COUNCIL/ LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORK (LCN) UPDATE

Somerset Council Councillors, Councillor Catherine Govier and the Town Clerk to provide an update on any issues of interest to the Town Council.

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

To consider a report from the Town Clerk.

12. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2023 are attached for information and consideration. Councillor Lithgow will provide an update at the meeting. The Council is asked to note the following decisions taken under the committee's delegated powers:

- (i) To award a grant of £310 to Life Education Wessex as a contribution towards their sessions helping children make healthy choices.
- (ii) To award a grant of £2,000 to Wellington Street Pastors to provide support of the organisation's activities.
- (iii) To refuse awarding a grant to Levels Climate Forum / Somerset Conference of the Parishes on Climate Change as although the activity was supported in principle, the applicants did not have a constitution or bank account.
- (iv) To award up to £240 to Wellington Home Education Group to enable it to deliver activities for home educated children and young people.

13. POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2023 are attached for information and consideration. Councillor C Govier will provide an update. The Committee resolved to make the following recommendations:

- (i) To adopt the Armed Forces Covenant;
- (ii) That in doing so to resolve that the Council looks forward to when war and preparing for war are things of the past and will support initiatives to achieve this, such as the United Nations disarmament commission.'
- (iii) That Councillor J Lloyd should be the Armed Forces Champion for the Council.
- (iv) That it should in principle fund the travel costs and, if needs be, overnight accommodation costs for the Mayor and Consort to attend the Council of the Year presentation event or any future event. On this occasion the Mayor is unable to attend and so the Deputy Mayor and her partner will attend to represent the Town Council on that basis.

14. SOMERSET ARMED FORCES COVENANT PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE 17 OCTOBER 2023

Councillor J Lloyd will report on her attendance at the above conference.

15. INTERIM INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

To consider the findings of the Town Council's Interim Internal Audit Report and proposals to address the issues raised.

16. COMMUNITY WARDEN SET UP COSTS

To note the costs of purchasing equipment and clothing for the Community Warden to date.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of Somerset County Council:

Councillor Andrew Govier

Councillor Marcus Barr

Councillor Ross Henley