

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL, WELLINGTON ON MONDAY 27 AUGUST 2024 AT 6.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor J Lloyd (Chair),
Councillors C Booth, J Cole (from minute 223), S Fox, A Govier, M Lithgow, M McGuffie, S Pringle-Kosikowsky (from minute 225), J Thorne.

IN ATTENDANCE: David Farrow (Town Clerk)
Alice Kendall (Deputy Clerk/RFO)
Annette Kirk (Facilities Manager)
One member of the press
Paul Bennett, Ravenslade
Piers Dibben, Healthmatic

223 TO OFFER WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

224 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO APPROVE THE REASONS GIVEN
Apologies were received from Councillor C Govier.

225 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were no declarations of interest.

226 MINUTES

RESOLVED to confirm and sign the minutes after adding Councillor Booth as present and amending minute 212 to read '**RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations set out in the report from Local Council Consulting, including changes to staff grading as appropriate, to be effective from the 1 April 2024.'

At this juncture Councillor J Cole joined the meeting

227 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
There were no members of the public present for this item.

At this juncture Councillor S Pringle-Kosikowsky joined the meeting

228 LONGFORTH TOILETS REBUILB
Paul Bennett, Project Manager, Ravenslade presented Traditional Build and Modular Options to the Committee. Concerns were raised over the cost and need for toilets in Longforth Road. It was **RESOLVED** to approve plans for the modular build option as presented so that a planning application may now be submitted at a cost of £1,985.00. The Working Group to make a final choice of brick cladding.

It was further **RESOLVED** to commission the ground survey from Red Rock at a cost of £3,250.

It was noted that the fee for Ravenslade's work up to the approval of the planning application (RIBA Stage 3) had already been approved. Further fees for Stage 4 were quoted in the pricing breakdown in the report attached to the agenda.

229 LONGFORTH TOILETS – PROJECT FUNDING

Given the ongoing process with the insurance claim and the impact that the devolution process will have on future budgets; it was **agreed** that while the planning process is ongoing, the proposed works, and probable borrowing aspect, be brought in line with budget setting for 25/26 as well as assessing the overall need and condition of other toilet provision in the town (North St and Wellington Park). The required ‘Report to Council’ and specific borrowing resolution will be brought to a future meeting when appropriate.

STANDING DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

<p>Members of Somerset Council: Councillor Andrew Govier Councillor Marcus Barr Councillor Ross Henley</p> <p>Director of the Somerset Association of Local Councils Councillor Janet Lloyd</p>

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

Mayor

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