



Notice of Meeting of

**LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORK - WELLINGTON AND WIVELISCOMBE**

**Tuesday, 12 December 2023 at 6.30 pm**

**Wellington Rugby Football Club, Corams Lane,  
Wellington, TA21 8LL**

To: The members of the Local Community Network - Wellington and Wiveliscombe

Chair: Councillor Ross Henley  
Vice-chair: Councillor Gwil Wren

Councillor Marcus Barr  
Councillor Dave Mansell

Councillor Andrew Govier  
Councillor Sarah Wakefield

Ashbrittle Parish Council  
Bradford on Tone Parish Council  
Fitzhead Parish Council  
Langford Budville Parish Council  
Nynehead Parish Council  
Sampford Arundel Parish Council  
Wellington Parish Council  
West Buckland Parish Council

Bathealton Parish Council  
Chipstable Parish Council  
Halse Parish Council  
Milverton Parish Council  
Oake Parish Council  
Stawley Parish Council  
Wellington Without Parish Council  
Wiveliscombe Parish Council

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Issued by (the Proper Officer) on Tuesday, 14 November 2023

# **AGENDA**

**Local Community Network - Wellington and Wiveliscombe - 6.30 pm Tuesday,  
12 December 2023**

## **Core Membership (Pages 5 - 6)**

### **Click here to join the online meeting (Pages 7 - 8)**

#### **1 Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

#### **2 Declarations of Interest**

To receive and note any declarations of interests in respect of any matters included on the agenda for consideration at this meeting.

(The other registrable interests of Councillors of Somerset Council, arising from membership of City, Town or Parish Councils and other Local Authorities will automatically be recorded in the minutes: [City, Town & Parish Twin Hatters - Somerset Councillors 2023](#) )

#### **3 Notes from the Previous Meeting (Pages 9 - 14)**

To approve the notes from the previous meeting.

#### **4 Update on Somerset Council's current financial position**

To receive an update.

#### **5 Update on Actions from the Previous Meeting**

To discuss matters arising from the notes not covered in later agenda items.

#### **6 Public Question Time**

The Chair to advise of any questions, statements or petitions received that are not covered by items on the agenda for the meeting on which members of the public have requested to speak.

**7 Discussion: Themes identified in the July meeting**

a. Identify top three and any missing in the context of Somerset Council's current financial position.

b. What do we know, what do we need to know, what are the opportunities, and who are our other partners

**8 Provisional formation of working groups**

**9 Dates of future meetings**

## **Core Membership**

Unitary Councillors:

Councillor Marcus Barr  
Councillor Andrew Govier  
Councillor Ross Henley  
Councillor Dave Mansell  
Councillor Sarah Wakefield  
Councillor Gwil Wren

City, Town and Parish Councils (one voting member from each):

Ashbrittle  
Bathealton  
Bradford-on-Tone  
Chipstable  
Fitzhead  
Halse  
Langford Budville  
Milverton  
Nynehead  
Oake  
Sampford Arundel  
Stawley  
Wellington  
Wellington Without  
West Buckland  
Wiveliscombe

Other Stakeholders (one voting member from each):

Avon and Somerset Police  
NHS  
Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue  
Education  
Spark Somerset  
Society Local Council Clerks  
Somerset Association Local Councils  
Somerset Activity Sports Partnership  
Community Council for Somerset  
Citizens Advice  
Department of Work and Pensions  
Somerset Rivers Authority

Somerset Local Nature Partnership  
Business Chamber

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## Local Community Network Meeting Notes

Meeting Title: Local Community Network - Wellington and Wiveliscombe

Date: Thursday, 12 October 2023

Time: 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Location: Wellington Rugby Football Club, Corams Lane, Wellington TA21 8LL

Chaired by: Ross Henley (Chair)

### LCN core membership attendance:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Marcus Barr	Somerset Council
Andrew Govier	Somerset Council
Dave Mansell	Somerset Council
Sarah Wakefield	Somerset Council
Gwil Wren (Vice-Chair)	Somerset Council
Joy Norris	Bradford on Tone Parish Council
Alison Kent	Fitzhead Parish Council
Ian Walker	Halse Parish Council
Derek Sowden	Langford Budville Parish Council
Jenny Hoyle	Milverton Parish Council
Malcolm Vest	Nynehead Parish Council
Sue Davies	Oake Parish Council
Janet Carol Lloyd	Sampford Arundel Parish Council
Peter Berman & Bryn Wilson	Wiveliscombe Town Council

