

**MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT  
6.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor C. Govier (Chair),  
Councillors A Govier, J Cole, M Lithgow, J Lloyd and M McGuffie

**IN ATTENDANCE:** David Farrow – Town Clerk  
One member of the press  
Polly Matthews, Head teacher Court Fields School for item 5 on the agenda

**271 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor C Booth.

**272 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**273 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present.

**274 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on the 15 July 2024.

**275 CRADLE TO CARRER MODEL OF WORKING**

A paper from Polly Matthews had been circulated with the agenda and she provided further information on work that had taken place on the project more recently. After some discussion **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the Town Council should endorse the approach and engage with it for the benefit of the town:
- (ii) To agree to provide funding of £1,000 towards the cost of training/materials etc necessary to set up the programme with officers to decide the appropriate budget line to be used.

It was noted that in developing the budget for 2025/6 consideration would need to be given to setting a budget line to support work coming out of this approach.

At this juncture Polly Matthews left the meeting.

**276 CREATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER POST**

A paper had been circulated with the agenda and councillors noted the potential links between the proposed role and the previous agenda item.

After some discussion **RESOLVED** to recommend that a full-time post of Community Development Officer be included in the budget for 2025/6 and beyond.

**277 BUDGET REPORT**

The budget report for 2024/5 was circulated in advance of the meeting was noted.

The committee also noted that budget lines that needed to be reviewed when considering the 2025/6 budget along with the Project Initiation Form.

**RESOLVED** to accept the officers' recommendation that The Promotion of Wellington line be delegated to the Economic Development Committee for 25/26 and, that Mayoral events (Civic Service, Carnival etc.) be split from this code to form its own budget in Cost of Democracy with remainder being left in the original code. Amounts to specified during budget setting (50/50 split, for example)

**278 THE FORMER DOLPHIN INN**

The Town Clerk reported that he had met with the owners along with the Community Connect Champion on the 20 August to discuss how the ground floor of the building could be used for community use. It had been agreed that The Community Connect Champion would develop some proposals for using the building as part of the hub and spoke model of community spaces being developed in the town for agencies/voluntary groups to use to deliver services/support to be followed with a further meeting.

**279 WORK PLAN 2024/5 UPDATES**

The Committee Work Plan had been circulated in advance of the meeting with updates since the previous meeting and was noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

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Councillor C Govier - Chair