

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting of Council
Held at Livesey House, 7 St Johns Hill, Shrewsbury at
6pm on Monday 30 June 2025

PRESENT

Councillors A Wagner (Mayor), B Bentick, J Daniels, J Dean, A Fejfer, R Gratton, K Halliday, H Hancock-Davies, B Jephcott, E Micklewright, V Moore, A Mosley, K Pardy (joined remotely), J Tandy, D Vasmer and R Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE

Helen Ball (Town Clerk), Clare Turner (Deputy Town Clerk), Stuart Farmer (Operations Manager), Andy Watkin (Head of Resources) and Michelle Farmer (Committee Officer).

19/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED:

That apologies be received from Councillor Dartnall.

20/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Shropshire Councillors	Twin hatted members declared personal interests in matters relating to the Town Council's relationship with Shropshire Council
Councillor Wagner	Declared an interest in Item 10 on the agenda as he was the Deputy Leader of Shropshire Council and he would leave the meeting whilst this item was discussed.

21/25 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 12 May 2025 be submitted as circulated and read.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Full Meeting of Council on 12 May 2025 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

22/25 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising to report from the Town Clerk.

23/25 ANNOUNCEMENTS

23.1 MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Mayor reported that he had a busy start to his Mayoral year and had already attended many events including neighbouring Mayor Making/Mayoralty services. He had also welcomed the Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Church in June for the 1700th anniversary celebrations of the 1st Ecumenical Council of Nicaea.

23.2 TOWN CLERK ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Clerk reported that the Bloom judging dates were 22 July (Heart of England in Bloom) and 31 July (Britain in Bloom).

24/25 PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

The Town Clerk reported that standing orders had been followed in seeking questions ahead of the meeting, but she had accepted questions up until 4pm on the day of this meeting.

There was one question from the public, from Peter Day regarding the Solar lighting at Greenfields.

“Lighting in parks and recreation grounds has a negative impact on wildlife and nature, it disrupts photosynthesis and the activities of insects, birds and other animals. What research has been undertaken in commissioning lights at this location? In terms of priorities at this park access is a big(get) issue what local community feedback has been taken?”

A recent post to the community FB page (1.6K members) has no comment or likes.”

The Town Clerk read out the Council response:

This was not the first location that the Council had installed solar lighting, having undertaken a major scheme in the Quarry and at Stanley Lane Recreation Ground.

At the investigation stage for the Quarry lighting, Officers undertook research to try and maximise the public safety need for lighting against any impact on biodiversity and local habitat. They reviewed Solar Lighting vs Traditional Lighting.

Solar streetlights worked by using energy from the sun to produce electricity, which was then used to power the lights. This made the solar power street light price lower. These lighting solutions did not rely on non-renewable resources or need a grid connection. In contrast, *traditional streetlights were powered by non-renewable energy sources like fossil fuels*, using a grid-powered system. They had a

bigger environmental impact. They emitted a bright, often harsh light that spread widely across the environment. Common types of traditional streetlights included high-pressure sodium lamps and metal halide lamps.

They looked at the impact of solar lighting on wildlife by comparing it to traditional lighting regarding the following aspects:

Carbon Footprint - Solar streetlights had a much smaller carbon footprint because they used clean energy and were designed to be sustainable. This was significant because ecosystems needed to withstand and adapt to changes in the environment caused by climate change. This helped wildlife maintain their natural behaviours, such as migration and reproduction, without being affected by excessive carbon emissions.

Light Intensity - Solar lights were a good choice for urban areas and wildlife because they emitted a gentle and controlled light, which was less intrusive and more focused. This type of lighting preserved darkness, which was important for nocturnal animals to navigate their surroundings without any disruption from overpowering lights.

Light Pollution - Solar streetlights were energy-efficient lighting solutions that reduced light pollution as they represented energy-efficient lighting. This was another example of the *positive impact of solar lighting on wildlife*. Solar lights used less intense illumination, which helped to protect the environment from excessive light. Light beams were focused and all their solar lights operated on a PIR system which meant they only brighten when someone neared them, thereby lowering the intensity to help to protect nocturnal animals.

Birds - Birds faced a serious threat during their nightly migration due to bright, traditional lighting. This type of lighting increased the risk of disorientation, collisions, and navigational issues, which could negatively impact the migratory patterns of birds and their well-being.

