



WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Dear Councillors,

You are hereby summoned to attend the following meeting:

Meeting	Community Committee
Time	6.00 pm
Date	Monday 16 March 2026
Place	United Reformed Church Hall, Fore Street TA21 8AG

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Councillors will be discussing all the items listed on the attached Agenda and minutes will be available online after the meeting.

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10 March 2026

Committee Membership: Councillors J Cole, A Govier, C Govier-Wiggins (Chair), M Lithgow, J Lloyd, M McGuffie and C Penk.

AGENDA

1 CHAIR TO WELCOME MEMBERS

2 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE THE REASONS 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).

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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 on the summons/agenda (LGA1972 Sch 12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119

5 MINUTES

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held 19 January 2026.

6 COMMUNITY CONNECT CHAMPION UPDATE

A verbal update will be provided by the Community Connect Champion on the following:

- a) Connect Somerset
- b) Wacky Wednesdays
- c) Cradle to Career

7 TOGETHER IN TONE

To note the progress and findings made during the engagement phase of the Together in Tone project and to provide feedback on the proposed direction for the next phase of the project. (Paper Attached)

8 IN THE MIX YOUTH DELIVERY

A verbal update will be provided by the Community Development Officer. (Paper to follow).

9 KINGS ARMS COMMUNITY HUB STRATEGY

To consider the following: (Paper attached)

- a) To approve the attached Kings Arms Community Hub Strategy & Delivery Plan 2026–2029.
- b) To note that the Strategy will be reviewed annually, with any significant changes reported back to the Community Committee.

10 BEST START IN LIFE STRATEGY

To consider the following: (Paper attached).

- a) To approve the attached Best Start in Life Strategy as the framework guiding Wellington Town Council's involvement in the Best Start in Life programme.
- b) To note that the Strategy will be reviewed annually, with updates reported through the Community Committee.

11 CRADLE TO CAREER STRATEGY

To consider the following: (Paper attached).

- a) To approve the Strategy as the framework guiding Cradle to Career partnership activity within Wellington.
- b) To note that programme delivery will be reviewed annually through the Community Committee.
- c) To approve the proposed allocation of £14,300 from the Cradle to Career budget to support delivery of Year 1 programme activity.

12 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

To consider the following: (Paper attached).

- a) To review the Wellington Community Development Strategy 2026–2029.
- b) To approve the strategy as the framework guiding community development activity delivered or supported by Wellington Town Council.

13 KINGS ARMS COMMUNITY HUB ROOM HIRE PLAN

To consider the following: (Paper attached)

- a) To approve the proposed room hire eligibility and subsidy framework.
- b) To approve the subsidy eligibility matrix.
- c) To grant delegated authority to the Chief Executive/Town Clerk to review and approve subsidy requests against the agreed criteria.
- d) To approve the use of the Hub for commercial hire and private social events where appropriate, subject to availability and operational arrangements.

14 WELLINGTON CARES

To consider the following: (Paper attached)

- a) To note the emerging proposal from Somerset Council that responsibility for supporting and coordinating micro-providers may transfer from county-level management to community-based organisations, including those receiving Accelerated Reform Fund (ARF) funding.
- b) To acknowledge that this represents a change in scope from the original Wellington Cares ARF pilot, which was designed to explore local need around unpaid carers, micro-providers and volunteers rather than formally govern or manage the micro-provider network.
- c) To agree in principle that Wellington Town Council continues to explore the potential role of coordinating micro-provider support locally through the Wellington Cares pilot, subject to:
 - further clarification from Somerset Council regarding governance arrangements, responsibilities and support available to community organisations
 - confirmation that Wellington Town Council would not assume responsibility for regulatory functions such as DBS verification, insurance checks or formal governance of micro-providers
 - completion and review of the proposed Readiness Checklist, Service Level Agreement and Joint Strategy

- a further report being brought back to the Community Committee before any formal commitment is made

15 WACKY WEDNESDAYS

To consider the following: (Paper attached)

- a) To approve adopting the Wacky Wednesdays programme and providing coordination and governance support.
- b) To confirm that the existing programme bank account will be closed and any remaining funds transferred to Wellington Town Council.
- c) To support the continuation of Wacky Wednesdays as a partnership-led family activity programme within Wellington.

16 BRIGHT BEGINNINGS BABY/TODDLER GROUP

To consider the following: (Paper attached)

- a) To approve the adoption of the Bright Beginnings Parent, Baby and Toddler Group under the Wellington Town Council volunteer framework with a view to them operating at Kings Arms Community Hub.
- b) To confirm that room hire costs for the group will be covered by an appropriate Council budget.

17 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT HOLIDAY PROVISION

To consider the following: (Paper attached)

- a) To approve additional funding of £5850.00 to support youth activity provision during half-term holiday periods.
- b) To confirm that funding should be allocated from either the Wellington Community Support Services budget or the Youth Development budget.