

Wellington Town Council

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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of **11th June 2024 starting at 7.00pm**

livestreamed on Facebook.

Present:

Mayor Cllr. U Ahmed	Cllr. C. Barker	Cllr. S. de Launey	Cllr. P. Davis
Cllr. L. Jinks	Cllr. J. Pierce	Cllr. S. Williams	Cllr. J. McGinn
Cllr. K. Tomlinson	Cllr. M. Jobe	Cllr. R. Snell	Cllr. A. Lowe
Cllr. L. Woolley	Cllr. J. Gorse	Cllr. G. Cook	Cllr. E. Holding

In attendance. Rev Nick Brooke, three members of the public, and Karen Roper Town Clerk/CEO.

24/24 Welcome from the Mayor – Cllr Ahmed welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Rev. Brookes to lead prayers.

25/24 Apologies – The Mayor called for apologies. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Day, Carter, Latter and Luter.

The following members approved the apologies. Voting in favour were Cllrs, Ahmed, Jinks, Tomlinson, Woolley, Barker, Pierce, Jobe, Gorse, de Launey, Williams, Snell, Cook, Davis, McGinn, Holding and Lowe. There were no abstentions and no votes against.

26/24 Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest received at this point.

27/24 Receive and approve the minutes of the following meetings.

- **Annual Public Meeting dated 14th May 2024** – These were proposed by Cllr Davis as a true and accurate record he was seconded by Cllr de Launey. The following members voted in favour of the minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2024 be approved and signed by the Mayor.
Cllrs, Ahmed, Jinks, Tomlinson, Woolley, Barker, Pierce, Jobe, Gorse, de Launey, Williams, Snell, Cook, Davis, McGinn, Holding and Lowe. There were no abstentions and no votes against.
- **AGM and Full Council Meeting dated 14th May 2024** - These were proposed by Cllr Davis as a true and accurate record he was seconded by Cllr de Launey. The following members voted in favour of the minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2024 be approved and signed by the Mayor.
Cllrs, Ahmed, Jinks, Tomlinson, Woolley, Barker, Pierce, Jobe, Gorse, de Launey, Williams, Snell, Cook, Davis, McGinn, Holding and Lowe. There were no abstentions and no votes against.

28/24 Matters Arising – none as all are covered in the committee minutes.

29/24 To receive the minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to consider

the recommendations therein.

- a) **Policy and Resources Committee minutes of 04.06.24** – Cllr de Launey said the minutes had been circulated he wet through page by page and there were no questions from members.
- b) **Planning Committee 08.05.24 & 29.05.24** – Cllr McGinn presented both sets of minutes that had been previously circulated with the agenda. He explained that the committee had made one objection on 29.05.24 in line with the Environmental Officer and responses from Neighbours to an application which proposed to build on an area at risk of flooding.
- c) **Events and Communications Committee 30.04.24** – Cllr Barker presented the minutes and commented that Paola Armstrong had done a terrific job for this town council and he wished that this be recorded, members were in full agreement.
- d) **Dothill Conservation Area Working Group Meeting dated 15.05.24** – Cllr. Tomlinson presented the minutes and commented that the Green Flag award results would be known in July. She also reported that the area was suffering from Ash die back and an invading species of beetle which were attacking the trees and would unfortunately result in losses and will need replacement.

30/24 Election of members to Dothill Conservation Area Working Group for 2024/25

The Mayor called for nominations. Cllr Snell proposed Cllr McGinn and Cllr Pierce, he was seconded by Cllr Williams. Cllr de Launey proposed Cllr Tomlinson and Cllr Jinks and was seconded by Cllr Jinks. The Mayor said there were 4 nominations for 3 vacancies. Maintaining the tradition on this working group. Cllr de Launey proposed the number of vacancies is increased to 4 as it was in previous years. He was seconded by Cllr Jinks and the following members voted in favour Cllrs, Ahmed, Jinks, Tomlinson, Woolley, Barker, Pierce, Jobe, Gorse, de Launey, Williams, Snell, Cook, Davis, McGinn, Holding and Lowe. There were no abstentions and no votes against.

- 31/24 End of Year Accounts for 2023/24** – Cllr deLauney proposed to support the recommendation from Policy and Resources Committee and confirm the Mayor's signature on the Annual Accounting Statements and Annual Governance Accountability Return for 2023/24. Cllr de Launey proposed acceptance he was seconded by Cllr Cook and the following members voted in favour. Cllrs, Ahmed, Jinks, Tomlinson, Woolley, Barker, Pierce, Jobe, Gorse, de Launey, Williams, Snell, Cook, Davis, McGinn, Holding and Lowe. There were no abstentions and no votes against.

That Full Council resolve to accept the recommendation from Policy and Resources Committee that Full Council approves and authorises the Mayor's signature on the Annual Accounting Statements for 2023/24.

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- 32/24 To receive a verbal report from Cllr Lowe on the Twinning Visit** – Cllr Lowe paid tribute to the Mayor who waited for over 3 hours to welcome the visitors who were expected at 2pm and arrived at 5pm. The Mayors welcome speech was received by the 22 French visitors consisting of 3 children and 19 adults who then enjoyed a traditional high tea in the appropriately decorated council chamber.

On Saturday everyone participated, dressed in period costumes to enjoy the Midsomer fayre and parade.

D. Day veteran Mr Humphries was conveyed by rickshaw and honoured with tributes paid by both the mayor and the Deputy Mayor from Chatenay. On the evening was a dance event at the Belmont Hall was a great success.

On Sunday there was a civic farewell dinner and UMPAH band before the farewell meeting on Monday morning.

The Mayor has been invited to the Olympic Flame event on 24th July and everyone, all councillors are invited to the 80th VE day celebration in France on 8th May 2025. Cllr Lowe added this is a great arrangement for us and our French guests.

33/24 To receive reports from the Community Action Team – The Clerk said the written reports had been circulated and she reminded members they could contact her and report issues at any time. Cllr Jinks thanked the team for responding to her issue within a 24 hour timeframe. Cllr Davis said congratulations to the team for the new style report was clearer and easier to read.

34/24 To note the minutes of the Regeneration Board held 18th July 2024

35/24 Date of Next Meeting – was agreed as 9th July 2024

Chairman9th July 2024