



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	Monday 8 April 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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2 April 2024

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the Planning and Town Council meetings held on the 4 March 2024 are attached for approval.

5. 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

6. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE LOCAL POLICING TEAM

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

7. STATION DEVELOPMENT

Simon Fox, Major Projects Officer (Planning) Somerset Council will join the meeting for this item. A paper is attached for consideration.

8. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

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

9. 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. Councillor Lloyd will also provide an update on the LCN Highways Working Group meeting held on the 28 March 2024.

10. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON EXTERNAL BODIES

(a) The Metro Board – Councillor M Barr

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

To consider a report from the Town Clerk which has been circulated with the agenda.

12. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2024 are attached for information and consideration. Councillor M Lithgow will provide an update at the meeting.

13. TOWN CENTRE COMMITTEE

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2024 are attached for information and consideration. Councillor C Booth will provide an update at the meeting.

a) TONEDALE BRIDGE

The Committee resolved to recommend that the current mural be steam/chemical cleaned off the bridge. A summary of quotations received for the work will be circulated prior to the meeting. Costs to be met from the Community Services and Priorities budget line.

14. ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE COMMITTEE

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2024 are attached for information and consideration. Councillor M McGuffie will provide an update at the meeting.

15. CCTV SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

A paper is attached for consideration.

- (i) To consider entering in to a three year Service Level Agreement with Somerset Council for the provision of a monitored CCTV service for the town.
- (ii) To consider upgrading the existing CCTV cameras.

16. DEVOLUTION WORKING GROUP

The Council is asked to agree to form a Devolution Working Group to work with the Town Clerk and Council staff to prepare for the devolution of assets and services from Somerset Council in 2024/5 and 2025/6. Draft terms of reference will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

17. LONGFORTH ROAD TOILETS – SECURITY FENCING

To authorise the Town Clerk to spend up to £750 from the Capital Projects budget line to acquire Heras fencing to secure the Longforth Road toilet site once it has been demolished.

18. MONUMENT PLANTER

A paper is attached for consideration. The Council is asked:

- (i) To authorise expenditure of £575 to Montaz Engineering to modify the frame and fit new hangers and a transport bracket.
- (ii) To consider where it would like the Planter to be sited.

19. CITIZENS ADVICE SOMERSET (CAS) ACCOMMODATION

A paper is attached so the Council can review and make resolution on accommodation arrangements with CAS following the purchase of 28-30 Fore Street.

20. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider passing a resolution having been duly proposed and seconded under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting, on the basis that if they were present during the business to be transacted there would be a likelihood of disclosure of exempt information, within the meaning of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Reason: Agenda item 21 includes 'information relating to a particular individual'.

21. COUNCIL EQUIPMENT UPDATE

A confidential paper is attached for consideration.