



whitchurch town council

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY 2025

PRESENT

Councillors: J. De-Wyrall A. Gilmore A. Hall (Chair) R. Hall
A. Hotchkiss A. Jackson J. Morris M. Phipps
C. Purt M. Ridgway

Proper Officer: Mike McDonald

IN ATTENDANCE: 0 x Press 2 x Shropshire Councillors (*) 11 x Members of the Public (**)

(*) incl. those serving in joint roles on WTC
(**) 9 Registered Electors

The meeting was held at Bargates Hall, Whitchurch

Councillor A. Hall opened the meeting at 6.00pm.

1. Welcome by Mayor, Cllr Andy Hall

Cllr A Hall welcomed everyone and thanked representatives of local voluntary organisations and the public for attending. It was explained that this was a meeting of the registered electorate of the town to present their views to Council Members, and not a Town Council Meeting. It was noted that Minutes of the previous Annual Town Meeting (8th May 2024) were signed as a true copy of the meeting on 15th May 2024, copies were available at the meeting and on the Town Council website.

2. Apologies

No Apologies were received for this meeting.

3. To receive the Whitchurch Town Council Annual Report 2024/25

Cllr A Hall gave an overview of Council achievements, as set out in the Annual Report, copies of which were available to all attendees and forming part of the Minutes as a matter of record. Cllr A Hall invited attendees to refer to the Annual Report for a more detailed overview of the activities undertaken throughout the Civic Year.

4. Presentations from local organisations receiving support from the Council during the 2024/25 Civic Year

Brief presentations were received from the representatives of:

- Whitchurch Singers
- Little Bears Daycare
- BizEd CIC
- English Country Music Festival
- Whitchurch Walkers

The Mayor thanked all representatives for their contributions to the meeting, which were also included in the Annual Report, alongside others receiving Small Community Grant support in the previous Civic Year, as a record.

5. Local Electors Q&A Session

Members of the public raised the following points:

- MoP#1 Reminded Community Groups in attendance of fundraising opportunities with local licenced premises (Quiz Nights etc)
Cllr A Hall Noted that Coffee Mornings at the weekly Friday Market were also available as a fundraising opportunity for local community groups
- MoP#2&3 Noted Highways (Shropshire Council) issues, namely St Johns Road (parking spaces causing obstruction) and Kingsway/Rosemary Court (parking issues)
Cllr A Hall WTC Proper Officer would pass comments onto Shropshire Council Highways for their consideration (whether works or enforcement)
- MoP#4 Questioned whether commercial premises could offer concessions on parking for events and other times, particularly supermarkets
Cllr A Hall Current activity relating to supermarket leased land (from the Unitary Authority) was noted other parking opportunities were available at reasonable cost (including free parking at Sherrymill Hill and Park Avenue)
- MoP#5 Thanked Whitchurch Town Council for activity and service throughout the year

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.40pm, with an opportunity for members of the public to briefly chat with Councillors informally.

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

Chair: _____

Date: _____