

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bury St Edmunds Town Council,  
held at the Guildhall, Bury St Edmunds,  
on Wednesday 23rd April 2025 at 7pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Hind (Town Mayor), Augustine, Chung, Higgins, Iannelli-Popham, Lindberg, McGoochan, Mager, O'Driscoll, Sayer and Waterman.

**Also present:** Jodie Budd (Town Clerk), Julie Sturgeon (Allotment/Administration Officer), PCSO Jo Whiting, SCC Cllr Peter Thompson & four members of public and the Press.

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Armitage, Halpin, Iannelli-Popham, Mackenzie, Stamp and Stennett.

**2. To receive declarations of interest and additions to registers**

All District Councillors declared: '*That I may vote differently at District or County Council level from that recorded at this meeting*'. Cllrs. Augustine, Chung, Higgins, Hind, Lindberg, Mager, Sayer and Waterman declared a local non-pecuniary interest as District Councillors.

**3. To consider written applications by a member for dispensation, from the restrictions in section 31(4) of the Localism Act 2011 and specify the period for which any dispensation has effect**

None.

**4. To confirm, adopt and sign the minutes from the Full Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/347/23/Apr/25**

**RESOLVED** that the Full Council and P&C minutes from the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025 be agreed and signed, as an accurate record.

**5. Public Forum**

A member of the public spoke about his aspirations to produce T-shirts with any profit to go to Charity. A representative from Crafty Foxes spoke about their plans for the decorating of Christmas Trees in the town using Recycled bottles.

Cllr Peter Thompson spoke on HGV problems on Moreton Hall, proposing a restriction between 10pm – 7am

**6. Mayor's announcements**

Cllr Hind advised Members that she had attended the following events representing the Town Council:

2<sup>nd</sup> March – Civic Service for the Chair of Babergh District Council

5<sup>th</sup> March – Sybil Andrews Academy careers fair

7<sup>th</sup> March – World Day of Prayer Service at St Mary's Church

7<sup>th</sup> March – Civic dinner – Chair of West Suffolk Council

15<sup>th</sup> March – Academy of Movement cartwheel marathon

16<sup>th</sup> March – Bury St Edmunds Town Mayor Civic Service

6<sup>th</sup> April – Haverhill Mayor Civic Service

15<sup>th</sup> April – Emmaus Fundraiser featuring Terry Waite

**7. Town Clerk's report**

The Town Clerk advised Members as follows: Quiet month, more meetings on devolution and LGR. Continuing to update the website. The clerk reminded members of the official opening of the allotments at Moreton Hall on Saturday at 11am. All members were invited to attend. The Mayor thanked Councillor Sayer and allotments officer Julie Sturgeon for all their hard work in finalising these allotments after many years.

**8. To note the PCSO's report**

Councillors noted the crime figures submitted by the PCSO's. They were advised that crime figures were much lower during March this year than they were last year.

**9. To approve payment of an invoice for £50,000 from Bury St Edmunds Business Improvement District for funding of Christmas activities for 2025.**

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/348/23/Apr/25**

**APPROVES** That payments be made to the BID once invoices have been seen. (Not the full £50,000 in one go). The Town Clerk and Mayor can authorise payments of these invoices regardless of their value.

**10. To approve payment of an invoice for £35,000 from Bury in Bloom towards the 2025 floral displays.**

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/349/23/Apr/25**

**APPROVES** payment for £35,000.00 Bury In Bloom.

**11. Abbey Garden Friends/Crafty Foxes – Christmas Tree decorations**

Resolution Record No. Resolution Record No. **BSETC/350/23/Apr/25:**

**APPROVES** grant funding expenditure of £3,950.00 to enable Crafty Foxes to work with primary schools within the town to produce Christmas Tree decoration for the Town trees.

**12. To receive the report and adopt the recommendations of the Planning, Licensing and Finance committee meetings of 26<sup>th</sup> March and 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/350/23/Apr/25:**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning, Licensing and Finance committee meetings held on 26<sup>th</sup> March and 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025 be **ADOPTED**

**13. To approve reducing the cost of some Allotment plots at Sicklesmere Road. This is due to them frequently flooding.**

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/351/23/Apr/25:**

**APPROVES** '17' B Plots at Sicklesmere Road allotments be reduced to £6.00 per rod.

**14. To note Councillor Internal Audit review**

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/352/23/Apr/25:**

**Noted**

**15. To note the Responsible Financial Officer's outline financial report**

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/353/23/Apr/25:**

**Noted. Cllr Sayer extended her thanks to the RFO for her investment advice.**

**16. To approve and sign payments list for March 2025**

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/354/23/Apr/25:**

**RESOLVED** that the payments list for February 2025 be **APPROVED** and **SIGNED**

**17. To approve and sign Barclays bank balances as of March 2025**

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/355/23/Apr/25:**

**RESOLVED** that Barclays bank balances as of March 2025 be **APPROVED** and **SIGNED**

**18. Date of next meeting Wednesday 28 May 2025**

**19. Motion/Resolution to exclude temporarily the Public and Press:**

*That pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed concerning: Email from Deputy Chief Executive of West Suffolk Council and Staffing Committee report*

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/356/23/Apr/25:**

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for Agenda Items 20 and 21 to be discussed.

The public and press left the meeting.

The meeting ended at 9pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_