

## 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	<b>Economic Development Committee</b>
Time	6.00pm
Date	Wednesday 15th January 2025
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.

David Farrow Town Clerk 07983 697740 townclerk@wellingtontowncouncil.co.uk 9th January 2025

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 13<sup>th</sup> November 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. CHRISTMAS MARKET AND LIGHT SWITCH ON EVENT – 30<sup>TH</sup> November 2024

The committee to note the expenditure for the event to date as detailed in the report circulated prior to the meeting.

- i) Chris Then-Bergh volunteered for the role as Santa. The Committee to consider donating to the Rotary Club. Amount to be agreed. £300 was donated last year. Budget Line: Christmas Lights Switch On.
- ii) To consider shortening the Christmas Light Switch on Event for 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025. Suggested 12noon to 6pm. To make it a fun activity event for families to include food stalls and rides.
- iii) Wellington Independent Market holding a Christmas market on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

# 6. TRAFFIC ORDER APPLICATION FOR EVENTS APRIL 2025 TO OCTOBER 2026

Wellington Town Council and Wellington Independent Market event dates circulated prior to meeting.

#### 7. EVENTS AND SECURITY UPDATE

The Council to note that further vehicle mitigation measures may have to be put in place when holding external events.

Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill overarching factsheet dated 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 and an email received from Avon & Somerset Police, Operational Planning Supervisor circulated prior to the meeting.

We are waiting further guidance from Somerset Council's Events Team and Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival Ltd.

### 8. PROMOTION OF WELLINGTON WORKING GROUP

The Town Clerk will provide an update in the meeting held on the 13 December 2024.

#### 9. PULSE SMART HUB

To consider which councillors would like to join the meeting an online meeting arranged with representatives of Pulse on the 21 January 2025 at 2.30pm to discuss next steps.

#### 10. BUDGET REPORT

To consider and note the budget report for the committee's delegated spending. Attached for information.