John O'Connor

Avon & Somerset Police

David Mitten

Somerset Association of Local Councils

Christine Brewer & Brigitte Kuipers

Community Council for Somerset

### **Officer attendance:**

**Name:**

**Representing**

Beverley Norman

Somerset Council Highways

Peter Joint

Somerset Council

Andrew Turner

Somerset Council Highways

Gwyn Hughes

Somerset Council Highways

Jamie Jackson

Somerset Council

### **Other attendees:**

**Name:**

**Representing**

Elizabeth Hurry

Wivvy Pool

Michael Lodge

Wivvy Civic Society

Andy Minchie

Wivvy Area Partnership

### **Virtual attendees:**

**Name:**

**Representing**

Susane Levinte

Virginia Murray

David Farrow

### **Apologies:**

**Name:**

**Representing**

## **Summary of discussion:**

### **Agenda Summary of key points of discussion and outcome: Action by: item:**

Item 9: **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Richard and Paula Appleby and Anne Shilton (Spark Somerset).

Item 10: **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made by Members of the Somerset Council.

Item 11: **Notes from the Previous Meeting**

The notes of the previous meeting held on 06 July 2023 were approved as a correct record by those present.

Item 12: **Public Question Time**

Peter Berman of Wiveliscombe TC asked that (clinical – involve health)

In response to a question from Michael Lodge of the Wivvy Civic Society, it was noted that the role of Spark Somerset was to support all voluntary organisations especially those who identify who are the right people to bring a broad range of partners to the LCN meetings.

David Mansell noted that some of the wider Somerset organisations were in the core LCN membership partnerships. It was noted that only core members could elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the LCNs.

Item 13: **Highlights of Themes discussed at the last meeting**

The list of themes discussed at the last LCM meeting were provided any the LCN members present were asked to identify any missing items.

It was noted that CFYP support was not listed.

Item 14: **An introduction to data**

The Locality Officer, introduced a slide of statistics which related directly to the Wellington and Wiveliscombe LCN area. They advised that the data gave an indication of what was available and to give an understanding of the area. They noted that some of the data could be misleading and the Census 2021 data would now be 2 years old. The school census data was updated twice a year and the Somerset Intelligence Network could provide data on a parish by parish basis: <http://www.somersetintelligence.org.uk/>

There were ongoing opportunities to build data for the LCN working groups to gain further information which could help towards funding bids for projects.

During discussion, it was noted that:

- Helpful to have data circulated in advance.
- Need data on the subject the LCN is focusing on like Highways.
- Number of households with off-street parking related to charging electric cars.
- Comparison of data with other local authorities to provide comparison.

The Locality Officer advised that 9 Link officers, once appointed would be in position to provide best practice so there was no duplication of work or data.

Item 15: **Presentation from Somerset Highways**

The Highway Officer advised that it was likely the future funding of the Highway Service would be impacted by the Council's spending on Adult and Childrens Services.

He said there was an opportunity for an LCN Working Group to understand the issues within the service and the 100+ enquiries received each day. Also car parking across the County was a huge challenge.

During discussion, the following points were made:

- New changes in Wellington carpool – will we get information?
- Rodwell area primary sign
- Hedges – vegetation and hedge issues
- Milverton flooding – run off water & road contour taking water away from the drains
- Hopeful that the LCNs could cut through some of the hierarchy
- Statutory road closures for town or village events now cost around £1,000 for closures for fetes or carnivals
- It would be useful to know the road sweeping dates so roads could be cleared of vehicles

Item 16: **Discussion: What are the more detailed issues, how do we know and what can we do about**

The Locality Officer advised that 5 topics which had emerged from the first LCN meeting had been circulated so people were prepared in advance.

Should we be drawing on previous experience of LCNs and best practices?

Lengthsman / Highway standard or community handyperson

Officers to communicate ...?

First item on main agenda

Will ask for volunteers for sub-groups

Item 17: **Dates of Future Meetings**

The provisional dates for future meetings were noted as:

- Thursday 12 December 2023- venue to be confirmed
- Thursday 29 February 2024 – venue to be confirmed.

Please note that the LCN team work hard to minimise diary

clashes but asked that they be contacted  
on [lcn@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:lcn@somerset.gov.uk) if there are any issues.

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