



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

Dear Councillors,

You are hereby summoned to attend the following meeting:

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| Meeting | Council Meeting |
| Time | 7.00pm |
| Date | Monday 3 February 2025 |
| Place | United Reformed Church Hall, Fore Street TA21 8AG |

Councillors will be discussing all the items listed on the attached Agenda and minutes will be available online after the meeting.

Yours faithfully

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28 January 2025

1. WELCOME BY THE MAYOR

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO APPROVE REASONS GIVEN

If you cannot attend, please send your apology and reason to the Town Clerk in advance of the meeting.

Councillors are reminded that failure to attend any Council meeting for 6 months, full council or committee/s, will result in them automatically ceasing to be a councillor irrespective of whether apologies are given.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations). Standing declarations made by Councillors are set out at the end of the agenda.

4. MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting on 6 January 2025. A copy of the draft minutes is attached to the agenda.

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

6. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE LOCAL POLICING TEAM

A report from Sergeant Jon O'Connor will be circulated prior to the meeting.

7. DEVELOPMENT NORTH OF EXETER ROAD, ROCKWELL GREEN (42/23/0099)

To consider Somerset Council's decision not to contest the appeal against non-determination of the Planning Application submitted by Gladman Developers.

8. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor will provide an update on her activities since the last meeting.

9. SOMERSET COUNCIL / LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORK (LCN) UPDATE

Somerset Council Councillors, Councillor Catherine Govier and the Town Clerk to provide an update on any issues of interest to the Town Council.

To Consider a proposal that a meeting is convened to develop a submission to Somerset Council in relation to the development of the Council's Local Plan (presentation attached to the agenda).

10. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT ON RECENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

To consider a report from the Town Clerk.

11. POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The draft minutes of the meeting held on the meeting held on 13 January 2025 are attached for information and consideration.

RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council that:

- (i) The Council agree to undertake a review to inform a Somerset Council Community Governance Review with a view for completion before the next elections in 2027 and that the Council should fund such work either individually or jointly with other Town and Parish Councils in Somerset seeking a review. It was further agreed to recommend that a working be created with the members being Councillors A Govier, M Lithgow, S Mercer, C Penk and J Thorne.
- (ii) Councillor Mercer be appointed as the Councils representative on the Somerset Bus Users and Stakeholder Group.

12. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The draft minutes of the meeting held on the meeting held on 15 January 2025 are attached for information and consideration.

13. COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

The draft minutes of the meeting held on the meeting held on 20 January 2025 are attached for information and consideration. A recommendation for use of Community Infrastructure Levy funding to be used to fund the fitting out of the Kings Arms Community Hub is included in agenda item 16 below.

14. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The draft minutes of the meeting held on the meeting held on 13 January 2025 are attached for information and consideration.

The Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the Council support the proposal of Wellington Community Food to construct a polytunnel on the Community farm site. A plan is attached.

15. WELLINGTON RECREATION GROUND PAVILION

To consider a request from Somerset Council to contribute £4,500 to contribute to the cost of repairing the pavilion.

16. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

To consider proposals for the use of Community Infrastructure Levy funds as follows:

- (a) £80,000 to contribute to the cost of fitting out of the Kings Arms Community Hub as recommended by the Community Committee.
- (b) £62,300 to fund work to prepare the Longforth Farm allotment site.

17. ELIGIBILITY FOR COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES

To consider the following motion from Cllr M McGuffie:

- (a) That the Council resolves to reverse its original decision to pay allowances to coopted members and that for the future avoidance of doubt resolves that councillor allowances will only be paid to members who have been elected be virtue of their being duly nominated to stand in an election organised by Somerset Council's returning officer.

- (b) That if this is agreed given all payments in the accounts for the current financial year (24/25) have to be both lawful and agreed, the council will seek the repayment of any allowance paid to coopted members after its original decision. It will not include any such unlawful payments in its accounts.

18. COMMUNITY OFFICE – 30 FORE STREET

To consider approving delegated spend to allow works to be undertaken to re-open the community office at 30 Fore Street.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of Somerset County Council:

Councillor Andrew Govier
Councillor Marcus Barr
Councillor Ross Henley

Director of Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC)

Councillor Janet Lloyd