

Wellington Town Council

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EVENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 30th September 2025** commencing at 6.00pm.

Present:

Cllr Holding	Cllr Gorse	Cllr Lowe	Cllr Snell
Cllr P Davis			
(arrived 6.08pm)			

In attendance: Sally Themans Adrienne Taylor

57/25 Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Cllr Holding welcomed members

58/25 Apologies for Absence

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

59/25 Declarations of Interest –

There were no declarations of interest received relating to items on the agenda.

60/25 To confirm the minutes from the meeting dated Tuesday 29th July 2025.
It was confirmed by the members and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** that the minutes of the 29th July were a true and accurate record.

Signed:
Cllr Holding – Chairman

61/25 Matters arising from those minutes:

- **ACTION: Adrienne to report missing TIOW copy to the Deputy Clerk**
 - **ACTION: Deputy Clerk to continue to liaise with Royal Mail**
- **ACTION: Adrienne to circulate TIOW proof to members**
 - **Sally Themans reported that it had been agreed by**

Regeneration Committee that 400 extra copies of TIOW will be printed for distribution around surrounding area

Cllr Davis joined the meeting

- **ACTION: Ideas to be discussed by events team**
- **ACTION: Open Gardens and Wellington in Bloom to be added to agenda**

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Correspondence

- A quote for drone footage of the Christmas lights switch on had been received. The Chair and Vice Chair had discussed the matter and agreed it was not necessary for this year's switch on event.
- Adrienne reported that communications had been received from potential new event security and first aid providers. It was agreed that security and first aid provision should be put out for tender.
 - **ACTION: Adrienne to obtain quotes for event security and first aid provision**
- An email had been received from Sue Pointon regarding business sponsorship for the 2026 community production. Sally Themans kindly agreed to put request through Love Wellington business channels. Cllr Holding to reply to Sue.
 - **ACTION: Cllr Holding to reply to Sue Pointon's email**
 - **ACTION: Sally Themans to approach businesses through LW channels**

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Love Wellington Report

- Sally presented the Love Wellington Report and noted a 75% increase in site traffic on the LW Facebook page over the past month
- Cllr Davis requested the distribution date for the next TIOW magazine. Sally confirmed this is expected to be 13/10/25

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Recent Events Reflection and Review

- Cllr Holding commented on the success of the Autumn Acoustics and Summer events programme.
- Cllr Davis proposed that a personal thank you from the Chair and Mayor be sent to businesses that had helped WTC across the events season. He was seconded by Cllr Gorse and the following members voted in favour, Cllrs Holding, Gorse and Lowe. There were no abstentions and no votes against.
 - **ACTION: Cllr Holding to write to businesses involved in recent WTC events**
- Cllr Lowe commented on the success of Park Yoga. Cllr Davis suggested it be added to the events schedule for next year.
ACTION: Adrienne to obtain clarification on funding for this year's

Park Yoga

65/25 Future Events

- Plans to commemorate the anniversary of William Withering's The Botany and a Sunflower Trail with the Lingen Davies charity were discussed
- Cllr Gorse suggested that indoor events within local businesses could be held over the winter period. Sally encouraged engaging with a variety of businesses in the town.
- **Open Gardens**
 - Sally confirmed that Open Gardens would be taking place on 27/28 June 2026
- **Wellington in Bloom**
 - Taking place from 1/7/26
- **Local Christmas Lights Switch On**
 - Current budget set for just £20. Cllr Davis pledged Haygate and Park Pride Funding for event at Brooklands.
- Adrienne advised that plans are all in place for Spooky Day and funding has been applied for to host more Ghost Tours

66/25 Ideas, proposals and event requests for 2026/27

- Cllr Lowe advised members that the 25th anniversary of the Twinning Committee will be celebrated on 2nd May 2026
- Cllr Holding requested more events be targeted towards adults and older children.
- The budget proposal for 2026/27 was discussed and it was agreed that it should be submitted to the P and R Committee

67/25 Date and time of next meeting Tuesday 28th October 6.00pm

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ACTION: Cllr Holding to write to businesses involved in recent WTC events
ACTION: Adrienne to obtain clarification on funding for this year's Park Yoga