To solve this, solar lighting offered a safer environment for birds during their journeys. Its low intensity provided a subdued glow that significantly reduced the risk of disorientation, helping with more effective navigation.

Insects - The bright lights attracted insects, which disrupts their natural behaviour and could upset the balance of nature. However, solar lighting had a different approach. By using lower intensity lights, they did not attract insects as much and allowed them to maintain their natural behaviour. This helped preserve important ecological roles like pollination.

Amphibians and Reptiles - Traditional lighting disrupts the natural behaviours of amphibians and reptiles. This included feeding habits and mating rituals. It affected their ecological roles. Solar lighting minimised interference in their essential activities and promote ecological harmony.

Bats - Traditional lighting could be a problem for bats and their nocturnal foraging. The high intensity of the light could interfere with bats' echolocation and hunting abilities. This could impact their crucial role in controlling insect populations.

Solar lighting, which had a lower intensity, could make a big difference. They faced fewer challenges during foraging and helped to preserve their natural behaviours and supported their role in maintaining ecological balance by controlling insect populations.

Wildlife in Urban Parks-Urban Park wildlife was affected by traditional high-intensity lighting in the same way as most other animals. It altered their natural activity patterns. Squirrels and birds were essential components of urban green spaces, but constant brightness disturbed their feeding and nesting behaviours.

Using Park solar lighting with lower intensity provided *a gentler illumination that allowed wildlife to maintain their natural activity patterns*. This shift promoted a more harmonious coexistence in urban green spaces that was beneficial to both humans and wildlife and helped support healthier and thriving wildlife populations.

The Town Clerk commented that Dr Peter Day suggested that solar lighting was not a local requirement as no-one responded to his Facebook post and that access was a more pressing priority.

The Town Clerk had spoken to Councillor Jephcott to ascertain whether there were any access issues. The Recreation Ground was an increasingly well used active travel route from Herongate/Greenfields to Castlefields and the town centre via the canal towpath, a route which was currently being improved at the southern end by the ongoing gyratory work not to mention the Dana improvements. It had been identified that a number of students in the area attended senior schools out of the town and needed to access the bus on Whitchurch Road; this was done through the link to the Flaxmill for which lighting had been a priority decision for this area.

Councillor Jephcott was also aware that some women in particular had found the park a bit intimidating after dark and would not walk or ride across it, or only if accompanied by a dog, or someone else. Given the danger and pollution on Ellesmere Road, improving the access across the park in terms of lighting made sense.

25/25 MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS

There were no motions submitted by Members.

26/25 LETTER FROM DEPUTY LEADER OF SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL AND CALL FOR INFORMATION FROM CHAIR OF TRANSFORMATION & IMPROVEMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Councillor Wagner left the meeting. Councillor Bentick took over the role of Chair.

Councillor Wilson informed members that all Town and Parish Councils had received a letter from Councillor Wagner, the Deputy Leader of Shropshire Council wanting to reset the relationship between Shropshire Council and Town & Parish Councils in the county, encouraging better partnership working and seeking ways in which Local Councils might wish to undertake local service delivery particularly around Streetscene Services.

The letter was considered by the Service Delivery Sub Committee, and a draft response had been put together considering items to discuss with Shropshire Council. Early indications from Shropshire Council suggested that as soon as there was a positive response from the Town Council, they wished to initiate further discussions with a view to developing a pilot for the, they could see a better future with the Town Council and Shropshire Council as higher standards were required in the town i.e. the new Stepping Up team. Areas of the town had not been done to standard. The indication from Shropshire Council was as soon as a response was received, they were willing to enter into discussions.

Councillor Jephcott commented that he was supportive of the principle. The Town Council was the right size to manage services better than the county. It was not just about protecting services but improving delivery. He commented he would like to see the services extended to verge clearance and believes the Town Council could do a better job and deliver better value but needed to negotiate closely to produce a positive package that would work.

Councillor Mosley commented that the principle was fine, and the direction of travel was good but there would be hurdles to overcome. The motivation of the new council was financial, but would it be the same if there were no financial crisis on the horizon. It could be clearer on the prime responsibility and to maintain a precept that was fair. The Council must be able to take on services to give added value but needed to avoid residents paying twice. He also commented that the Town Council needed to be mindful of their limit and to be wary of promising too much. The Stepping Up consultation had a significant impact.

