

Wellington Town Council

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EVENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 25th November 2025** commencing at 6.00pm.

Present:

Cllr Holding
Cllr P Davis

Cllr Gorse
Joined 6.37pm

Cllr Lowe

Cllr Snell

In attendance: Adrienne Taylor David Toolley local democracy reporter

68/25 Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Meeting started 6.06pm. Cllr Holding welcomed members

69/25 Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from Cllr Simon Day. The following members voted in favour of approving his apologies, Cllrs Davis, Lowe, and Holding. There were no abstentions and no votes against.

70/25 Declarations of Interest –
There were no declarations of interest received relating to items on the agenda.

71/25 To confirm the minutes from the meeting dated Tuesday 28th October 2025.
It was confirmed by the members and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** that the minutes of the 28th October were a true and accurate record.

Signed:
Cllr Holding – Chairman

72/25 Matters arising from those minutes:

- **ACTION:** Adrienne to bring first aid and security quotes back to the next E & C Meeting.
 - Still awaiting quotes
- **ACTION:** Adrienne to confirm the total amount received and to contact the organisers to see if it will run again next year.

28.3.23

- Adrienne reported that the Deputy CEO had initiated plans to host Park Yoga 2026
- **ACTION: Adrienne to drop off new Remembrance and Christmas posters**
 - This has been completed
- **ACTION: Members to have further discussions on where the surrounding area events are to be held. i.e. in Shawbirch by the Spa or on the Woolpack Car park by the Christmas Tree**
- **ACTION: Adrienne to liaise with the Woolpack if they would like to run an offer on Mulled Wine that evening**
 - Adrienne has contacted all businesses at Shawbirch and Brooklands locations.
- **ACTION: Adrienne to contact Brooklands shops to see if they would like to make a donation to the event**
- **ACTION: Adrienne to cost up an ‘all singing all dancing’ carnival type of event for consideration and bring to the next meeting**
 - Adrienne reported that other towns that host carnivals use volunteers, committees and sponsorship to organise their events. It was felt that the time scale was too short to put this in place for Wellington in 2026

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Correspondence

- Adrienne shared a letter from Peter Johnson who outlined ideas for events. No contact details were included to facilitate a response.
- Adrienne had received confirmation from Judi Anderson – Resident Poet – that she would read a poem at the Civic Carol Service. Thanks were expressed by members for Judi’s contribution to the Armistice Day service with her reading.

ACTION: Adrienne to contact Judi Anderson

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Love Wellington Report

- Apologies received from Sally Themans
- Members agreed that the contract with Scene magazine should continue
- Cllr Holding asked for clarification that the Wellington Christmas advert would include both market and high street traders. Adrienne confirmed that Jenna Humphreys was working with all businesses

75/25

Recent Events Reflection and Review

- Remembrance Day – members agreed the day has been well supported with large crowds and positive feedback.
 - Adrienne reported that a new security provider has been used with a very positive and professional service
- Armistice Service – well attended.

ACTION: Cllr Holding to write and thank Parade Marshall and service leaders

- 76/25 Budget 2026/2027 - Discussion**
- Cllr Davis recommended increasing the E and C budget by £10000 for the 26/27 period to ensure funding for a 'bigger and better' events schedule. This was agreed by Cllr Holding
- ACTION: Adrienne to liaise with RFO before next P and R meeting**
- 77/25 Future Events**
- **Local Christmas Lights Switch On**
Adrienne confirmed that Pride Funding from Cllrs Davis, Cook, Tomlinson and Tomlinson has been granted for the Shawbirch and Brooklands switch on. This will be used to buy treats for children.
Adrienne confirmed that Shawbirch Dental will be providing mince pies.
ACTION: Adrienne to add dates for switch on events to councillors' diaries
 - **Flora 250**
Adrienne and Cllr Holding explained the premise of the Flora 250 community events umbrella celebrating the work of William Withering and a focus on Wellington's green spaces.
Next Flora 250 meeting to take place in mid-January
- Cllr Gorse joined the meeting**
- A Flora 250 logo is to be designed.
- **Park Yoga**
Discussions in place for 2026
 - **Resident Poet**
Members agreed that the 2026 Resident Poet competition will run to the same format as 2025
- 78/25 Ideas proposals and event requests for 2026/2027**
- Cllr Davis advised liaising with Telford and Wrekin Council events team to avoid diary clashes
- ACTION: Adrienne to liaise with TWC events team**
- Cllr Davis proposed an Oktober Fest for the Market Square in conjunction with local pubs
 - Cllr Gorse asked about future Ghost Tours which were confirmed for 2026 by Adrienne
 - Cllr Davis proposed a thank you to Adrienne for the Events Team's work on 2025 events programme
- 79/25 Date and time of next meeting Tuesday 16th December 6.00pm**

