

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL RESIDENTS TOWN MEETING FOR BURY ST EDMUNDS
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 2023 AT 7PM
AT THE GUILDHALL, BURY ST EDMUNDS**

The meeting was preceded by an informal assembly allowing members of the public to meet with representatives from many local groups and societies

PRESENT:

Town Councillors: Cllrs Chung (Town Council Deputy Mayor in the Chair), Armitage, Higgins, Iannelli-Popham, Lindberg, McGoochan, O'Driscoll and Waterman.

Representatives from: Bury in Bloom, Bury Society, Bury Bike Train, Bury Abbey Rotary Club, Bury Town Trust, The Guildhall, Abbey of St Edmund Heritage Partnership, Bury Men's Shed, Westgate Primary School, The Samaritans, River Lark Catchment Partnership, Gatehouse, Nelson Road Residents, BSE Contact Centre, Southgate Community Centre, Hardwick Primary School, Suffolk Police, other residents of Bury St Edmunds, plus The Press

Town Council staff: Greg Luton (Town Clerk/Executive Officer), Jacqueline Howells (Assistant Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer), Julie Sturgeon (Allotments and Administrative Assistant) and Beverley Kipling (Civic Projects Assistant)

1. INTRODUCTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR CLLR CHUNG

The Town Clerk introduced Deputy Mayor Cllr Patrick Chung.

2. WELCOME BY DEPUTY MAYOR CLLR CHUNG

Cllr Chung welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked both Councillors and Council Officers on a very successful year.

Cllr Chung congratulated new elected Town Councillors and wished them success in their new term of office. He also thanked previous Town Councillors for their dedication and hard work during the past four years.

3. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON 25th MAY 2022

The minutes from the meeting on 25th May 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record.

4. REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL

The Town Clerk reported on the work carried out by the Town Council during the year.

Mrs Jacqueline Howells was appointed in October 22 as permanent Assistant Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer and Mrs Beverley Kipling was appointed to the new role of Civic Projects Assistant in May 23 following successful recruitment campaigns.

The Town Council has supported many worthy projects through its Grant Funding and Locality Budget initiatives. Several groups who have benefitted are represented here tonight.

5. CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2021 AND 2022

Due to Covid restrictions the winners of the Citizen of the Year for 2021 and 2022 had not previously been presented with their awards. The Award is organised by the Bury Free Press in partnership with the Town Council.

Jessica Rudd and Andy Abbott were presented with their awards for 2021 and 2022 respectively.

6. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS, TOWN ORGANISATIONS AND RECIPIENTS OF TOWN COUNCIL FUNDING

Representatives from the following organisations presented reports about their activities during the previous year: Bury in Bloom, Bury Society, Bury Town Trust, Rotary Club, Men’s Shed, Royal British Legion, Westgate Primary School, Samaritans, River Lark Catchment Partnership, Gatehouse, Nelson Road Residents, Eco Carriers, Southgate Community Partnership, Heritage Partnership and Suffolk Constabulary.

7. OPEN FORUM – RESIDENTS MAY RAISE ANY MATTER RELATING TO THE TOWN

No issues raised.

8. CONCLUDING REMARKS

The Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk thanked everyone for attending and were looking forward to another successful year.

New Councillor training will be taking place and any issues either from Councillors or members of the public relating to the Town of Bury St Edmunds should be forwarded to the Town Clerk.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed: _____ Dated: _____