

**MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD
AT THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL, WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER 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 – Chief Executive/Town Clerk
Darren Hill – Open Spaces Manager
Wasif Choudhury – Democratic Services and Finance Officer
One member of the press

292. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

293. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

294. MINUTES

It was **AGREED** to clarify line 237 to confirm that there would be no increase in cost as a result of not purchasing new bins.

RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2025 noting the above clarification.

295. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

296. BASINS ALLOTMENTS ADVISORY BOARD

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2025 were noted.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following:

- a) To begin tree maintenance work inside the allotment site to include new trees/hedge plants to fill gaps around the boundary line (£1,000)
- b) To complete maintenance of tracks and skip hire (£1,000)

297. LONGFORTH FARM ALLOTMENTS

It was **RESOLVED** to approve £5,000 from the CIL allocation for this project is delegated to Council Officers to commence preparation work on the allotment site set up.

298. FOOTPATH UPDATE

Steve Saunders had provided his apologies beforehand and therefore this update was not provided.

299. OPEN SPACES MANAGER REPORT

The report had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The Open Spaces Manager provided a verbal update, and this was noted by the Committee.

At this juncture, the Town Clerk entered the meeting.

Councillors noted that the Wellington Green Corridor is receiving national acclaim and congratulated the Open Spaces Team for all of their efforts towards this.

300. OPEN SPACES MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

The papers circulated with the agenda were considered.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the purchase of an oak board to allow for corporate sponsorship plaques erected at the entrance of Wellington Park (£600).

It was **AGREED** that further conversations should be had regarding the erection of plaques on benches for individual residents.

It was **RESOLVED** to arrange repairs to whole roof of the park shelter (£5,100).

301. RISK ASSESSMENT – GREEN CORRIDOR

Risk assessment has yet to take place, so this item was withdrawn.

302. CORNER CLOSE

Councillor Booth proposed the possibility of installing dog training/activity equipment to be installed in the open space near Hoyles Road.

It was **AGREED** not to take this proposal any further.

303. ACCESSIBLE PLOT – THE BASINS ALLOTMENT SITE

It was **RESOLVED** to approve delegated spend of £3,000 and to give delegated power to the Facilities Manager to project manage the expenditure and complete the creation of the “Accessible Plot” as detailed in Accessible Plot Cost Report.

304. BUDGETS

It was **RESOLVED** to approve expenditure to date against the budgets delegated to the Committee in the current year (2025/26).

It was **RESOLVED** to approve Officer delegated spending from the available Basins Allotment budget code for provision of skips and other maintenance requirements.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the items for inclusion in the 2026/27 (and onwards) budget.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:10pm

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