

Wellington Town Council

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Full Council Minutes of 8th July 2025, held at Civic Offices, starting at 7.00pm.

Cllr. R. Snell – Mayor	Cllr. E. Holding	Cllr. J. Gorse	Cllr. M. Jobe	Cllr. S. Day
Cllr. L. Jinks (arriving later)	Cllr. S. Williams	Cllr. J. McGinn	Cllr S. de Launey	Cllr. L. Carter

Also, in attendance; Cllr Jinks arriving later due to work commitments, Karen Roper CEO/Town Clerk and members of the public Phil Morris-Jones, Sam Williams and Hilary.

41/25	Welcome – The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and in the absence of Reverend Carter, members agreed to start the meeting without prayers. The CEO/Town Clerk had tabled a resume of the Mayors' attendance at events (list attached to the official minutes). The meeting started at 7.05pm.
42/25	Police report - There were no Police in attendance but they had agreed to attend the September meeting.
43/25	Apologies – Were received from Cllrs. Ahmed, Tomlinson, Lowe, Barker, G. Davis, P. Davis, Luter, Cook, Latter, Lowe, Pierce and Woolley. The following members voted in favour of acceptance of these apologies, Cllrs. Snell, Gorse, de Launey, McGinn, Carter, Day, Williams, Holding and Jobe, there were no votes against and no abstentions.
44/25	To receive and approve declarations of interest – None were forwarded at this point in the meeting.
45/25	To approve the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 10th June 2025 as a true and accurate record: It was proposed by Cllr Gorse and seconded by Cllr Jobe that the above minutes were a true and accurate record. The following members voted in favour, Cllrs. Snell, Gorse, Williams de Launey, Day, McGinn, Carter, Holding and Jobe, there were no votes against and no abstentions.
46/25	Matters Arising from those minutes. – None as all are covered in the committee reports.
47/25	To receive the minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to note the recommendations therein. a) Policy and Resources Committee minutes dated 1st July 2025 - Cllr S. de Launey presented the minutes and reported on the Governance Review response. The RFO and CEO/Town Clerk will review the former grant awarding process / policy for consideration at the next meeting. b) Planning Committee meeting minutes dated 4th June 2025 – Cllr de Launey confirmed the meeting of the 26 th June was cancelled. The Minutes of the meeting held 4 th June 2025 were noted c) E&C meeting dated 24th June 2025 – Cllr Holding presented the minutes confirming the committee was looking at the events calendar for next year and items for TIOW magazine. There were no questions from members.

	d) To note the Library meeting minutes dated 17th June 2025 - Cllr Holding said Cllr Davis was elected as Chairman, and she had been elected as Deputy Chairman. She presented the first meeting minutes and said members had visited Madeley library to learn how their facility is run. They found that outside services are provided such as access to health, services and advice. Further fact-finding visits were planned and the current Library Supervisor had been invited to attend the next meeting.
48/25	To receive the report from the Community Action team for June 2025. – The report had been circulated. Cllr Holding said the Arleston Walk meeting had not happened and asked the CEO/Town Clerk to request the event be rearranged to a future date. There were no additional questions from members.
	Cllr Jinks joined the meeting at 7.15pm
49/25	Response to the Governance Review Committee – Cllr de Launey gave the following review The consultation closing date was 14th July 2025. Cllr de Launey said that P&R had considered its response and had made the following comments. a) That Admaston and Bratton to be incorporated into the urban community of Wellington on the basis on community identity and cohesion as residents already look to Wellington and not Wrockwardine for services such as schools, medical, dental and shopping. b) That Lewis Crecent /Haygate Fields also be incorporated into the Wellington area to create co-terminosity with the Borough boundaries and again because residents naturally look to Wellington for their services and not to the rural village of Wrockwardine. c) The proposals would create an electorate of 20,021 served by 25 Councillors in 9 wards aligned to the Borough Council wards. The current Meadows ward would cease to exist and would be included into the Admaston and Bratton wards. Cllr de Launey highlighted the inconsistency of the electors allocated to councillors because the Borough proposed to split the Admaston and Bratton wards. He suggested these wards should not be split proposing a 3 member ward which created a more even split of numbers of electors per town councillor. Cllr de Launey proposed members vote on the above response, he was seconded by Cllr Carter. The following members voted in favour, Cllrs Snell, Gorse, Williams de Launey, Day, McGinn, Carter, Holding and Jobe, there were no votes against and one abstention from Cllr Jinks. Cllr Jinks said she felt the logical boundary is Dothill, there is a clear division, it was its own community and should therefore be served by its own parish council, she abstained from the vote Cllr Carter said work needed to be done to define /promote and inform electors what WTC deliver for the community. It was noted that Cllr Luter as Chairman of the Borough Governance Review Committee declared an interest. He did not comment or vote at P&R or any other town council meeting discussing this matter to ensure there was no perception of any predetermination.
49/25	To agree the date of the next Full Council meeting as Tuesday 9th September 2025.
50/25	To consider closure of the meeting in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Local Government Act 1972 to discuss remaining item on the agenda. Cllr de Launey proposed closure of the meeting he was seconded by Cllr Williams. Members of the public left the Meeting.
Chairman.....9th September 2025	

