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07 January 2026

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 14th January 2026 at 7.00pm**

To request attendance please email 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 Sutcliffe

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

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

1.	One Minute Silence The Chairman invites members to observe a one minute of silence						
2.	Chairman's Opening Remarks To receive the Chairman's opening remarks						
3.	Apologies for Absence To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Assistant Clerk prior to the meeting.						
4.	Declarations of Interests 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.						
5.	Adjournment for Public Participation 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.						
6.	Minutes To approve the draft minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10 December 2025 (previously circulated).						
7.	Committee Minutes To confirm the receipt of committee minutes previously circulated: <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%; padding-bottom: 5px;">• Finance and General Purposes Committee</td> <td style="width: 40%; text-align: right; padding-bottom: 5px;">17 December 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Personnel</td> <td style="text-align: right;">07 January 2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Events, Promotional and Marketing</td> <td style="text-align: right;">07 January 2026</td> </tr> </table> 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.	• Finance and General Purposes Committee	17 December 2025	• Personnel	07 January 2026	• Events, Promotional and Marketing	07 January 2026
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8.	Reports from Borough and County Councillors To receive reports from the Borough or County Councillors						
9.	Police Update 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.
10.	Nelson Town Deal To discuss the Nelson Town Deal and prepare for ways to which Nelson Town Council can assist with the process.
11.	Notice of Vacancy – Bradley Ward - Update To receive an update around the notice of vacancy after Councillor Mohammad Kamran Butt has not attended a meeting of this Council nor had apologies accepted for six months and to authorise the next steps in the vacancy procedure.
12.	Budget for 2026/27 To consider the draft budget as presented at this meeting for the financial year 2026/27.
13.	Notice of Vacancy – Bradley Ward To receive confirmation of a notice of vacancy after Councillor Iftikar Ali has not attended a meeting of this Council nor had apologies accepted for six months and to authorise the next steps in the vacancy procedure.
14.	Finance and General Purposes Meeting – February 2026 To note the cancellation of the Finance and General Purposes meeting scheduled for Wednesday 11 th February 2026. Another meeting will be called in between this one and the one scheduled for Wednesday 29 th April 2026.
15.	Transferred Services To receive reports and consider any actions required in relation to transferred services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) CCTV monitoring b) MUGAs/Play Areas c) Parks Services
16.	Any items for discussion for a future agenda To notify the Assistant Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.
17.	Date of the Next Town Council Meeting The date of the next meeting of the Council is due to be held on Wednesday 11 th February 2026.