



**Minutes of a meeting of the Unity Wellbeing Management Committee held on
Wednesday 28th January 2026 at Unity Wellbeing Centre, Vernon Street,
Nelson**

Commenced: 7.00pm - Concluded: 7.30pm

Councillors Present: Faraz Ahmad, Naeem Akhtar, Riaz Bashir and Sughra Bibi

Absent Councillors: Thabasum Ruby Anwar, Mohammad Aslam, Husnan Arshad, and M. Rehan Hanif

Non-Councillor (without voting rights): Two

Observing Councillors (not a member of the committee): Aqib Bashir and Ikram UI-Haq

Officers: Nick Harbour – Assistant Town Clerk [minute taker]

Members of the Public: None

2025/001 (UWB)	<p><u>ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN</u> To elect a committee chair for the ensuing year</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Akhtar and Seconded by Councillor Ahmad and RESOLVED: That Councillor Riaz Bashir is elected Chairman of the Unity Wellbeing Management committee for the year 2025/26.</p>
2025/002 (UWB)	<p><u>ELECTION OF COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRMAN</u> To elect a committee vice-chair for the ensuing year</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Bashir and Seconded by Councillor Bibi and RESOLVED: That Councillor Naeem Akhtar is elected Vice-Chairman of the Unity Wellbeing Management committee for the year 2025/26.</p>
2025/003 (UWB)	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Clerk prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Bibi and Seconded by Councillor Bashir, and RESOLVED: That the apologies received from Councillors Thabasum Ruby Anwar and M. Rehan Hanif are approved and accepted.</p>

2025/004 (UWB)	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</u> 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.</p> <p>None.</p>
2025/005 (UWB)	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u> 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.</p> <p>Two members of the public present to discuss item 7.</p>
2025/006 (UWB)	<p><u>MINUTES</u> To approve the draft minutes of the Unity Wellbeing Management Committee meeting held on 30 October 2024 (previously circulated).</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Bibi and Seconded by Councillor Akhtar, and RESOLVED: That the draft minutes of the Unity Wellbeing Management Committee meeting held on the 24 October 2024 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair.</p>
2025/007 (UWB)	<p><u>REVIVE CAFÉ</u> To receive an update around the recent takeover of the Revive Café space</p> <p>A discussion took place around what to do in terms of the Revive Café.</p> <p>Previously, it had been agreed to lease out the café to a local organisation (NCM), however this had not yet taken place due to a number of factors, including a leaking wall in the kitchen area (which has now been fixed).</p> <p>Another local organisation were present at the meeting and expressed an interest in running from the café site and they were willing to pay the Council a fee for the lease of the room.</p> <p>A number of other local organisations had expressed an interest in taking over the running of the café too, so Members were of the opinion that should the Council wish to lease out the room, a formal process inviting applications should take place.</p> <p>Other options are also available, such as the Council may wish to re-open the venue with Council employed staff like when the Revive Café was open. Another option would be to hire out the space as a smaller alternative for functions to the Selina Cooper Hall.</p> <p>Members were in agreement that before a decision is made on the future of the café, further discussions would need to take place following a review of the options outlined above.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Bashir and Seconded by Councillor Akhtar, and RESOLVED: That a review of all options is considered at a future meeting before a decision is reached on what to do with the Revive Café space in the Unity Well Being Centre.</p>
2025/008 (UWB)	<p><u>GENERAL MAINTENANCE TEAM</u> At the previous meeting of this committee, this item was requested to be placed on this agenda to discuss the general maintenance team at the Unity Well Being Centre and any works that may be required to carry out at the centre.</p> <p>No significant maintenance taken place. Bits of general jobs like painting have taken place since the last meeting.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>

2025/009 (UWB)	<p><u>NEIGHBOURHOOD ISSUES</u></p> <p>To receive an update around the neighbourhood issues which were discussed at the previous meeting.</p> <p>No issues reported from neighbourhood residents recently regarding things like noise complaints at the hall. Everything running smoothly.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
2025/010 (UWB)	<p><u>NEW CHAIRS AND TABLES FOR SELINA COOPER HALL</u></p> <p>To consider the purchase of new chairs and tables for the Selina Cooper Hall.</p> <p>The chairs and tables in the Selina Cooper Hall have started to become a little worn and it had previously been mentioned that some new ones would be beneficial. They are used regularly not only for Council meetings but for functions over the weekends. The current ones are now at least 7 years old.</p> <p>Members were asked to consider whether they thought it was time for new ones.</p> <p>A discussion took place and all were in agreement that it was time for replacements to be looked into and requested that costings are brought to a future meeting for consideration.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Bashir and Seconded by Councillor Akhtar, and RESOLVED: That the Assistant Town Clerk be requesting to get costings for new chairs and tables for the Selina Cooper Hall and to bring them to a future Council meeting for review.</p>
2025/011 (UWB)	<p><u>ANY ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FOR A FUTURE AGENDA</u></p> <p>To notify the Assistant Town Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revive Cafe
2025/012 (UWB)	<p><u>DATE OF THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING</u></p> <p>To note the date of the next committee meeting scheduled to be announced.</p> <p>The date was noted by Members.</p> <p>The meeting was closed by the Chair at 7.30pm.</p>