

**MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2025 AT 6.00PM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** David Farrow – Town Clerk  
Peter Joint – Community Connect Champion  
Helen Acreman – Project Officer  
Jo Humble Lead Specialist Place – New Business and Enabling, Somerset Council  
Amy Green - Development Enabling Specialist, Somerset Council  
One member of the press

**491 APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received.

**492 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**493 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present.

**494 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on the 21 October 2024.

**495 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN WELLINGTON**

The Committee received a presentation from Jo Humble Lead Specialist Place – New Business and Enabling and Amy Green Development Enabling Specialist with Somerset Council detailing the current provision of affordable housing in the town and the demand for it. The committee noted that demand exceeds supply and asked for further clarification on the figures. It was agreed that the information presented should feed in to the consideration of the Council's priorities.

**496 KINGS ARMS**

The Committee received an update on progress and a proposed working budget for the fit out. It was noted that it was hoped that the Community Hub would be open by the summer. The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that £80,000 be allocated from the Community Infrastructure Levy budget to support this work.

**497 COMMUNITY CONNECT CHAMPION UPDATE**

Peter Joint gave an update on the work he is currently involved with. A copy of his report had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that Polly Matthews, Head teacher of Court Fields should be invited to make the presentation to the Committee that she made to a community meeting earlier in the day in relation to the Cradle to Career model of working.

**498 BUDGET REPORT**

The budget report was circulated in advance of the meeting and was noted.

**499 WORK PLAN 2024/5 UPDATES**

The Town Clerk advised the Committee that the post of Community Development Officer would be advertised on the 24 January.

He also advised that he had commenced discussions regarding the future management of the Parent Family Support Adviser function and had received positive feedback from the head teacher currently managing the function and Somerset Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

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Councillor C Govier - Chair