

MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD AT UNITED REFORM CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 9 MARCH 2026 AT 6.00 PM

Present: Councillor M Lithgow (Chair)
Councillors C Booth, J Cole, A Govier, S Pringle-Kosikowski, J Thorne and K Wheatley

In attendance: Dave Farrow – Town Clerk/Chief Executive
Alice Kendall – Democratic Services & Finance Manager
Wasif Choudhury – Democratic Services & Finance Officer
One member of the press

443 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors J Lloyd & C Penk.

444 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors A Govier and J Lloyd have a standing personal interest declaration relating to MTMIT, the Council’s IT consultant, being former customers of the company.

Councillor Thorne has a standing personal interest declaration relating to MTMIT, the Council’s IT consultant, being a friend of the company owner. Also, in relation to any payments to Tindle Newspapers as an employee of the company.

445 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

446 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2026.

447 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

(a) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 2 MARCH 2026

RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation.

At this juncture, Councillor A Govier joined the meeting.

(b) TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE OVER £250 FOR 1 FEBRUARY - 2 MARCH 2026

RESOLVED to approve the expenditure.

(c) TO NOTE AND APPROVE CUMULATIVE SUPPLIER EXPENDITURE OVER £500 FOR 1 FEBRUARY - 2 MARCH 2026

RESOLVED to approve the expenditure.

Councillors noted that the new method of reporting expenditure works well.

(d) TO NOTE AND APPROVE INCOME RECEIVED 1 FEBRUARY - 2 MARCH 2026

RESOLVED to approve income.

(e) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AGAINST THE BUDGET FOR THE 2025-26 YEAR AS AT 2 MARCH 2026

RESOLVED to note and approve the budget report.

(f) TO NOTE RESERVE BALANCES AS AT 2 MARCH 2026

The reserve balances were noted.

448 ASSET REGISTER AND REVIEW OF INSURANCE

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the 2025-26 Asset Register.

The Pre-renewal Review document was noted.

449 GRANT PERMISSION

It was **RESOLVED** to approve allowing Olly Edmondston-Low to apply for National Lottery grants in Wellington Town Council's name for the purpose of the Pump Track Project. Council Officers must have oversight of the application and will review before submission.

450 NORTH STREET TOILET UPDATE

The findings of the site visit regarding extending the toilets to include additional changing room facilities to open into the Playing Field was noted.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve refurbishment of the North Street Toilets in line with the original proposal however Council Officers will investigate if the works can be carried out in 2026-27 financial year and report on that to the April Full Council meeting.

451 NORTH PROPOSED LETTER TO SOMERSET COUNCIL PLANNING DEPARTMENT

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the draft letter which will be sent to Somerset Council Planning Department, the Somerset Council Chief Executive Officer and both the Somerset Council Leader and Deputy Leader. It was also **AGREED** that the letter will be publicised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 18:35pm

Signed

Date