

**MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT
6.00PM**

PRESENT: Councillor C. Govier (Chair),
Councillors A Govier, J Cole, M Lithgow, J Lloyd and M McGuffie

IN ATTENDANCE: David Farrow – Town Clerk
One member of the press
Polly Matthews, Head teacher Court Fields School for item 5 on the agenda

274 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor C Booth.

275 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

276 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

277 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on the 15 July 2024.

278 CRADLE TO CARRER MODEL OF WORKING

A paper from Polly Matthews had been circulated with the agenda and she provided further information on work that had taken place on the project more recently. After some discussion **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the Town Council should endorse the approach and engage with it for the benefit of the town:
- (ii) To agree to provide funding of £1,000 towards the cost of training/materials etc necessary to set up the programme with officers to decide the appropriate budget line to be used.

It was noted that in developing the budget for 2025/6 consideration would need to be given to setting a budget line to support work coming out of this approach.

At this juncture Polly Matthews left the meeting.

279 CREATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER POST

A paper had been circulated with the agenda and councillors noted the potential links between the proposed role and the previous agenda item.

After some discussion **RESOLVED** to recommend that a full-time post of Community Development Officer be included in the budget for 2025/6 and beyond.

280 BUDGET REPORT

The budget report for 2024/5 was circulated in advance of the meeting was noted.

The committee also noted that budget lines that needed to be reviewed when considering the 2025/6 budget along with the Project Initiation Form.

RESOLVED to accept the officers' recommendation that The Promotion of Wellington line be delegated to the Economic Development Committee for 25/26 and, that Mayoral events (Civic Service, Carnival etc.) be split from this code to form its own budget in Cost of Democracy with remainder being left in the original code. Amounts to specified during budget setting (50/50 split, for example)

281 THE FORMER DOLPHIN INN

The Town Clerk reported that he had met with the owners along with the Community Connect Champion on the 20 August to discuss how the ground floor of the building could be used for community use. It had been agreed that The Community Connect Champion would develop some proposals for using the building as part of the hub and spoke model of community spaces being developed in the town for agencies/voluntary groups to use to deliver services/support to be followed with a further meeting.

282 WORK PLAN 2024/5 UPDATES

The Committee Work Plan had been circulated in advance of the meeting with updates since the previous meeting and was noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

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Councillor C Govier - Chair