

# WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

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Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summonsed to the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council on MONDAY 28 April 2025 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 17 March 2025 (attached)

# 6. Town Mayor's Announcements

# 7. To receive the recommendations from Committees:-

- Environment and Town dated 7 April 2025 (attached)
- Finance, Buildings and Personnel dated 14 April 2025 (attached)

#### 8. Accounts Paid

March 2025 in the sum of £ 68,428.87

#### 9. Management of Fund

To establish (in principle) whether the Town Council would consider accepting a donation of funds and would then undertake to manage a grant process. The grants would be funded from the income which could be generated from the investment of the donated funds.

# 10. Fairtrade Town (attached)

Request that the town council support "the formation of a Fair Trade group seeking to achieve accredited Fair Trade status for the town".

# 11. Heritage Centre (Cllr Clamp, Cllr Roston & Cllr Whittall)

Request from the trustees for the Town Council to take responsibility and ownership of the website

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

Wirksworth.org.uk, which is a repository of historic information and for the Town Council to register the Town Hall as a tourist information point.

# 12. Central Government plans to introduce Unitary Authorities

To consider how the Town Council might respond to these proposals, including proactively considering what services or assets it might wish to protect/adopt, which are currently provided by DDDC / DCC.

# 13. DDDC Support for Wirksworth (Cllr Whittall)

To consider how the Town Council might ensure that Wirksworth receives support commensurate with that provided to other Market Towns (Wirksworth Town Council has taken over ownership of Tuesday Market and Barmote Public Conveniences).

# 14. Filming in Wirksworth (Cllr Barker)

To consider the implications for Wirksworth and the Town Council of the filming of a documentary in the Town.

https://www.fundsurfer.com/crowdfund/the-wirksworth-ufo-incident

# 15. Second homes council tax premiums (Cllr Clamp)

Proposal to support the reinvestment of second homes council tax premiums into community-led housing.

# 16. Town Councillor Representative Reports

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