Councillor Dean commented that the Town Council needed to make it clear that if it took on the services the Town Council would do it better, if not, the trust of the public would be lost. They needed to re-establish the trust in Councils. Regular reporting to the public was required and responses as soon as possible. Councillor Dean also queried the potential of setting up Community Land Trusts to undertake services rather than the Town Council.

Councillor Tandy said there had to be added value and they needed to be careful how much the Town Council took on and the costs involved, making sure the costs were correct.

Councillor Halliday said the Stepping Up team had shown added value. She also raised the need to ensure that the internal controls as well as external advice was sought to ensure that bigger budgets were managed effectively.

Councillor Wilson agreed that the Town Council must add value. CCTV demonstrated what the Town Council could do along with the Stepping Up team. Services are best delivered locally, and the Town Council was best placed to undertake them. He understood the fear of double taxation, but services needed to be made better, the services currently received from Shropshire Council is what the public were going to get. This was happening with other councils, and they wanted to take surrounding parish councils with them; an opportunity to cluster.

The Town Clerk commented that the Town Council understood the risk and the reward, and they were not going into discussions with their eyes shut and fully understood the implications.

Councillor Bentick commented that perhaps a formal briefing session was required to which all Councillors were in agreement.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the response be sent to the Deputy Leader of Shropshire Council;**
- (ii) That a briefing session be arranged for all Councillors**

Councillor Wagner rejoined the meeting and took over the role of Chair.

27/25 END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS & SUPPORTING STATEMENTS

27.1 End of Year Accounts

The Responsible Finance Officer had prepared the End of Year Accounts in accordance with the Accounts & Audit Regulations 2011, which had been discussed and approved by the Policy & Resources Committee. The Responsible Finance Officer had provided an extensive summary of the accounts at the last meeting.

The RFO reported that he had made reference to the Town Council's resolution 27/22 within Assumption 8 of the Annual Governance Statement and Note 20 Contingent Liabilities of the Annual Accounts.

The budget had been discussed at length at the Policy & Resources Committee held 2 June 2025.

Overall, the result was better than budgeted and expected which had generated a surplus and had been allocated in Earmarked Reserves.

27.1.1 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)

The Annual Return (AGAR) 2024/25 were presented and highlighted that it had been signed by the Internal Auditor.

Sections 1 and 2 were completed by the Town Council. Section 1 listed eight assertions that the Council confirmed it had done and which the accounts would also confirm. This was to be signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk at this meeting. Section 2 listed the Accounting Statements which was to be signed by the RFO. Section 3 was to be completed by the External Auditor. The AGAR along with further information would be submitted to External Auditors at the end of June and the deadline for the completed audit was the end of September.

27.1.2 Annual Report

The Annual Report (pages 1-9) detailed the activity of the Council and provided a financial comparison for the year compared to the budget. It had been updated to include Visioning and six pillars.

The Financial Summary (page 6) showed that income was skewed by grants and S106/CIL of £334k, which left a further positive variance of £156k due to interest, markets and concessions and sports.

Expenses had increased as reported quarterly but there was some positive variance of budget due to strict monitoring and staff not replaced. Capital expenditure included projects all funded by reserves but also CIL income received transferred to reserves.

Overall, there was a small surplus of £7k, but in reality, this was slightly higher due to some budgets not used and amounts earmarked as mentioned above.

27.1.3 Statement of Accounting Policies

The Statement of Policies (pages 10-13) remained unchanged.

27.1.4 Annual Governance Statement

The Annual Governance Statement fed into the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) and showed how the Council met the assertions. This was updated annually by the Town Clerk and the RFO.

Assertion 8 Significant Events (p22) was updated since last year and read as follows:

All matters in relation to the treatment of the repurchase of land at Greenfields Recreation Ground has been completed in 2024/25.

The Town Council continued to be greatly impacted by significant emergency scenarios that were unforeseen and beyond their control, namely significant flooding of the River Severn.

The Town Council continued to be in negotiation with Shropshire Council over the future of the Horticultural Service Level Agreement which expired on 31st March 2025.

27.1.5 Income and Expenditure Account

There was a net deficit (£496k) despite additional CIL income, this was due to capital expenditure and financial rules which were followed.

