

**MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025 AT 6.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor C Booth (Chair),  
Councillors M Lithgow, J Lloyd, M. M McGuffie, S Mercer, J. Thorne, K. Wheatley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** David Farrow – Town Clerk  
Annette Kirk - Facilities Officer  
One member of the press  
One member of the public

**481 APOLOGIES**

No apologies

**482 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor M Lithgow declared an interest in Agenda Item 5(i). He is member of the Rotary Club.

**483 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the Economic Development Committee held on 13<sup>TH</sup> November 2024

**484 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public raised his concerns about the increasing risk to the public at events and the threat of war. The Town Council need to start considering what measures they would put in place.

**485 CHRISTMAS MARKET AND LIGHT SWITCH ON EVENT – 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

(i) The Committee considered a donation of £300.00 to the Rotary Club.

**RESOLVED** to donate £300.00 to the Rotary Club of Wellington. Budget Line: Christmas Light Switch On Event.

(ii) To consider shortening the Christmas Light Switch on Event for 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

**RESOLVED** to approve the shortening of the event from 12noon to 6.00pm. The event will focus on family fun activities to include food stalls and rides.

(iii) The Committee noted that Wellington Independent Market will be holding their Christmas market on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

**486 TRAFFIC ORDER APPLICATION FOR EVENTS APRIL 2025 TO OCTOBER 2026**

The Committee noted the events to be held by Wellington Town Council and Wellington Independent Market.

**487 EVENTS AND SECURITY UPDATE**

The Committee noted the correspondence received from Avon & Somerset Police. Whilst we wait further guidance, it was agreed that this would be taken to the Community Committee to include this in the Town Council’s Emergency Plan.

**488 PROMOTION OF WELLINGTON WORKING GROUP**

The working group held their first meeting with Giles Adams, Chair of Visit Somerset on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024. The Working Group to reconvene before the next Committee meeting to discuss the proposal received from Giles Adams.

The Town Clerk reported that he was still trying to access advice on how to source funding to support addressing concerns about the condition of buildings in the conservation area.

**489 PULSE SMART HUBS**

The Committee to consider which councillors would like to join the online meeting scheduled for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 with representatives of Pulse. Councillors C Booth, M Lithgow, J Thorne will attend the online meeting.

The Town Clerk clarified that following the meeting to discuss next steps, a proposal will be put to the Town Council for final approval.

**490 BUDGET REPORT**

The Committee noted the delegated spend on the budget report 2024/2025.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.30pm.

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Councillor C Booth