

**MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD AT UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026  
AT 6.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor C Booth,  
Councillors M Lithgow, J Lloyd, C Penk, J. Thorne, K Wheatley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Annette Kirk - Facilities Manager  
Dave Farrow – CEO-Town Clerk  
One member of the press  
Councillor G Williams – arrived at 6.30pm

**532. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor S Mercer.

**533. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor C Penk declared a personal interest in Item 6. Promotion of Wellington/Visit Somerset.

**534. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

**535. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**536. EVENTS WORKING GROUP**

**a) WELLINGTON DAY – SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2027**

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

- i. To give Delegated power to the Facilities Manager to spend up to £3,000 to secure booking of entertainment and equipment.
- ii. Council Officers to apply for event funding as follows:
  - National Lottery Community Fund – Awards for all
  - Arts Council England – National Lottery Project Grants
  - Somerset Community Foundation – Community Grants
  - Wessex Water Community Fund.

**b) CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2026**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Christmas Market and Light Switch on event time 10am to 7pm with the Lights Switch on at 6pm.

**c) REVIEW OF STALL CHARGES**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve £5.00 fee increase for stalls and foods vans to commence with immediate effect.

**537. PROMOTION OF WELLINGTON/VISIT SOMERSET**

The report circulated by the Chief Executive/Town Clerk was noted.

Officers will meet with Visit Somerset representatives to develop a proposal for 2026/27 for consideration at the next meeting.

**538. WELLINGTON EMPLOYER & SKILLS PARTNERSHIP (WESP) UPDATE**

The report by the Community Development Officer circulated with the agenda was noted. Following some discussion, it was agreed that the Chief Executive/Town Clerk will discuss how this work should develop with the Community Development Officer.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 18.40pm.

**Signed**.....

**Date**.....