



# Nelson Town Council

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**01 October 2025**

**To all members of the Town Council**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND** a meeting of the Town Council to be held in the Selina Cooper Hall, Unity Wellbeing Centre, Vernon Street, Nelson on **Wednesday 08<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7.00pm**

**To request attendance please email [info@nelsontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@nelsontowncouncil.gov.uk)**

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**Mr Nicholas Harbour  
Assistant Town Clerk**

## **Council Members**

Cllr Faraz Ahmad (Chair)  
Cllr Shabaz Ahmed  
Cllr Naeem Akhtar  
Cllr Iftikhar Ali  
Cllr Zafar Ali  
Cllr Thabasum Ruby Anwar  
Cllr Husnan Arshad  
Cllr Mohammad Aslam

Cllr Aqib Bashir  
Cllr Sughra Bibi  
Cllr Mohammad Kamran Butt  
Cllr Kashif Ur Rehman Chaudhry  
Cllr Ikram Ul-Haq  
Cllr M. Rehan  
Cllr Riaz Bashir  
Cllr Julie Green

Cllr Hassan Mahmood  
Cllr Anam Nawaz  
Cllr M. Adeel Qamar  
Cllr Atique Rehman  
Cllr M. Sufyaan Sarwar  
Cllr Marie Stone  
Cllr Sheila Wicks

## **Recording of Council Meetings**

Under the Openness of Local Govt. Bodies Regulations 2014, members of the public may now film, photograph and make audio recordings of the proceedings of the formal Council meeting, though not, under current legislation, of the Public Participation session, as this is not part of the formal agenda of the meeting. Recording activity should be respectful to the conduct of the meeting and behaviour that disrupts the meeting (such as oral commentary) will not be permitted

## **Public Participation**

- Notice is given that at a time agreed by the meeting, 15 minutes may be set aside for members of the public to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting
- Any member of the public shall not speak for more than five minutes.

- A question asked by a Member of the Public during Public Participation shall not require a response or debate during the meeting though the Chairman may direct that a written response will be provided subsequent to the meeting.

## **A G E N D A**

<b>1.</b>	<b>One Minute Silence</b> The Chairman invites members to observe a one minute of silence
<b>2.</b>	<b>Chairman's Opening Remarks</b> To receive the Chairman's opening remarks
<b>3.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Assistant Clerk prior to the meeting.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interests</b> To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting. Officers are required to make a formal declaration about council contracts where the employee has a financial interest.  Note: Members must generally declare a disclosable pecuniary interest which he or she has in any item on the Agenda. A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest may not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting and must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting. In addition, the Council's Standing Orders require a Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest to leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Adjournment for Public Participation</b> To adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes to allow members of the public to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting.  No resolutions can be under public participation.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Minutes</b> To approve the draft minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10 September 2025 (previously circulated).
<b>7.</b>	<b>Committee Minutes</b> To confirm the receipt of committee minutes previously circulated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance and General Purposes Committee <span style="float: right;">24 September 2025</span></li> </ul> Note: All council minutes are available on the Town Council website. Members are required to confirm the receipt of committee minutes. Any amendments to the draft committee minutes can only be made at the next relevant committee meeting where the meeting will be required to confirm the accuracy of the minutes and approve as a true record of proceedings.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Reports from Borough and County Councillors</b> To receive reports from the Borough or County Councillors
<b>9.</b>	<b>Police Update</b> To receive an update from PC Donna Waterworth around the latest issues happening in and around Nelson and to discuss the most recent crime figures for Nelson.

<b>10.</b>	<b>Nelson Town Deal</b> To discuss the Nelson Town Deal and prepare for ways to which Nelson Town Council can assist with the process.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Pendle New Neighbours</b> To discuss the Pendle New Neighbours Project which looks to welcome in refugees to the area and how the Council can support the initiative.
<b>12.</b>	<b>Grit Bins</b> To consider the replenishment of the grit bins across the town given the freezing conditions expected over the coming months.
<b>13.</b>	<b>Christmas Light Costings</b> To receive costings for the Christmas Lighting for 2025 and 2026 and the replacement of damaged lights and additions to a section of Cross Street.
<b>14.</b>	<b>Grant Funding Application – Positive Voices</b> To consider a grant funding application received from Positive Voices to fund a weekend training programme for members to learn how to carry out community engagement, work with organisations to help plan and run events and projects, run health and wellbeing programmes for the young people and the community members in school. The funding request is for £2,634.00.
<b>15.</b>	<b>Allotments</b> To receive an update in relation to the various allotment sites in Nelson and discuss any potential issues.
<b>16.</b>	<b>Notice of Vacancy – Clover Hill Ward</b> To receive an update in relation to the vacancy in the Clover Hill Ward following Councillor Muhammad Ajmal Khan Ul Nisa's removal from position.
<b>17.</b>	<b>Nelson Food Festival 2026</b> To agree a date to book in the Nelson Food Festival for 2026 to allow maximum time to book stalls/acts. The proposed date is Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2026.
<b>18.</b>	<b>Transferred Services</b> To receive reports and consider any actions required in relation to transferred services. a) CCTV monitoring b) MUGAs/Play Areas c) Parks Services
<b>19.</b>	<b>Any items for discussion for a future agenda</b> To notify the Assistant Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.
<b>20.</b>	<b>Date of the Next Town Council Meeting</b> The date of the next meeting of the Council is due to be held on Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2025.