

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL, WELLINGTON ON MONDAY 27 AUGUST 2024 AT 6.00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor J Lloyd (Chair),  
Councillors C Booth, J Cole (from minute 223), S Fox, A Govier, M Lithgow, M McGuffie, S Pringle-Kosikowsky (from minute 225), J Thorne.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** David Farrow (Town Clerk)  
Alice Kendall (Deputy Clerk/RFO)  
Annette Kirk (Facilities Manager)  
One member of the press  
Paul Bennett, Ravenslade  
Piers Dibben, Healthmatic

**220 TO OFFER WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**221 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO APPROVE THE REASONS GIVEN**

Apologies were received from Councillor C Govier.

**222 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**223 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to confirm and sign the minutes after adding Councillor Booth as present and amending minute 212 to read '**RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations set out in the report from Local Council Consulting, including changes to staff grading as appropriate, to be effective from the 1 April 2024.'

At this juncture Councillor J Cole joined the meeting

**224 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no members of the public present for this item.

At this juncture Councillor S Pringle-Kosikowsky joined the meeting

**225 LONGFORTH TOILETS REBUILB**

Paul Bennett, Project Manager, Ravenslade presented Traditional Build and Modular Options to the Committee. Concerns were raised over the cost and need for toilets in Longforth Road. It was **RESOLVED** to approve plans for the modular build option as presented so that a planning application may now be submitted at a cost of £1,985.00. The Working Group to make a final choice of brick cladding.

It was further **RESOLVED** to commission the ground survey from Red Rock at a cost of £3,250.

It was noted that the fee for Ravenslade's work up to the approval of the planning application (RIBA Stage 3) had already been approved. Further fees for Stage 4 were quoted in the pricing breakdown in the report attached to the agenda.

**226 LONGFORTH TOILETS – PROJECT FUNDING**

Given the ongoing process with the insurance claim and the impact that the devolution process will have on future budgets; it was **agreed** that while the planning process is ongoing, the proposed works, and probable borrowing aspect, be brought in line with budget setting for 25/26 as well as assessing the overall need and condition of other toilet provision in the town (North St and Wellington Park). The required ‘Report to Council’ and specific borrowing resolution will be brought to a future meeting when appropriate.

**STANDING DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

<p><b>Members of Somerset Council:</b>  Councillor Andrew Govier  Councillor Marcus Barr  Councillor Ross Henley</p> <p><b>Director of the Somerset Association of Local Councils</b>  Councillor Janet Lloyd</p>
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The meeting closed at 7.30pm

Mayor

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