



**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 2 September 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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27 August 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**

To approve the minutes of the additional Council Meeting on 27 August 2024. A copy of the draft minutes will be circulated before the meeting.

**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 prior to the meeting.

**7. CO-OPTION OF TOWN COUNCILLOR**

Following a casual vacancy in the North Ward, and no election being called by 10 or more electors, the Council should determine who to co-opt as a Town Councillor. Applications will be circulated by e-mail in advance of the meeting.

(i) To receive short presentations from individuals who have submitted expressions of interest.

(ii) To vote on who should be co-opted – councillors will need to consider whether this should be done by secret ballot in accordance with Standing Order 8(a).

**8. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor will provide an update on her 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.

**10. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S REPORT ON RECENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

To consider a report from the Town Clerk.

**11. POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

A copy of the draft minutes of the meeting held on 12 August 2024 is attached for information.

**12. RAILWAY STATION**

To consider The Council’s position and any action to be taken in light of the Government’s announcement that the Station Project may not be proceeding.

**13. STREET TRADING LICENCE – FOR COMMENT**

To consider what comments to make on an application for a street trading licence from Farmhouse Pies and Pasties Ltd. Details are attached to the agenda.

**14. BANKING HUB**

To consider a request from Cash Access UK for an extension of the current arrangements at 30 Fore Street for a further 6 months.

**15. 55 NORTH STREET**

To consider whether the Council wishes to purchase 55 North Street which is being disposed of by Somerset Council.

**16. 23/24 AUDIT**

To note the External Audit Report (AGAR Section 3) for 23/24.

**17. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF OPEN SPACES FROM APRIL 2025**

To consider proposals for how open spaces in the town should be managed following devolution from Somerset Council in April 2025. A paper is attached for consideration.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Members of Somerset County Council:**

Councillor Andrew Govier

Councillor Marcus Barr

Councillor Ross Henley

**Director of Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC)**

Councillor Janet Lloyd