



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 4 August 2025
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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29 July 2025

1. WELCOME BY THE MAYOR

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO APPROVE REASONS GIVEN

If you cannot attend, please send your apology and reason to the Chief Executive in advance of the meeting.

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 Council Meeting on 7 July 2025. A copy of the draft minutes are attached.

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. JUNCTION 26 AND LINK ROAD WORKS

To receive a progress report from Syed Shah, Public Relations Officer

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 A Govier and the Chief Executive to provide an update on any issues of interest to the Town Council.

10. TO RECEIVE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT ON RECENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

To consider a report from the Chief Executive.

11. POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2025 are attached for information and consideration. The Committee made the following recommendations:

(a) Local Council Award Scheme

- (i) An application for Gold accreditation is made to the Local Council Award Scheme. An update is further attached.

(b) License for work on WTC land

- (i) To issue a licence to Wellington AFC to allow it to install new pitch surround fencing and replace the hard standing running the length of the Clubhouse/Dressing Rooms at The Playing Field using the Somerset Council template as a basis
- (ii) That future requests for licences for work are processed by The Chief Executive or other Officers in his absence.

12. PITCH HIRE FEES

To review and set the Pitch Hire Fees for 25/26. This item was considered at the Policy & Finance Committee, but following further information being received an updated paper is attached. The Officer recommends:

- (i) that the original recommendation from Policy & Finance be disregarded and that the charges be set at the same rate for 24/25 **ex VAT**.

Also, to approve other related recommendations from the Policy & Finance Committee:

- (ii) That delegated authority is given to Officers to set the terms and conditions for hire including items relating to booking procedures, cancellations, facility misuse and health and safety. The Council members of the Playing Pitch Working Group will review the final copy (Councillors A Govier and J Lloyd).
- (iii) That Officers conduct a broader review covering all aspects relating to pitch hire in readiness to review the fees in 12 months for the 26/27 season.

13. COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2025 are attached for information and consideration. The Committee made the following recommendations:

(a) Kings Arms Community Hub

- (i) Officers can overspend the budget for the sole purpose of covering essential costs such as utility bills and service charges.
- (ii) The 12-month warranty cost of £4,800 for IT should be sourced from the revenue budget line, rather than the set-up costs, noting that this would cause an additional overspend.

14. WELLINGTON GARDEN OF LIGHT EVENT

To consider recommendations from Events working group meeting held on 28 July regarding the Garden of Light event planned for Saturday 25th October. The minutes for this meeting are attached:

- (i) To approve ticket charges being a donation, with a suggested donation of £2.00 for adults and £1.00 for children.
- (ii) To amend the wording from "Pay What you Choose" to "Pay What You Can."

- (iii) To approve the release of 75% (£6,000) of the 'Night Walk' Event budget of £8,000 and 25% funds on completion of the event.

15. COMMUNITY HOSPITAL BEDS CONSULTATION

To consider the Council's response to the forthcoming Somerset NHS Foundation Trust consultation on the future of inpatient beds.

16. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To consider what comments to make on the following applications

(a) Case Ref: 43/25/0026

Proposal: Demolition and replacement of 3 No. commercial buildings subdivided into 7 No. units at Coxs Yard, Taunton Road, Wellington (Lead Councillor comments attached)

17. TO CONSIDER EXCLUDING MEMBERS 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 taken from the legislation - Information is commercially sensitive.

18. LAND AT LONGFORTH ROAD

To consider lease arrangements for land at Longforth Road, a paper is attached.

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