27.1.5 Statement of Movement of Reserves

The movement of net reserves was self-explanatory and showed general reserves increased by £7k to £356k. This showed how reserves were used, so that despite the large deficit, £550k of usable receipts was used to reduce net movement to earmarked reserves. Capital financing represented fixed asset movements.

27.1.6 Balance Sheet

This showed fixed assets increasing. There were lower current assets than last year, and current liabilities had slightly decreased, for overall reduction in net current assets.

27.1.7 Notes to the Accounts

Overall, the notes were to provide more information for users of the accounts, note sixteen for earmarked Reserve showed the money set aside for each project going forward. There was lots of movement other than budgeted amounts being added or where reserves were used in the year to finance expenditure.

Councillor Vasmer thanked The Responsible Finance Officer and the team for the budget with Councillor Wagner commenting that the breakdown provided to Councillors was helpful.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Annual Report for the financial year 2024/25 be adopted;**
- (ii) That the Statement of Accounting Policies for the financial year 2024/25 be adopted;**

- (iii) That the Annual Governance Statement for the financial year 2024/25 be adopted;**
- (iv) That the Income & Expenditure Account for the financial year 2024/25 be adopted;**
- (v) That the Statement of Movement of Reserves for the financial year 2024/25 be adopted;**
- (vi) That the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025 be adopted.**

27.2 Annual Governance & Accountability Return

The Responsible Financial Officer had prepared the Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the period 2024/25. This had three sections:

1. Annual Governance Statement 2024/25 confirming the Council acknowledged its responsibility for ensuring that there was a sound system of internal control including arrangements for the preparation of the accounting system. This was to be signed by the Mayor & Town Clerk.
2. Accounting Statements 2024/25 taking key financial information from the End of Year Accounts. This was to be signed by the Mayor & RFO.
3. External Auditor's Report & Certificate 2024/25. This would be completed by the External Auditor upon the conclusion of the external audit.

Once completed and signed, this form would be forwarded to the Town Council's External Auditor before 01 July 2025. At this point, the accounts and Annual Return would be made public.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Annual Governance Statement for the financial year 2024/25 be approved and signed by the Mayor & Town Clerk;**
- (ii) That the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 prepared following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities, be approved and signed as by the Mayor and RFO**

28/25 YOUTH STRATEGY

The Town Clerk presented the Youth Strategy to Council for adoption. This was considered by both the Communities & Environment Committee and the Youth Town Council. A national Youth Strategy was long awaited, and the Town Council understood that Shropshire Council Cabinet would consider a County Youth Strategy in September, but they did need to have a plan of how we advocate, support and represent the young people of the town.

Councillor Mosley commented that the Town Council had most of the youth provision in the town and asked if we had been consulted and it was confirmed they had not.

Councillor Dean commented that the Town Council were doing the hard work and not being consulted. He referred back to the specific part of the letter to the Deputy Leader of Shropshire Council regarding Youth. Was there a role for us referring young people to other bodies and was it something that could be looked into. Was there a public database available showing what was available. If Council recommended this strategy DBS checks would need to be assured.

RESOLVED:

That the Youth Strategy be adopted

29/25 WORKING GROUP & FORUM POLICIES

The Town Clerk reported that the new Council had looked to restrict the number of Working Groups and Forums, but they did recognise at times there would be a need to have these informal meetings, and these policies set out the rationale for both Sub Groups and Forums. These were presented to Policy & Resources Committee, and they were recommended for approval.

Councillor Halliday recognised that the Working Groups were difficult to keep on top of and asked what the difference was between a working group and a forum. Councillor Wilson commented that the aim of a working group was getting to the end goal, a forum was not, dealing with ongoing issues.

Councillor Halliday added there were a lot of minutes to be written so were the changes made due to staff time and cost.

Councillor Wilson commented that officers did the work for the working groups which took considerable staff time to arrange, and members just turned up. He now wanted members to drive the agendas and officers to deal with any issues.

RESOLVED:

That Council agreed to the restriction of working groups and forum policies.

30/25 OUTSIDE BODIES

The Town Clerk reported that after the elections staff circulated their usual list of outside organisations they had representations on. Some of these were informal whilst others were charities whose governance documents required representations. There were still a number of vacancies, and they sought members to volunteer for these vacant positions.

