



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	6.00pm
Date	Monday 5 January 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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19 December 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 1 December 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. PLANNING APPLICATION

To consider the following application.

(a) Case reference 44/25/0013

Proposal: Application for Outline Planning with all matters reserved, except for access, for the erection of up to 250 No. dwellings, public open space, ecological/biodiversity enhancements and associated works with details of access on land south of Oldway Road, Wellington.

(b) Case reference 43/25/0088

Proposal: Application for Approval of Reserved Matters following Outline Application 43/23/0056 for the layout, landscaping, scale and appearance of the erection of 178 No. dwellings and associated infrastructure on land north of Taunton Road, Longforth Park, Wellington.

Amendments: Increase in the number of dwellings proposed from 161 to 178, amended layout with associated amended landscaping, boundaries, materials, parking, engineering and house type plans. See covering letter for full details.

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 and the Mayor 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. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2025 are attached for information and consideration.

To approve budget overspends for Wellington Garden of Light Event as detailed below:

£188.70 overspend: £38.70 Biffa – Event General Waste Disposal.

£150.00 Carly Press – Carnival Programme. 2 x The Edge Publication for Wellington Garden of Light Event.

12. TOWN CENTRE EVENTS - ROAD TRAFFIC ORDER APPLICATION (TTRO)

- 1) To consider approving the Somerset Council Fee of £697.00 for a new TTRO which will cover Town Council and Wellington Independent Market events in the Town Centre from September 2026 to March 2028. Events Schedule circulated prior to meeting.
- 2) To consider the date for holding the “Christmas Lights Switch on” event in November 2027. Previously agreed the event would be held on the last Saturday in November from 2022 to 2026.

13. DRAFT SUBMISSION TO BOUNDARY COMMISSION

To consider a further submission in response to the extended Boundary Commission consultation (paper attached).

14. PRECEPT 26/27

Based on the decisions made at the December Full Council meeting, the Precept figure for 2026/7 must be set so the demand to Somerset Council can be submitted before the deadline of 31 January 2026. Paper is attached.

15. 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.

16. LONGFORTH ROAD TOILETS UPDATE

Papers attached.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of Somerset County Council:

Councillor Andrew Govier

Councillor Ross Henley