

**MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY 17 JULY 2024 AT 6.00 PM**

**Present:** Councillor M McGuffie (Chairman)  
Councillors C Booth, C Govier, M Lithgow and S Pringle-  
Kosikowsky and K Wheatley

**In attendance:** David Farrow (Town Clerk)  
Darren Hill (Open Spaces Manager)  
Stephen Tate (Climate Change Project Officer)  
One member of the press  
One member of the public.

**174 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**175 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**176 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions or comments.

**177 FOOTPATH UPDATE**

No update was provided.

**178 BUDGET REPORT**

The report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted. The Town Clerk reported that the overspend against the Longforth Farm Allotments budget line, noted at the previous meeting, was caused by fencing work which should have been undertaken in the previous financial year being delayed until this financial year.

**179 CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN UPDATE**

**(i) Tree Strategy Action Plan**

A map plotting potential areas for tree planting was circulated prior to the meeting and was noted. It was agreed that the Open Spaces Manager should look at repeating the previous year's free tree give away and also the possibility of tree planting in car parks. It was agreed that the Tree Planting Strategy should be a multi-year programme utilising external funding where possible but with budget identified annually to meet any difference.

**(ii) Climate Change Action Plan**

The Climate Change Officer gave an update on work he was undertaking which was noted.

**180 OPEN SPACES MANAGER UPDATE**

A paper had been circulated prior to the meeting and the Open Spaces Manager provided an update on work that had been undertaken since the last

meeting noting in particular the award of the Heritage Green Flag for Wellington Park.

**181 WINTER PLANTING FOR WELLINGTON PARK**

A paper had been circulated prior to the meeting, it was **RESOLVED:**

- (i) To approve spending of up to £3,000 plus VAT for Tulip and Daffodil bulbs in Wellington Park costs to be met from the Wellington Park planting budget.
- (ii) To approve spending up to £1,500 plus VAT for perennial planting in areas in and around Wellington such as Lancer Court, Longforth Rd, Monmouth Gardens Tonedale, North St car park. Costs to be met from the Environmental Improvements Budget.

**182 SPONSORSHIP**

A paper had been circulated prior to the meeting.

**RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that it adopts the scheme set out in the paper so that officers can begin approaching organisations in preparation for next year's planting and budget setting.

At this juncture the Town Clerk left the meeting.

**183 TOWN SIGNAGE**

A paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

**RESOLVED** to order the signs at a cost of £1,000 and to accept quote 1 in the paper of £1,830 plus VAT for the installation of the signs.

**184 WEAVERS REACH PLAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS**

A paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

**RESOLVED** to accept a quote for replacing damaged play equipment at Weavers Reach Play area at a cost of £120 plus VAT.

**185 STRIMMER TRAINING**

**RESOLVED** to agree to pay up to £250 for strimmer training for a Footpath Volunteer. To be paid from the Footpaths and PROW Maintenance budget.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.50pm.

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**Councillor M McGuffie**  
**Chairman**