Additionally, they had removed the John Allatt Foundation from the list as they had been notified that it was to be disbanded and the funds transferred to the Shropshire Community Foundation the Town Clerk had since had a conversation with the Chief Executive of the Community Foundation. They required a Councillor to take up the Town Council's trustee place in accordance with their Governing Documents to allow the Charity to formally disband.

Councillor Halliday agreed to represent the Gateway Management Committee.

Councillor Wagner agreed to represent NABMA and the John Allatt Foundation.

Councillor Bentick agreed to represent the Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee.

Representatives were still required for;

- Burgess Turns Prize Scheme
- Shropshire Playing Fields Association
- Shropshire Welfare Trust
- St Chad's & St Alkmunds Charity

As the above were still outstanding appointments that needed to be filled it was agreed the list would be re-sent out to Councillors.

RESOLVED:

That the list be sent out to Councillors to elect representatives for the outstanding Outside Bodies.

31/25 ASSET DISPOSAL

The Town Clerk reported that this matter was presented to the Policy & Resources Committee for consideration. The Town Council had a couple of requests to acquire land for domestic purposes. But first before doing so they needed to ensure that the Council's Asset Disposal Policy was fit for purpose. The Policy & Resources Committee had considered this Policy and were happy to recommend adoption.

In terms of the three separate requests for disposal

- **Land off Wenlock Road** – this was a land locked parcel of land that was next to social housing stock. It came to the Town Council with an option for Severnside Housing at the time to buy it for affordable housing, but that option had expired. There had been allotment plots on that land since. Virtually every resident that backed onto the land had expressed an interest to purchase it.
- **Land at Sweetlake** – there was a small parcel of land that a resident would like to acquire to incorporate it into his garden – he had been maintaining it since he moved in, and it did not affect the usage of Public Open Space on site.
- **Land at Bowbrook** – there was a parcel of land that a resident would like to acquire to incorporate into his garden. He was at the end of a hammerhead which only serviced his and his neighbour's property and they wished to make the area more private and maintain it to their private garden standard and not amenity standard.

The Town Clerk needed to finalise due diligence before they could advertise.

Councillor Wilson commented that this was the first time the Town Council had to use the policy, and it was right for Full Council to approve. There was a need for a belt and braces approach, going above and beyond due to previous issues.

RESOLVED:

That Council adopted the Asset Disposal Policy.

32/25 SOLAR LIGHTING

The Town Clerk reported that Councillor Jephcott, the Leader & Town Clerk had met with representatives of the Greenfields Community Group regarding their wish to progress a solar lighting scheme. The Recreation & Leisure Committee had approved a scheme and agreed to ringfence 50% of the costs with the remainder being made up from the group's own resources and external funding. The Town Clerk had previously reported to the Operations Committee about the challenges to funds they held which were a residue from the return of legal fees from the Supreme Court hearing. The Operations Committee resolved that the Council would not accept any funding until the legal status of those funds had been determined.

The outcome of the meeting was that Councillors felt it was not appropriate for the Council to insist on a lighting scheme being part funded by the community group. Therefore, the request was for the whole scheme to be funded by the Council.

The Town Clerk explained that there was an added complication in the preferred contractor wished to use, Zeta Solar Lights, which we had been used elsewhere on Council land. Zeta Lighting had gone into voluntary administration. The Town Council's lighting contractor was sourcing an alternative at the moment so progress may take some time.

Councillor Wilson commented that the Council needed to consider other communities as well as Greenfields who had unlit areas and if solar lighting would impact. Councillor Gratton agreed and stated there were areas within his Harlescott ward that would benefit from solar lighting.

Councillor Mosley queried how many people used the path and that they were setting up a situation where each councillor would like lighting installed within their ward without any set criteria. Council needed to be fair and equitable and establish criteria. It also needed to be established what money was available to allocate.

Councillor Jephcott stated the path in question in Greenfields was an important link and an established active travel route which avoided the Ellesmere Road. Within the Greenfields Community there is generally support for solar lighting. He commented that solar lighting installed at Stanley Lane had improved the land and he hoped the Council moved forward on this for the Greenfields area.

Councillor Bentick said that the lighting at Stanley Lane increased the public usage, and it was a huge benefit to the area. It avoided residents using the unsafe Vicarage Road and it transformed active travel for Meole residents. Active Travel routes needed lighting, and he commended it for other wards.

