

Wellington Town Council

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Full Council Minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2025, at Civic Offices, starting at 7.00pm.

Cllr. R. Snell – Mayor	Cllr. L. Woolley	Cllr. J. Gorse	Cllr. M. Jobe
Cllr. L. Jinks	Cllr. S. Williams	Cllr. J. McGinn	Cllr. P. Davis
Cllr. G. Cook	Cllr. G. Luter	Cllr. K. Tomlinson	
Cllr. L. Carter	Cllr. H. Sanders	Cllr. E. Holding	

Also in attendance; Rev Tim Carter, Karen Roper CEO/Town Clerk, and 5 members of the public.

90/25	Welcome – The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Rev. Carter to lead prayers. Rev. Carter thanked all those involved in the hugely successful Remembrance and Christmas lights events. He then led Christmas prayers for families and those who are seeking refuge in our community followed by the Lord's Prayer. The Mayor thanked Rev. Carter who stayed for the remainder of the meeting. The Mayor said there was an amazing number of people at the Christmas lights switch on last Saturday. He had been approached by a new resident who wished to thank the Town Council for the hanging baskets and Christmas Lights. He said it was wonderful to hear these unsolicited comments. He then reminded everyone of the forthcoming Civic Carol Service on Sunday 14th December at 4.00pm. The CEO/Town Clerk had tabled a resume of the Mayors' attendance at events. The meeting started at 7.05pm.
91/25	Welcome to Cllr Sanders– The Mayor warmly welcomed Cllr Hugh Sanders who had won the by-election in Haygate ward. Cllr Sanders thanked colleagues in the Labour party for their tireless canvassing. Cllr Davis said Cllr Sanders is an illuminating and engaging Councillor, and it was wonderful to congratulate and welcome him to the chamber. Cllr Jinks said on behalf of the Conservative party she would like to welcome Cllr Sanders and congratulated him on a decent and well fought election.
92/25	Apologies – Were received from Cllrs. G. Davis, de Launey, Pierce, Ahmed, Latter, Lowe, and Day. The following members voted in favour of acceptance of these apologies, Cllrs. Snell, Gorse, Jobe, Jinks, Williams, McGinn, Woolley, Cook, Luter, P. Davis, Sanders, Tomlison, Holding and Carter, there were no votes against and no abstentions.
93/25	To receive and approve declarations of interest – None were forwarded at this point in the meeting.
94/25	To approve the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 11th November 2025 as a true and accurate record: - Cllr Cook proposed the minutes as a true and accurate record and he was seconded by Cllr P. Davis. The following members voted in favour, Cllrs. Snell, Gorse, Jobe, Jinks, Williams, McGinn, Woolley, Cook, Luter, P. Davis, Sanders, Tomlison, Holding and Carter, there were no votes against and no abstentions. The Mayor then signed the minutes.

95/25	Matters Arising from those minutes – None as all are covered in the committee minutes.
96/25	To receive the minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to note the recommendations therein. • Policy and Resources Committee minutes and confidential notes dated 02.12.25 - Cllr P. Davis presented both sets of minutes. There were no questions from members. • Planning Committee – Cllr Cook presented the minutes of the meeting held on December 6th 2025. There were no comments from members. • E&C meeting minutes of 25.11.25 – Cllr Holding said the Christmas Light display was amazing and enhanced displays were installed in Arleston, Shawburch and Brooklands. The project had taken time and budget to deliver but she felt that it was a good decision. Gifts were handed to children at the events, some of these were donated by local shops. Remembrance Sunday and Armistice had been well supported; the Best dressed window competition had also been a success with improved numbers of entries. She said next year there would be flora and fauna / William Withering themed project with events and activities for all. Staff were thanked for all their work, and she also acknowledged Allsaints, the Orbit and Boardroom Café for their fantastic support. She then presented the minutes page by page. Cllr Davis thanked Cllr Holding for her drive, direction and leadership that had helped to achieve these marvellous events. Cllr Luter said the response from the public is very positive and they were generally happy with how Wellington is moving forward, he had not heard any negativity and every year things are improving. Cllr. Holding is driving that work and together with the staff all were doing a great job. Cllr Gorse said the Mayor should be thanked for all his efforts representing the Town and the Council. His tabled diary is a record of all his hard work. The Mayor said on Friday he had been asked to support the pensioners club and was amazed at the number of people present. Cllr Tomlinson said the Christmas Lights were very well attended, she had received a few negative comments but generally people were happy to have the lights and a tree in the outlying areas. Cllr Holding thanked Cllr Tomlinson for her comments and said it is this is the first year of the new lights display and there will be a review in February/March to consider any comments, but overall feedback has been positive. The Mayor said improvements and many gifts for the children have been made possible through Borough Councillors donating part of their Pride funding. d) The Community Library and Residents Hub Committee meeting will take place on 16th December 2025 - Cllr Davis said there was some great work being done by the library team e.g. wreath and card making, lots of arts and crafts activities and events for all age groups supported by pride funding from Cllrs Davis, Cook and others. Additionally, the new Café had opened, Citizens Advice the Wellness hub have sessions to support residents and he was very proud of all the work being done. He thought Wellington Library and Residents Hub was the busiest in the Telford area.
97/25	Community Action Teams Reports for November 2025 - The reports had been circulated with the agenda and papers. There were no comments from members.
98/25	Recommendation from P&R to adopt the Civility and Respect Document – This had been circulated to all members with the agenda. Cllr Luter proposed adoption, he was seconded by Cllr McGinn. The following members voted in favour, Cllrs. Snell, Gorse, Jobe, Jinks, Williams, McGinn, Woolley, Cook, Luter, P. Davis, Sanders, Tomlinson, Holding and Carter, there were no votes against and no abstentions.

99/25	Additional comments from the Mayor. • Cllr Snell said he would be attending a Citizenship Ceremony this week to welcome new people into our community. • There were mince pies and drinks available to members at the end of the meeting for those who were able to stay after the meeting.
100/25	The date of the next Full Council meeting was agreed as Tuesday 13th January 2026. Chairman.....13th January 2026

