



**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	<b>Council Meeting</b>
Time	7.00pm
Date	Monday 5 February 2024
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

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30 January 2024

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**2. MINUTES SILENCE**

The Council will hold a minutes silence as a mark of respect for former Councillor Chris Hindley who passed away recently. Chris Hindley was a Town Councillor from 2003-2011 and served as the Mayor of Taunton Deane in 2006/2007.

**3. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO APPROVE 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**

The minutes of the additional Town Council meeting held on the 31 January 2024 will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

**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 are 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. THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION PRESENTATION**

A presentation will be given from Daniel Moncrieff, Head of Service (Fostering) and Strategic Manager - Strategic Partner Development with Somerset Council regarding its plans for the former Adult Learning Centre on Springfield Road.

**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. Note that the LCN meeting will be taking place on 6 February 2024.

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

To consider a report from the Town Clerk which will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

**12. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2024 are attached for information and consideration. Councillor A Govier will provide an update at the meeting. The committee resolved to make the following recommendation:

- (i) That the updated Asset Register be accepted following the addition of the life ring installed at the Basins.

The Committee also resolved to make the following decisions under its delegated powers:

- (i) To award a grant of £1,120 to Wellington Tennis Club towards junior match play sessions.
- (ii) To award a grant of £1,500 to St Margaret's Hospice towards a Community Nurse Specialist for Wellington.
- (iii) To award a grant of £720 to Wellington Cricket Club for their annual indoor training sessions.

**13. GRANT APPLICATION**

**Wellington Twinning Association** – The organisation has applied for a £2,711 contribution towards the cost of hosting visiting representatives from Wellington's three twinned towns of Torres Vedras, Immenstadt, and Lillebonne, who will be invited to attend the Town Council's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Civic Service. The application and supporting documents have been circulated to Councillors by e-mail.

**14. TOWN CENTRE COMMITTEE**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2024 are attached for information and consideration. Councillor C Booth will provide an update at the meeting. The committee resolved to make the following recommendations:

- (i) To approve an event budget of £10,000 to include free parking on the day of the event. With a separate budget line of £5,000 for the three Saturdays leading up to Christmas. 7th, 14th, and 21st December. Final figure to be confirmed by Somerset Council.
- (ii) That an overall budget of £15,000 be set up for the Annual Street Fair and the programme of events to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day between 1st – 8th June 2024.

**15. ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2024 are attached for information and consideration. Councillor M McGuffie will provide an update at the meeting. The committee resolved to make the following recommendation:

- (i) That the Council takes responsibility for the planting and maintenance of the flower beds at Lancer Court subject to reaching agreement with the landowner.

**16. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The following committees have vacancies that should be filled.

- (i) Town Centre Committee – one vacancy.
- (ii) Finance Committee – two vacancies.