Councillor Dean stated that Greenfields was an active travel route, and he agreed with Councillor Mosley in that criteria was needed. He also enquired if these routes were identified in the LCWIP.

Councillor Halliday supported the need for criteria and asked if there were cheap ways to monitor footfall.

Councillor Wilson informed members that the previous Council had agreed that solar lighting in Greenfields was a priority and that the funding of them was the question being raised. He did agree that they should use the LCWIP as a starting point. Councillor Halliday agreed that the LCWIP was a good framework of which Councillors could add to.

Councillor Mosley enquired about the costings and the Operations Manager informed him that for eight lighting columns it would cost around £38,000 which was cheaper than installing standard lights and digging trenches.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Council funds the whole solar lighting project at Greenfields.
- (ii) That the Town Clerk seeks an alternative lighting provider following the voluntary administration of Zeta Lighting.

33/25 COMMITTEE FORWARD PLAN

The Chairmen of the four standing committees met recently to discuss work priorities and these were set out in the report produced to Council.

Councillor Wilson added that the work programmes were a good development to go with and should be owned by each Committee. This whole process was just starting before being handed over to each committee. The committee chairs would continue to meet again each quarter.

Councillor Bentick questioned the plans for the Flower Show next year due to this year being cancelled. More interaction was needed with the Horticultural Society to ascertain what their plans were for next year.

Councillor Dean asked if this could be cross referenced with the visioning exercise but was informed that it was a different process.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee Work Programme as presented be agreed.

34/25 VISIONING

The Town Clerk reported that all Councillors were invited to a Visioning session to upgrade the work that was done last year in developing a Corporate Plan. Nine Councillors attended and reviewed the six pillars of work. The Visioning Action plan had been amended to reflect new priorities and Committee allocations together with work over the four-year electoral term of this council.

Councillor Wilson commented that some of the language was a little vague and needed to be more direct with actions.

Councillor Halliday asked if there could be a paragraph to explain how they got to the plan along with some background information and how it would be reviewed.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Visioning Action Plan be approved;
- (ii) That the Town Clerk work on developing supporting information.

35/25 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (MINUTES ENCLOSED)

The Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 19 May 2025 were circulated as read.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 19 May 2025 be received and accepted.

36/25 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE (MINUTES ENCLOSED)

The Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 7 April 2025 were circulated as read.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 7 April 2025 be received and adopted.

37/25 CLIMATE EMERGENCY & NATURE RECOVERY COMMITTEE (MINUTES ENCLOSED)

The Minutes of the Climate Emergency and Nature Recovery Committee held on 10 April 2025 were circulated as read.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Climate Emergency and Nature Recovery Committee meeting held on 10 April 2025 be received and adopted.

38/25 POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE (MINUTES ENCLOSED)

The Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee held on 2 June 2025 were circulated as read.

Councillor Wilson commented on the resolutions and recommendations for this meeting. Regarding the Town Council communications, they were now firmly on Instagram and were no longer using X (formerly Twitter).

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 2 June 2025 be received and adopted.

39/25 OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (MINUTES ENCLOSED)

The Minutes of the Operations Committee held on 14 May 2025 were circulated as read.

Councillor Halliday requested an addition to these minutes under item 08/25 where parking was discussed. It was confirmed by the Police that when parking was an obstruction on the Highway it was a Police matter, but they did not necessarily respond to the matter as a priority.

RESOLVED

That upon correction of Min 08/25, the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on 14 May 2025 be received and adopted

40/25 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held 1 April, 22 April, 13 May and 10 June 2025 were submitted as circulated as read.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 1 April, 22 April, 13 May and 10 June 2025 be received and adopted.

41/25 COMMUNITIES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (MINUTES ENCLOSED)

The Minutes of the Communities & Environment Committee held on 11 June 2025 were circulated as read.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Communities & Environment Committee meeting held on 11 June 2025 be received and adopted

42/25 WORKING GROUPS

42.1 JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Joint Consultative Committee meeting held on 9 April 2025 were circulated as read.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Joint Consultative Committee meeting held on 9 April 2025 be received and adopted

42.2 YOUTH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Youth Council meetings held on 20 March & 12 June 2025 were circulated as read.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 20 March & 12 June 2025 be received and adopted.

43/25 CLOSING REMARKS

The Mayor thanked members and staff for their attendance and closed the meeting.