

**MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD
AT THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL, WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2025 AT
7.00 PM**

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

In attendance: Dave Farrow – Town Clerk/CEO
Darren Hill – Open Spaces Manager
Wasif Choudhury – Democratic Services and Finance Officer
Steven Saunders – Footpath Volunteer Coordinator
One member of the press
One member of the public

342. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

343. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

344. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 22 October 2025.

345. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

346. FOOTPATH UPDATE

Steve Saunders confirmed that checks are being undertaken to ensure that all signposts on footpaths are clear and legible. He wanted to thank the Basins Volunteer Group for their efforts in clearing the footpaths around the Basins area.

347. OPEN SPACES MANAGER REPORT

The report had been circulated in advance of the meeting which was noted.

It was noted that the risk assessment of the Green Corridor has taken place and that the recommendations made will be shared with councillors following this meeting.

It was noted that Somerset Council have been informed that road sweeping had not been undertaken by IDVerde despite assurances that these would take place on a fortnightly basis. A meeting has been arranged with the contract manager which will take place in a fortnight and will be attended by the Open Spaces Manager, the Town Clerk and Councillor M Lithgow.

At this juncture, Councillor M McGuffie and Town Clerk, Dave Farrow joined the meeting.

The Open Spaces Manager confirmed that he will contact Lidl regarding their section 106 obligation to maintain hedgerows on its site.

348. OPEN SPACES MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

The papers circulated with the agenda were considered.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve delegated spend request of up to £10,000 for Play Area repairs funded through the PA Responsive Maintenance budget line.

349. PLAYING FIELD PATHS

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that this project is initiated as soon as possible

350. PUMP TRACK

A progress report was circulated and noted. A verbal update was provided by the CEO/Town Clerk which was noted.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council the following:

1. To proceed with this project now that viability has been confirmed.
2. To proceed with a formal request to Somerset Council to allocate S106 Funds of £48,710.30 to the project.
3. To proceed with grant and funding applications for the balance of the cost.
4. To seek competitive tenders for the construction of the Pump Track and to ensure that it is built using sustainable methods and materials to reduce the impact on the local environment.
5. To seek quotations to improve footpath access from the entrance to the Recreation Ground to the play area and then on to Pump Track site as part of the project.

351. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - TRANSITION TOWN WELLINGTON

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that is adopts the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Transition Town Wellington.

352. WESTFORD STREAM NATURAL FLOOD MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the statement of support for the Natural Flood Management scheme in Westford.

353. BUDGETS

The budget report was circulated in advance of the meeting and noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19:29pm

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