

Wellington Town Council

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Full Council Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 April at Civic Offices commencing at 7.00pm

Cllr R Snell - Mayor	Cllr L Carter	Cllr G Cook	Cllr G Davies	Cllr P Davies
Cllr S de Launey	Cllr J Gorse	Cllr E Holding	Cllr L Jinks	Cllr A Lowe
Cllr G Luter				

Also in attendance: Nick Brooke and Alison Hinks, CEO/Town Clerk. One member of the public was also present at the meeting.

133/25 7.00pm	Welcome The Mayor welcomed Councillors to the meeting and shared with Councillors the thank you card received from the retired Town Clerk, Karen Roper. The Mayor welcomed the new CEO/Town Clerk, Alison Hinks, to their first meeting. Cllr Jinks asked the CEO/Town Clerk to thank Karen Roper for their kind words. The Mayor then invited Nick Brooke to lead prayers. Following prayers, the Mayor thanked Nick Brooke for attending the first part of the meeting.
134/25 7.17pm	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs Day, Jobe, Latter, Pierce, Saunders, Tomlinson, Usman, Williams, Wooley. Cllr McGinn is currently on a leave of absence. The following members voted in favour of these apologies: Cllrs Snell, Carter, Cook, G Davies, P Davies, de Launey, Gorse, Holding, Jinks, Lowe and Luter. There were no votes against and no abstentions.
135/25	To agree action relating to Deputy Mayor position The CEO/Town Clerk updated Councillors on the recent correspondence received from Cllr Jim McGinn who is currently on a leave of absence from Wellington Town Council. Due to this, the Town Council does not have a serving Deputy Mayor which will be discussed and agreed at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council arranged for 12 May 2026.
136/25	To receive and approve declarations of interest No declarations of interest were forwarded at this point in the meeting.
137/25	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2026 The minutes were proposed as a true and accurate record by Cllr Luter, seconded by Cllr Jinks and the following members voted in favour Cllrs Snell, Jinks, Pierce, Carter, Gorse, Williams, P. Davis, Jobe, Ahmed, de Launey, Latter, Lowe, Luter, Tomlinson, Day, Woolley, and Sanders, there were no votes against and no abstentions.
138/25	Matters Arising from those Minutes None all are covered in committee reports.

139/25	To receive the Minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to note the recommendations therein. a) To note the Policy and Resources Committee minutes and confidential notes dated 7 April 2026 Cllr Carter presented the minutes and confidential notes page by page, saying that an update on the Twinning Silver Jubilee visit is on the agenda. There were no questions from members. b) To note the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 5 March 2026 Cllr Cook presented the minutes page by page. There were no questions from members. c) To note the minutes of the Events and Communications Committee meeting of 31 March 2026 Cllr Holding presented the minutes page by page. They reported that the 2026 events calendar had been welcomed by the Committee. Cllr Holding updated Councillors on the successful launch of Flora 250 and said that the Charter Day was well received by the local community. Nine entries had been received for the Resident Poet competition, which is now closed for new entries and the winner will be announced at a presentation on 25 April 2026 in Wellington Community Library and Residents Hub. Cllr Holding reminded Councillors of the St Georges Celebrations on 23 April 2026 in the Square. The Bailey Mile is arranged for 6 May 2026. Councillors were reminded that volunteers are needed for this event. Paveways have kindly sponsored an ice cream van for the event. d) To note the minutes of the Wellington Community Library and Residents Hub Committee meeting of 187 March 2026 Cllr P Davis presented the minutes page by page, thanking the library staff for the successful children's activities held over the Easter School Holidays which were funded by Cllr P Davies' and Cllr Cooks Councillor Pride Funding. Cllr de Launey thanked Cllrs P Davies and Cllr Cook for contributing their Councill Pride Funding towards these activities for local residents. Cllr P Davies said that discussions continue to take place around adjusting opening hours and staffing hours in the Community Library and Residents Hub. Cllr P Davies confirmed that the Community Room has now been cleared and is now part of the Telford & Wrekin Council room booking system. Models for Heros are now using this room on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month between 6-9pm. Cllr P Davies confirmed that plans are progressing well with the proposed digital signage in the Wellington Community Library and Residents Hub enabling Wellington Town Council to advertise services to visitors to the building. e) To note the minutes of the Regeneration Committee meeting of 19 March 2026 Cllr de Launey presented the minutes page by page. Cllr Jinks asked for an update on the proposals for a new Post Office in Wellington. Cllr P Davies said that talks are continuing with potential post office/retailers, along with advice from Telford & Wrekin Planning Department. Cllr Jinks asked for an update on timescales for this project.
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	Cllr P Davies said that the Town Council is currently unable to commit to a timescale.
140/25	To note the date of the next Wellington Conservation Area Working Group meeting on 15 April 2026 It was noted that the next Wellington Conservation Area Working Group meeting would be held on 15 th April 2026.
141/25	To receive the report from the Community Action Team for March 2026 The CAT report was circulated by the CEO/Town Clerk with the agenda and noted by Councillors. There were no comments from members.
142/25	Final arrangement to mark the 25th Anniversary of our Twinning with Chatenay-Malabry from 30 April – 3 May 2026 Cllr Lowe updated Councillors on the arrangement for the forthcoming visit by Chatenay-Malabry to celebrate the 25 th anniversary of our town twinning and again invited Councillors to the drinks reception at 3.30pm on 30 April 2026 in the Council Chamber at Wellington Town Council offices and also the dinner at 6pm on 2 May 2026 at The Cock Hotel, Wellington (at a cost to Councillors). Cllr Lowe thanked the Mayor for supporting these events. Cllr Lowe also invited Councillors to participate in a departing photograph with both Twinning Committees at 12 noon on Sunday 3 May 2026 at Wellington Leisure Centre. The Mayor wished Cllr Lowe and the Twinning Committee every success with the forthcoming visit by Chatenay-Malabry
143/25	To agree the date for the Annual Assembly and Annual Meeting of the Town Council on Tuesday 12 May 2026 Councillors unanimously agreed the date of the Annual Assembly and Annual Meeting of the Town Council on Tuesday 12 May 2026. The following members voted in favour: Cllrs Snell, Jinks, Pierce, Carter, Gorse, Williams, P. Davis, Jobe, Ahmed, de Launey, Latter, Lowe, Luter, Tomlinson, Day, Woolley, and Sanders, there were no votes against and no abstentions
144/25	To Receive the Mayors Diary The Mayor reminded members of the St Georges Day Celebrations on 23 April 2026 in the Square, Wellington, the presentation to the Resident Poet on 25 April 2026 at Wellington Community Library and Residents Hub, the Mayors Civic Service on 26 April at All St Church, Wellington and the Baily Mile on 6 May 2026.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm

Chairman.....12 May 2026