



**WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA**

**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:

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| Meeting | Environment Committee |
| Time | 6:30pm |
| Date | 20 May 2026 |
| Place | United Reformed Church Hall, Fore Street, Wellington 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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Chief Executive/Town Clerk
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14 May 2026

Committee Membership: Councillors C Booth, M Lithgow, J Lloyd, M McGuffie, S Pringle-Kosikowsky, G Western and G Williams.

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

To elect a Committee Chairman for the forthcoming year.

2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

To elect a Committee Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

3 APOLOGIES

To receive apologies and approve the reasons given.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of personal or prejudicial interests, in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

5 MINUTES

To approve and sign the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 18 March 2026.

6 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

7 RECREATION GROUND CALISTHENICS AREA

To consider a request to install a calisthenics area in the Recreation Ground.

8 FOOTPATH UPDATE

Steve Saunders will provide an update.

9 OPEN SPACES MANAGER REPORT

To receive an update on work since the last meeting. (Paper attached).

10 GREEN CORRIDOR RISK REGISTER

To note the current status of the Risk Register (copy attached)

11 TREE STRATEGY

- a) To receive an update on the Tree Strategy (copy attached)
- b) To consider a proposal from Councillor M McGuffie to plant ten trees for every child born in the town each year.

12 THE BASINS ALLOTMENTS ADVISORY BOARD

To note the minutes of the Advisory Board meeting held on 21st April 2026 and consider the following recommendations:

- a) To approve the total expenditure as detailed in the Cost Centre Report up to 21st April 2026 and additional costs. Total expenditure: £5205.44
- b) To approve the annual rent increase to £34.00 from 30th September 2026 in line with the tenancy agreement.

- c) The Committee is asked to consider adoption of the Basins Allotments Rules and Guidance (attached) noting the following changes:
- (i) Clause 10.5 – the addition of a sentence specifically stating that bees are not to be kept on allotments (highlighted in yellow).
 - (ii) Clause 7.1 – the wording in relation to the use of bonfires (highlighted in yellow).as advised by the National Allotment Society
 - (iii) Clause 7.2 – the removal of this clause as now not relevant.

13 GREEN CORRIDOR SPACE WALK

To consider a proposal from Councillor Mike McGuffie (papers attached)

14 THE PLAQUE BOARD FOR WELLINGTON PARK

The Committee is asked to consider recommending to Full Council that

- (a) There should be no further individual memorial plaques in Wellington Park e.g. on benches or by trees, to protect its Heritage Status.
- (b) That instead a plaque board should be installed at an appropriate location e.g. at an entrance to the Park for people who wish to have a plaque in the Park. If approved officers will work up a charging schedule for future approval.

15 LINDEN MEADOW BENCH

To consider contributing towards a bench at Linden Meadow. (Paper to follow)

16 ACQUISITION OF CROWN ESTATE LAND UPDATE

To note the attached report.

17 REVIEW STANDING WORKING GROUPS

To review the Terms of Reference (attached) and Membership of the Committee's standing Working Groups:

- (i) Green Corridor Advisory Board
- (ii) Basins Allotments Advisory Board
- (iii) Playing Field Joint Working Group

