

# Stone Town Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 2 July 2024

**PRESENT:** Councillor J. Metters in the Chair and  
Councillors: J. Battrick, A. Best, J. Davies, L. Davies, J. Hood, B. Kenney, R. Kenney,  
A. Mottershead and R. Townsend

Officers: L. Trigg and T. Williams

**ABSENT:** Councillors: A. Burgess, K. Dawson, I. Fordham, T. Kelt, P. Leason, J. Powell,  
N. Powell and C. Thornicroft

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### Prayers

Before the meeting began Reverend Jim Cartlidge led prayers.

In the absence of the Town Mayor the Deputy Town Mayor took the chair for the meeting.

### **C25/026** Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: K. Dawson, I. Fordham, T. Kelt,  
P. Leason, J. Powell, N. Powell and C. Thornicroft

### **C25/027** Declarations of Interest

None received.

### **C25/028** Requests for Dispensations

None received.

### **C25/029** Representations from Members of the Public

Due to this meeting taking place in the pre-election period for the UK Parliamentary elections, the Town Council's Scheme of Public Participation had been suspended.

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**C25/030 Minutes**

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 4 June 2024 (Minute Numbers C25/014 – C25/025), be approved as a correct record.

**C25/031 Committee Minutes**

RESOLVED:

- a) The draft minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 21 May 2024 (Minute Numbers GP25/001 – GP25/022), were noted.
- b) The draft minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 4 June 2024 (Minute Numbers PC25/007 – PC25/012), were noted.

**C25/032 Civic Announcements**

The Civic Announcements, which had previously been circulated, were noted.

The Deputy Town Mayor advised the Council that the Town Council's Civic Sunday Parade and Church Service would be taking place on Sunday 14 July 2024 and the Town Mayor's Portuguese Evening would be held at The Mill on Thursday 25 July 2024.

**C25/033 Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Reports of Engagements**

The Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's reports of engagements, which had been previously circulated, were noted.

The Deputy Town Mayor informed the Town Council that he had accompanied the Town Mayor to the Festival Committee's Mediumship Evening on 13 June 2024 which was an interesting experience, illustrating diversity and the wide ranging belief systems in the community.

**The meeting was suspended and then reconvened after the General Purposes and Planning Consultative Committee meetings had taken place.**

**C25/034 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

**To resolve, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting whilst the next items of business are discussed on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the debate.**

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**C25/035 To receive the draft Confidential Minutes and decisions of the undermentioned Committees:**

- a) General Purposes Committee held on 21 May 2024, Minute Numbers GP25/001, GP25/020, GP25/021 and GP25/022.

**TOWN MAYOR**

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