



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 11 th September 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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5th September 2024

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

AGENDA

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 10 July 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. GREEN MAN FOLK FESTIVAL PROPOSAL

To receive a presentation from Mr John Jarrett on a proposal for a Green Man festival in Wellington.

6. PULSE SMART HUBS

Following the presentation to Full Council to consider next steps.

7. HERITAGE MATTERS

a) Conservation Area – the Town Clerk will report on discussions held since the last meeting.

b) Teares Building - to consider what action to take in relation to the failure of Somerset Council to take enforcement action in relation to the former Teares building.

c) Toneworks/Tonedale Mill. To receive an update from the Town Clerk.

3. TOWN CENTRE FOOTFALL COUNTERS

A Paper is attached to the agenda, the Committee is asked to consider:

a) Approval of the Council taking up a one-year contract with Proximity Future Ltd with the cost be funded from the current Town Centre Projects budget line,

b) Approval of a repair to the Fore Street (Squirrel Court) Sensor at a cost of £175 to be funded from the Town Centre Projects budget line.

4. TOWN CENTRE SURVEY

To consider a survey for businesses and residents. Town Council commissioned Enterprise South West and The Oxygen Agency Ltd to conduct Post Covid Surveys in 2021. Reports attached for information.

10. EVENTS 2024/25

- a) Events Working Group meeting held on 29th July 2024. Minutes circulated prior to meeting.
- b) Events:
 - i. Wellington Carnival – Saturday 28th September
 - ii. Remembrance Sunday - 10th November:
To approve the quotation from Carly Press for the Order of Service. Quotation to be circulated before meeting.
 - iii. Armistice Day – Monday 11th November
 - iv. Christmas 2024 - Christmas Market and Lights Switch on – Saturday 30th November. The Committee is asked to consider:
 - Approval of expenditure from the Christmas Light Switch On budget as detailed in the attached report.
 - Approval of costings for free parking for three Saturdays before Christmas, plus the Switch on Event, from the Free Parking budget line. Cost to be confirmed before the meeting.

11. NORTH STREET CAR PARK

Councillor K Wheatley to update the committee on the work that's been carried out in the car park to improve signage and reducing speed. To also discuss future plans for the car park.

12. TOWN CENTRE FLOWERS

To note, that a request to Somerset Council has been made to remove the summer bedding and plant winter bedding in the middle of October. This will include the beds in Wellington Park, Lancer Court, Priory, Bulford and all the planters throughout the town centre.

13. DELEGATED BUDGETS

The Committee should review its delegated budgets, a paper is attached for information.