

Wellington Town Council

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Full Council Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th February 2026 at Civic Offices commencing at 7.00pm

Cllr. R. Snell - Mayor	Cllr. L. Jinks	Cllr. G. Cook	Cllr. L. Carter	Cllr. S. Williams
Cllr. E. Holding	Cllr. P. Davis	Cllr. M. Jobe	Cllr. U. Ahmed	Cllr. J. Gorse
Cllr. A. Lowe				

Also in attendance; Rev. N. Brooke, K. Roper CEO/Town Clerk, 2 members of the public and one press representative.

112/25	Welcome – The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Rev. Brooke to lead prayers. Following prayers, the Mayor thanked Rev. Brooke who then left the meeting. The Mayor invited members to his musical Charity Event being held at the Gratitude Café on 19th February. The meeting started at 7.05pm
113/25	Apologies – Were received from Cllrs de Launey, Pierce, Latter, Luter, G. Davis, McGinn, Woolley, Sanders, Tomlinson and Day. The following members voted in favour of these apologies, Cllrs Snell, Jinks, P. Davis, Cook, Jobe, Williams, Holding, Carter, Ahmed, Lowe and Gorse, there were no votes against and no abstentions.
114/25	To receive and approve declarations of interest – None were forwarded at this point in the meeting.
115/25	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2026 - The minutes were proposed as a true and accurate record by Cllr Davis, he was seconded by Cllr Jinks and the following members voted in favour Cllrs Snell, Jinks, Williams, P. Davis, Cook, Jobe, Carter, Ahmed, Holding, Lowe and Gorse, there were no votes against and no abstentions.
116/25	Matters Arising from those Minutes – None all are covered in committee reports.
117/25	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 6th January 2026. Cllr Davis presented the minutes page by page and made the following comments regarding the Post Office. The post office in 5 Market Street was on a temporary license had expired will close on 16th February 2026 at 5.30pm.

- There are unhelpful comments on social media – these have been countered by the Town Council press release.
- Through hard work and resolve a Public Works Loan was obtained enabling the Town Council to purchase the Halifax building.
- The intention is to offer the Post Office a permanent place in Wellington.
- Members are engaged with Telford and Wrekin and the Post Office at a regional level to offer a permanent home for the Post office in central Wellington.
- A recent site meeting with Post Office representatives was very positive about the offer. The Post Office was currently advertising for the position of Postmaster.
- To summarise, the town council engaged early and purchased a suitable building to enable the Post office to continue operating from central Wellington.
- He would not be drawn on any point recorded in the confidential notes.
- Cllr Lowe thanked Cllr Davis for all his hard work on this matter.
- Members asked for the Post Office letters to be circulated to them by the Clerk.
- Cllr Williams asked if consideration could be given to advertising that the post office would be moving to the former Halifax building.
- Members commented that this solution would be the best deal for residents and will greatly help with the regeneration of Wellington in that area.
- Cllr Jinks thanked the staff at Dothill and Shawburch post offices as they are working hard to cover for the closure of the central Wellington Post Office.
- Cllr Jobe asked about the possibility of appointing an interim replacement post following the resignation of the Postmaster.
- Cllr Davis said this was a decision that had been made by the Post Office. Negotiations were ongoing including discussions around interim / temporary solutions.
- Cllr Ahmed thanked Cllr Davis for his work and said it was extremely important to retain this financial service following the loss of various Bank branches in Wellington.
- Cllr Davis said to conclude, there was a schedule of meetings to hold open and positive discussions at regional level to return a post office to Wellington town centre.

b) To note the minutes of the Events and Communications meeting of 27.01.26 -
 Cllr Holding presented the minutes page by page. She said the meeting had centred around planning the enhanced events programme. The committee had taken account of the events being delivered by other organisations such as Telford and Wrekin, H2A the Orbit, the Boardroom and others. The Resident Poet competition theme for this year is ‘memories of Wellington’. It was hoped that more councillors would attend events to take part and possibly help the staff.

	The Flora 250 event will centre around William Withering celebrating 250 years since the publication of his book which influenced medical science and would include walks around Wellington. Charter Day will take place on 7th March, members were urged to contact Rob Francis if they wished to take part. c) To note the minutes of the Community Library and residents Hub committee meeting held on 20th January 2026. - Cllr Davis said this was a positive meeting looking at improvements based on the actions listed in the previous minutes. He made the following comments. • The Café creates a good atmosphere which helps the footfall to the library. • Consideration is being given to how the opening times could be extended. • Provision of a digital display would be revisited as the initial quotations were cost prohibitive. • Models for Heroes are set to hold their first meeting on Wednesday 11th February. • Part of the aims and objectives for 2026 were to make best use of the space and to developing the library's social media following. • A vacuum cleaner has been purchased. d) To Note the Minutes of the Regeneration Committee held on 15th January 2026 - The minutes had been circulated with the agenda. There were no comments from members.
118/25	To receive the minutes of Wellington Conservation Area Working Group meeting held on the 21st January 2026 - Cllr Jinks presented the minutes page by page. She said the working group were very happy to have done well in the green flag mystery shop. Cllr Davis said thank you to the working group for looking after this amazing green space in Wellington which is also supported by a Town Council Grant.
119/25	CAT reports – These were circulated by the CEO/Town Clerk with the agenda. There were no comments from members.
120/25	To Receive the Mayors Diary- The Mayor reminded members of his musical Charity Event being held at the Gratitude Café on 19 th February.
121/25	The date of the next Full Council Meeting was agreed as Tuesday 10th March 2026

Chairman.....10th March 2026