

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	6.00 pm
Date	15 November 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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9 November 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 13 September 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

To receive a report on heritage matters in the town from Amy Kemmish, Project Manager Heritage at Risk, Somerset Council. A report will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

6 FOOTPATH UPDATE

Steve Saunders will provide an update.

7 GREEN CORRIDOR ADVISORY BOARD

To receive an update from the Advisory Board Meeting held on the 7 November 2023 – notes of the meeting will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

8 BASINS ALLOTMENTS ADVISORY BOARD

The notes of the meeting of the Basins Allotments Advisory Board held on the 2 November 2023 are attached for information.

RECOMMENDATION: To offer a charged service to tenants to remove rubbish from their plots. Town Council to charge a minimum amount of £25.00 for 2 compost bags of rubbish. Anything more to be inspected by a Council Officer and quoted accordingly. Tenants to pay up front. A day once a month to be allocated for the Community Warden to collect.

9 LONGFORTH FARM ALLOTMENTS

To discuss the development and future management of the Longforth Farm allotment site with a view to making recommendations to the Town Council. Paper attached to the agenda.

10 MAINTENANCE OF GREEN SPACES BY SOMERSET COUNCIL AND MANAGEMENT COMPANIES

To consider how the Council should respond to concerns raised in relation to how management companies are maintaining green spaces.

11 BRIDGE BETWEEN WEAVERS REACH AND FOX'S FIELD

To consider whether the Council should take ownership of the bridge which is currently held by The Crown Estate.

12 PATH AT WEAVERS REACH PLAY AREA/BURCHILLS HILL

The play area at Weavers Reach is due to be transferred to the Council soon. There is a path on the outside of the wooden face which links to Burchills Hill with no surfacing. It has been suggested that a conipave path will be suitable here at a cost of £1,960. Works to include levelling as best as possible to form a steady gradient top to bottom. The committee to consider approving this.

13 GAY CLOSE PLAY AREA

To receive an update from Councillor C Booth.

14 TONEDALE/RICHARDS CLOSE PLAY AREA (paper attached)

- (i) Path Options
- (ii) Steps for monkey bars
- (iii) Artwork Update

15 GENERAL UPDATES

- (i) Tree Strategy
- (ii) Climate Change Strategy
- (iii) Crown Estate Land Purchase

David Farrow Town Clerk 9 November 2023