



**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	17 January 2024
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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11 January 2024

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 15 November 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 10 January 2024 – notes of the meeting will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

8 ALLOTMENTS

- (i) Basins Allotments - The Committee had previously agreed expenditure of £500 for the hire of skips to clear some allotments. The Committee is asked to approve further expenditure of £460 as a result of needing to clear more allotments than originally thought.
- (ii) Longforth Farm Allotment Site – to receive an update on progress and to recommend to the Town Council that the £50,000 cost of developing the allotments should be met from the Community Infrastructure Levy funding received from the Lidl Development.
- (iii) To consider how to use potential developer funding to improve allotment sites in the town.
- (iv) To consider recommending to the Town Council that the Town Clerk should be authorised to spend up to £1,000 per activity to undertake maintenance and management activities at the Basins Allotment site.

9 WELLINGTON TO TAUNTON CYCLE ROUTE UPDATE

At Full Council it was agreed that this should be considered by this committee. Councillor Janet Lloyd will present an update.

10 CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

To receive an update following the appointment of Stephen Tate as temporary Part Time Climate Change Project Officer and to consider the cost of undertaking a base line audit against which to measure progress.

11 BRIDGE BETWEEN WEAVERS REACH AND FOX'S FIELD

To receive an update on progress and to agree the cost of a commissioning a survey prior to contacting the Crown Estate in relation to the potential purchase.

12 TONEDALE/RICHARDS CLOSE PLAY AREA

To receive an update on the following:

- (i) Path Options
- (ii) Artwork

13 RED PHONE BOX – TONEDALE

Councillor John Thorne has requested that the committee consider recommending to the Council that it should take steps to preserve this red phone box as the last of its kind in the town.

14 TOWN CENTRE RAILING PLANTERS

The railing planters have now been in place for approximately six months. Maintenance work is required to ensure the planters and plants are in their best condition for the Spring/summer plants. Work required as follows:

- 1) Replace any dead plants.
- 2) To refill planters with compost.
- 3) Watering and feeding of plants during the spring and summer months.
- 4) Putting in new perennial flowering plants.
- 5) To make any necessary repairs to the framework and planters

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee to give the Town Clerk delegated spending power up to £1,000 to cover the cost of maintenance work required. To be funded from the 2023/24 Town Centre Projects budget line.

15 LANCER COURT FLOWER BEDS

To consider recommending to the Town Council that it takes responsibility for the planting and maintenance of the flower beds at Lancer Court. A paper is attached to the agenda.

16 TREE PLANTERS FOR TOWN CENTRE

Councillor M McGuffie will present a proposal for consideration.

17 UPDATES FOR NOTING

(i) PATH AT WEAVERS REACH PLAY AREA/BURCHILLS HILL

The order has been placed for the path to be installed. Awaiting installation date.

(ii) GAY CLOSE PLAY AREA

The License with Somerset Council has been agreed, signed and returned awaiting authority to commence work.

(iii) TONEDALE/RICHARDS CLOSE PLAY AREA

The steps for the monkey bars approved at the last meeting have been ordered.

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Town Clerk
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