

Wellington Town Council

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Full Council Minutes of 14th October 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	Cllr. S. Williams	Cllr. J. McGinn	Cllr. A. Lowe	
Cllr. G. Cook	Cllr. G. Luter	Cllr. U. Ahmed	Cllr. P. Davis	
Cllr. S. de Launey	Cllr J. Pierce	Cllr. J. Latter	Cllr L. Woolley	

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

65/25	Welcome – The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and in the absence of Reverend Carter, he invited Rev. Ellie Cheetham-Williamson to lead prayers. The Mayor thanked Rev. Cheetham-Williamson for Prayers, who then 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.
66/25	Police Report – No officers were in attendance.
67/25	Apologies – Were received from Cllrs. Tomlinson, G. Davis and Carter. The following members voted in favour of acceptance of these apologies, Cllrs. Snell, Holding, Gorse, Jobe, Day, Jinks, Williams, McGinn, Lowe, Woolley, Cook, Luter, Ahmed, J. Latter, P. Davis, de Launey and J. Pierce, there were no votes against and no abstentions.
68/25	Leave of Absence – The Mayor said this item is not needed and asked members to move on.
69/25	Casual Vacancy in Haygate Ward – The Clerk reported the vacancy had been advertised and the election called. She said she would circulate further information to members as soon as it is received from the Elections team. Comments from Members Cllr Davis - said he had previously worked with Cllr Barker at Telford College and wanted to thank him for the significant contribution and dedication he had shown during his time as a Councillor. The reason for his resignation is well publicised and due to ill health, he will be missed. Cllr Gorse – said she wanted to add her thanks to Cllr Barker for being very active and for his dedication to the role which he is still showing by continuing to attend events. She hoped his health improves going forward. Cllr Cook – said he echoes the comments made by other members and wanted to add his best wishes for a good recovery. The Mayor - said he had known Cllr Barker for a long time and it gratifying to see that he was still attending events and he hoped his health would improve.
70/25	To receive and approve declarations of interest – None were forwarded at this point in the meeting.

71/25	To approve the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 9th September 2025 as a true and accurate record:- Cllr Lowe proposed the minutes as a true and accurate record and he was seconded by Cllr Jinks. The following members voted in favour, Cllrs. Snell, Holding, Gorse, Jobe, Day, Jinks, Williams, McGinn, Lowe, Woolley, Cook, Luter, Ahmed, J. Latter, P. Davis, de Launey and J. Pierce, there were no votes against and no abstentions.
72/25	Matters Arising from those minutes. – The CEO / Town Clerk said she had emailed the latest information on the Community Governance Review to all members.
73/25	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 07.10.25 - Cllr P. Davis presented the minutes adding, the Hanging baskets had again been a great success and the season had been extended by watering for an additional 2 weeks. He said work was underway to look at how to cover the accounts function in the absence of the RFO. The closed session minutes record that Wellington Town Council were now the proud owners of the iconic Halifax Building. Surveyors were working on ideas for the best use of the space and plans were to relocate the Post Office. b) Planning Committee – Cllr Cook said the next meeting date was October 23rd October 2025. c) E&C meeting minutes of 30.09.25 – Cllr Holding presented the minutes and said the team were working on a bigger and better programme of events for next year. She highlighted Park Yoga as being very popular this year and wished to thank the Orbit and the Boardroom Café for offering shelter to the musical events during recent inclement weather. d) Community Library and Residents Hub Committee meetings minutes dated 23.09.25 - Cllr Davis said the committee were looking at increasing opening hours and opening side rooms in the Library which could help with rental income. He wished to thank fellow committee members and the library staff for the library events which drive footfall and also for the promotional work. The Mayor said he had the great pleasure of presenting the prizes to winners of the summer reading challenge and he felt was a great example of what the library staff are doing for Wellington. Cllr Gorse said the Mayors diary of events is a great reflection of everything that is happening in Wellington. She reported there are two more plaques that have placed in the Peace Garden commemorating two amazing women; • The first lady MP for the Wrekin, Edith Picton-Turbervill and • Educator Lalage Brown She said there was information and a display in the library at the bottom of the stairs about both women. There were no questions from members.
74/25	To receive the External Auditors Report for 2024/25 – The CEO/Town Clerk had distributed the reports with the agenda. Members thanked the Responsible Finance Officer for all her hard work in obtaining a great result from the External Auditor. Cllr Gorse proposed members approve and accept the financial reports she was seconded by Cllr P. Davis. The following members voted in favour, Cllrs. Snell, Holding, Gorse, Jobe, Day, Jinks, Williams, McGinn, Lowe, Woolley, Cook, Luter, Ahmed, J. Latter, P. Davis, de Launey and J. Pierce, there were no votes against and no abstentions.

75/25	The Regeneration Partnership meeting dated 17.07.25 – Cllr S. deLauney presented the minutes adding there may be a problem with the installation of retractable bollards in Market Square. The Regeneration committee have requested further investigations as this is considered to be a very important matter.
76/25	To receive the reports from the Community Action team for September 2025. – The report had been circulated with the agenda. Cllr. Davis said he would like to pass on his thanks to the West Team for the great job they have done to clear the Halifax car park and for work done in Alexander Road. There were no further questions from members.
77/25	The next Full Council meeting was agreed as Tuesday 11th November 2025.
Chairman.....11th November 2025	