

**MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST 2025 AT 6.00 PM**

Present: Councillor C Booth (Chair)
Councillors S Fox, M Lithgow, J Lloyd, M McGuffie and S Pringle-Kosikowsky.

In attendance: Dave Farrow – CEO/Town Clerk
Steve Saunders – Footpath Volunteer Coordinator
Councillor J Thorne
One member of the press
No members of public in attendance.

182. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

183. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

184. MINUTES

RESOLVED to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2025.

185. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

186. FOOTPATH UPDATE

Steve Saunders provided an update on the footpath volunteers' work which was noted. He thanked other volunteers who had covered for him whilst he was on holiday

187. OPEN SPACES MANAGER REPORT

The report had been circulated in advance of the meeting. This was noted by the Committee.

Councillor McGuffie asked that the fence by the bridge at Rockwell Green leading to Hilly Head be looked at as it was broken.

Councillor Lloyd asked that the information board in the Playing Field near the cricket nets be repaired.

188. LONGFORTH FARM OPEN SPACES PROPOSAL

The paper circulated with the agenda was considered.

RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council that:

- (i) It accepts the transfer of ownership of the areas of land surrounding the allotment site and the Ecology Field and the verge area as marked on the attached map.
- (ii) It accepts the transfer of ownership of the play areas on the Longforth Farm development.

- (iii) Officers explore further the transfer of ownership of the footpath between Brendon Road and Lillebonne Way and associated street lighting and bring recommendations back to the Committee.

189. CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

A paper from the Climate Change Project Officer had been circulated with the agenda and was noted.

190. GREEN CORRIDOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on the 22 July 2025 were noted

RESOLVED:

- (i) To recommend to Full Council that it supports Wellington Community Food in its application to DEFRA for a grant of c£25,500 over three years for improvements to the Community Farm site and surrounding area as detailed in the report.
- (ii) To nominate Councillors J Lloyd and M Lithgow to sit on the Green Corridor Advisory Board.

191. BASINS ALLOTMENTS ADVISORY BOARD

The minutes of the meeting held on the 28 July had been circulated with the agenda and were noted.

RESOLVED

i) Community Accessible Plot

To approve the quotations from RW Gale for £680.00 plus VAT to scrape back the centre of Track 3 and dispose on an adjoining site and £1885.00 plus VAT Excavate areas pathways to raised beds. Finish with 0.4mm dust.

ii) Tenancy Agreement

To approve a new tenancy agreement clause:
“No tyres are allowed on plots as the material breakdown caused by weathering releases harmful substances into the environment and contaminates the soil”.

192. PUMP TRACK PROPOSAL

The paper circulated with the agenda was considered.

RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council that it agrees in principle to a Pump Track being located in the Recreation Ground on the site identified in the report to enable more detailed planning and preparation work to continue with final agreement being required from the Council to progress the project once detailed costings and plans area available.

Councillor Thorne requested that as part of the development work consideration also be given to looking to use land currently owned by Court Fields School adjacent to the proposed site. He also suggested that CG Fry should be asked if the proposal would impact on its proposed pump track at Jurston Fields

193. BUDGETS

A budget report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.55pm

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