



# WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

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12 November 2024

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summonsed to the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council on MONDAY 18 November 2024 at 6.30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Wirksworth.

**Admission of public: If you wish to join the meeting, please contact the Town Clerk for full meeting details.** (\*If you wish to attend the meeting remotely please contact the Town Clerk)

## AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Variation of Order of Business**
  - *Including to consider a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960 s1) to exclude members of the press and public in order to discuss an agenda item.*
3. **Members' Interests in Agenda Items**
  - *To enable Members to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they have in subsequent agenda items, in accordance with the Town Council's Code of Conduct.*
4. **Open Forum: (3 minutes per speaker, total available 15 minutes)**
  - *Public Forum (At the start of the meeting, a period is available for members of the public to address the Council)*
  - *Police Matters (A police representative may be in attendance to offer information or respond to questions from Councillors on Police matters)*
  - *Cllrs with a pecuniary interest making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the business to be transacted*
  - *District & County Councillor Reports*
5. **To confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Wirksworth Town Council held on 21 October 2024 (attached)**
6. **Town Mayor's Announcements**
7. **To receive the recommendations from Committees:-**
  - *Environment and Town dated 4 November 2024 (attached)*
  - *Finance, Buildings and Personnel dated 11 November 2024 (attached)*
8. **Accounts Paid**

October 2024 in the sums of £ 58,233.27
9. **Budget and Precept 2025-26 (attached)**

FBP24/50 have reviewed the projected budget, including proposed reductions in some expenditure lines to mitigate the impact of cost increases.
10. **Festival and Well Dressing/Carnival Support**

Confirmation of the Concessional Hires provided to support these events in 2025 (in £2024 support was Festival £5375 and Carnival £257 actual - £1790 budget) in addition to grants to both groups (£1000 each in 24/25).
11. **Christmas Lights Switch On**

To confirm marshalling arrangements for the event on the 7/12/24.

**Resolution C23/99 - The 3 principles that will underly all Council Decisions are:  
Community Cohesion, Communication and Environmental Impact**

## **12. Dignity At Work Policy (attached)**

Recommendation FBP 24/53

To confirm adoption of the policy which replaces the existing Bullying and Harassment policy, to address the Town Council (employer) duty to take positive steps to prevent harassment in the workplace.

That all Town Councillor and staff to receive training on the positive duty to prevent harassment in the workplace.

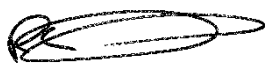
## **13. Remote Attendance and Proxy Voting Consultation**

The Government has launched a consultation on whether the measures in place during the pandemic should be adopted to allow remote attendance and voting by Councillors at Council meetings.

(At present in England a Councillor may attend remotely but it does not enable voting nor count towards attendance record).

<https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-standards-and-conduct/remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting/>

## **14. Town Councillor Representative Reports**



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