



WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

AGENDA

**Members of the Public and the Press are invited to attend all Council Meetings
(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)**

Dear Councillors,

Meeting	Economic Development Committee
Time	6.00pm
Date	Wednesday 10 th July 2024
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.

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4th July 2024

Committee Membership: Councillors C Booth, M Lithgow, J Lloyd, M McGuffie, S Mercer, J Thorne and K Wheatley

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1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

3. **MINUTES**

To approve and sign the minutes of the Town Centre Committee meeting held on 15th May 2024.

4. **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 is not specified in the summons/agenda (LGA1972 Sch 12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119

5. **WORK PLAN 2024/25**

The Committee members to come back with ideas to cover the scope of economic development in the town e.g. events, market arrangements, conservation area, the promotion of Wellington, tourism, Heritage action plan.

(i) To receive a presentation from Giles Adams, Chair of Visit Somerset on how the Town Council could promote Wellington.

(ii) To consider how the Committee wishes to utilise the Heritage Support budget set at the beginning of the year.

6. **TOWN CENTRE NOTICE BOARD**

The notice board outside the Co-op is damaged. To discuss options to replace. A paper was circulated prior to meeting.

7. **VICTORIAN LANTERN, CORNHILL**

Gown Engineering inspection report circulated prior to meeting. To discuss and agree suitable location for Victorian Lantern.

8. **STREET TRADING CONSENT PERMIT**

The Committee to consider raising income by applying for a street trading consent permit for stallholders and food vans to trade in the Town Centre. Income generated to go towards Town Centre Projects and on-going maintenance. A paper was circulated prior to the meeting.

9. **EVENTS 2024/25**

a) **80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY EVENTS**

Between 1st June – 8th June 2024. Payment and Receipt Reports circulated prior to the meeting for information.

b) **WELLINGTON CARNIVAL – Saturday 28th September**

Councillor Janet Lloyd (Mayor) to hold a Mayor's Reception in the Community Centre.

RECOMMENDATION to approve a budget of £500.00 for council officers to spend to cover costs for light buffet and drinks for the Mayor's Reception. Town Centre Cost Centre. Carnival Cost Code Budget £1,000.

c) 2024 Events in Diary

Remembrance – Armistice Day – Monday 11th November

Remembrance Sunday - 10th November - Road Closure Application submitted to Somerset Council.

d) Christmas 2024 - Christmas Market and Lights Switch on – Saturday 30th November

The Event Working Group to meet to discuss event format and expenditure. Report back at the next committee meeting.

e) Film Festival

To receive feedback from the 2024 festival, a written and financial report is attached to the agenda.

10 PULSE Smart Hubs

To consider the Council's position on the erection of PULSE Smart Hubs in the town. Background information and suggested sites are attached to the agenda for consideration. Representatives of PULSE will be presenting to the Town Council at its August meeting.

11. REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF PARKING ARRANGEMENTS OUTSIDE THE FORMER EMPORIUM BUILDING

To consider whether the Town Council would recommend to Somerset Council that a request from the new occupants of the former Emporium that a double loading bay be installed in place of parking spaces on the road in front of the building.

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Town Clerk
4 July 2024