

Wellington Town Council

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Full Council Minutes of 11th November 2025, held 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. A. Lowe
Cllr. G. Cook	Cllr. G. Luter	Cllr. G. Davis	Cllr. P. Davis

Also in attendance; Rev Ellie Cheetham-Wilkinson, Karen Roper CEO/Town Clerk, and 2 members of the public.

78/25	Welcome – The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and in the absence of Reverend Carter, he invited Rev. Ellie Cheetham-Williamson to lead prayers. Rev. Cheetham-Wilkinson asked members to remember all those who had given their lives in service and for those suffering from the impact of war and those currently living through war. She asked members to pause for a one-minute silence to remember family and friends of former Town Councillor Jim Headley as he had recently passed away. The Mayor then thanked Rev. Cheetham-Williamson who remained for the rest of the meeting. The CEO/Town Clerk had tabled a resume of the Mayors' attendance at events. The meeting started at 7.05pm.
79/25	Apologies – Were received from Cllrs. Tomlinson, Carter, de Launey, Pierce, Ahmed, Latter, Holding and Day. The following members voted in favour of acceptance of these apologies, Cllrs. Snell, Gorse, Jobe, Jinks, Williams, McGinn, Lowe, Woolley, Cook, Luter, P. Davis and G. Davis, there were no votes against and no abstentions.
80/25	Casual Vacancy in Haygate Ward – The Clerk reported the vacancy had been advertised and the election called on the 20th November between 7.00am – 10.00pm. The polling stations will be at Hesba Close Communal Centre and Wellington Civic and Leisure Centre. Posters were on the notice boards and Town Council websites.
81/25	To receive and approve declarations of interest – None were forwarded at this point in the meeting.
82/25	To approve the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 14th October 2025 as a true and accurate record:- Cllr Luter 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, Lowe, Woolley, Cook, Luter, P. Davis, and G. Davis, there were no votes against and no abstentions.
83/25	Matters Arising from those minutes – None as all are covered in the committee minutes.
84/25	To receive the minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to note the recommendations therein. a) Policy and Resources Committee minutes and confidential notes dated 04.11.25 - Cllr P. Davis presented both sets of minutes. There were no questions from members.

	b) Planning Committee – Cllr Cook said the next meeting date was due to be held on December 4th 2025. c) E&C meeting minutes of 28.10.25 – Cllr Gorse presented the minutes page by page commenting the Christmas Lights will be better than ever this year. Arleston, Shawburch and Brooklands displays are also improved thanks to Borough Councillors donating part of their pride fund. She also said that the shops in Arleston donate selection boxes / sweets to children at the lights switch on event. Cllr Lowe asked if staff could approach shops in Shawburch to do this. All Councillors were encouraged to attend their local switch on events and the actual dates and times would be circulated. Cllr Gorse drew members attention to events and proposals being discussed for next year. Cllr Jinks thanked the Orbit for the ongoing support they give to events in the Square. Cllr Davis expressed this thanks to Cllr Gorse for presenting the minutes. He added we need to make sure we are delivering the right communications to let people know what events are happening and when. d) Community Library and Residents Hub Committee meeting minutes dated 21.10.25 - Cllr Davis presented the minutes, highlighting the launch of the 'Wellness Hub' which aimed to help residents with health and finance problems and had already received very positive feedback. Cllr Gorse said the Wellness Hub was offering really useful services for many people. Side rooms in the Library had now been cleared. Digital information screens were proposed to be installed at the entrance to the library and in the window facing outwards. The Library team were excellent, and would be uploading information. Cllr Jinks enquired about the fate of the former screen in the Square and it was confirmed that the unit had been assessed and was beyond economical repair.
85/25	Wellington Conservation Area Working Group meeting dated 29th October 2025. Cllr McGinn presented the minutes page by page. He highlighted the project to clear the area around nine concrete blocks which an artist would paint and make a feature of them.
86/25	Community Action Teams Reports for October 2025 - The reports had been circulated with the agenda and papers. Cllr Davis said he had written to every supermarket manager regarding the high number of discarded trollies throughout Wellington. He would welcome any support the CAT Team could offer.
87/25	Feedback from Remembrance Sunday. • Cllr Gorse said she had taken part in many of these events and felt this years' event was just as good as ever. Adding it was great to see so many young people taking part with representation from the Beavers and Brownies and many more of all ages watching the event. The mural on the railway bridge is a great credit to the town and had made a significant impression adding to the picture boards in the churchyard. A twelve year old member of the Arleston Youth Group laid a wreath to represent the people of Arleston. • Cllr Jinks said she too had attended many of these events and felt this was a particularly special parade. She thanked all of the people involved in organising the event. • Cllr Snell said he endorsed giving thanks to all the people organising this event and for the mural. • Cllr Luter said it was a privilege to represent the Council and also wished to thank those in attendance and the organisers including the WEST Team, Local Churches, Veterans, and Cllr Davis for his work behind the scenes and for his work with the mural.

	• Cllr Davis thanked Cllr Luter and Cllr Snell stating he was overwhelmed with how it had been received. He hoped members could identify other areas in the town might benefit from this treatment paid for with pride funding money from Borough Councillors Angela McClements, Lee Carter, Luter, Davis and Cook. The Mural was painted by artist Neil Willis and depicts the following local people. Maurice Danks Cadman joined the Navy and killed at sea aged 21 yrs in the First World War. Thomas (Tom) Powis who joined the Army and lost his life fighting in the First World War. Flight Sergeant Albert Adderly rear gunner RAF died fighting in the Second World War aged 21years. Cllr Davis said he also wanted to celebrate the great contribution made by women during the war years, so the mural includes a tribute to local Nurse Lilian Reynolds. Cllr Davis said he had asked for a clear topcoat to be added to the Mural to help with longevity and he hoped it would be cherished for years to come. Cllr Lowe asked that the Mayor writes to Sir Edward Tate to thank him for his attendance at Remembrance Sunday.
88/25	Additional comments from the Mayor. • Cllr Snell said he had the great pleasure of attending a Citizenship Ceremony. • He thanked everyone for supporting his fundraising curry night and particularly wanted to thank Ami for all her help and assistance. • Today's service in the Square had been a great success and again thanks were given to those who supported the event and staff at the Town Council for their organisation and assistance.
89/25	The date of the next Full Council meeting was agreed as Tuesday 9th December 2025. Chairman.....9th December 2025

