

MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD AT UNITED REFORM CHURCH HALL ON WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2026 AT 6.00 PM

Present: Councillor J Cole (Chair)
Councillors A Govier, M Lithgow, J Lloyd, M McGuffie, S Mercer, C Penk and J Thorne

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
One member of the public

22 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Councillor J Cole as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

23 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Councillor M Lithgow as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

24 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors K Wheatley.

25 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.

Councillor J Lloyd noted a personal interest in relation to minute 30 as she is a member of the Wellington Cricket Club.

26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public spoke in relation to the Wellington Tennis Club lease item.

27 WELLINGTON TENNIS CLUB LEASE

It was **AGREED** to move this item forward on the agenda.

Councillors noted there was a need to review all of the leases inherited from Somerset Council relating to the Wellington Playing Field to ensure they are fit for purpose. Councillors noted that the current lease for the Wellington Tennis Club cannot be breached by ad hoc discounts agreed by the Council so the current agreement and rent should continue until the review takes place.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillors J Lloyd, M Lithgow and M McGuffie will form a working group to review the lease agreements of the Wellington Football Club, Wellington Cricket Club and the Wellington Tennis Club.

28 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2026.

29 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

(a) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 02 MAY 2026

RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation.

(b) TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE OVER £250 FOR 01 APRIL – 02 MAY 2026

RESOLVED to approve the expenditure.

(c) TO NOTE AND APPROVE CUMULATIVE SUPPLIER EXPENDITURE OVER £500 FOR 01 APRIL – 02 MAY 2026

RESOLVED to approve the expenditure.

(d) TO NOTE AND APPROVE INCOME RECEIVED 01 APRIL – 02 MAY 2026

RESOLVED to approve income.

To condense income from clubs.

(e) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AGAINST THE BUDGET FOR THE 2025-26 YEAR AS AT 02 MAY 2026

RESOLVED to note and approve the budget report.

30 LICENSING AMENDMENT REQUEST

a) Iron Duke

After some discussions, it was **RESOLVED** to not support this amendment to the licence but noted that if it is approved by Somerset Council then it should contain a condition that door security will be reinstated if requested by the Police.

b) Wellington Cricket Club

It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objection.

Councillors asked that the working group set up to review club leases should also clarify the rules on live music.

31 COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

It was **AGREED** that there were additional amendments required before this policy can be approved. The Democratic Services and Finance Officer will liaise with Councillor M Lithgow before submitting to Full Council for approval.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 18:45pm

Signed

Date