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Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** will be held in the **Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone**, on **TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2025 at 7:00pm** for consideration of the matters itemised in the following agenda.

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**Agenda**

1. **To receive apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Requests for Dispensations Received**
4. **Representations from Members of the Public**

To consider representations from members of the public on items to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation.

5. **To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 4 November 2025, Minute Numbers C26/055 – C26/064 (attached).**

6. **To receive the draft minutes and decisions of the under mentioned Committees:**

- a) General Purposes Committee meeting held on 4 November 2025, Minute Numbers GP26/079 – GP26/091 (attached).
- b) Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 4 November 2025, Minute Numbers PC26/031 – PC26/036 (attached).

7. **Friendship Arrangements with Carthage**

To receive gifts from Carthage, USA, in recognition of the friendship between our towns.

8. **To receive the forthcoming Civic Announcements** (attached).

9. **To receive the Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Reports of Engagements** (attached).

Members of the public are welcome to attend the Town Council meeting as observers and/or to make representations to the committee in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation. Details of the scheme are displayed in the Council's notice boards and website.

Please access the Council Chamber from the rear of the building.

# Stone Town Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 4 November 2025

**PRESENT:** Councillor J. Metters in the Chair and  
Councillors: A. Best, J. Davies, L. Davies, J. Hood, B. Kenney, T. Kelt, R. Kenney,  
P. Leason, A. Mottershead, J. Powell, N. Powell and C. Thornicroft

Officers: L. Fleetwood & T. Williams

**ABSENT:** Councillors: A. Battrick, A. Burgess, K. Dawson, I. Fordham and R. Townsend

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### Prayers

Before the meeting began, Reverend Paul Kingman, led prayers.

### **C26/055** Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: J. Battrick, K. Dawson, I. Fordham and R. Townsend

Apologies were also received from Officers: L. Trigg and R. Edwards

### **C26/056** Declarations of Interest

None made.

### **C26/057** Requests for Dispensations

None received.

### **C26/058** Representations from Members of the Public

None

### **C26/059** Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 7 October 2025 (Minute Numbers C26/045 – C26/054), be approved as a correct record.

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**C26/060     Committee Minutes**

RESOLVED:

- a) The draft minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 7 October 2025 (Minute Numbers GP26/063 – GP26/078), were noted.
- b) The draft minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 7 October 2025 (Minute Numbers PC26/025 – PC26/030), were noted.

**C26/061     Council Accounts 2024-25**

The Town Mayor reminded the Town Council that at its meeting on 7th October 2025, the Town Clerk had reported that the accounts for 2024-25 had been approved by the Auditor, except in one relatively minor area where the Auditor claimed that the Council had not fully complied with the regulations regarding the public inspection period. The Town Clerk had reported that he did not agree with the Auditor in this respect and had challenged the audit findings.

He said that the auditor had responded to the Town Clerk and now agreed that the Council was in full compliance with the regulations. The auditor has amended the completion letter to reflect this and has sincerely apologised for the matter being raised.

The revised audit completion letter has been posted on the Council's website, and was enclosed with the agenda.

The Town Mayor invited the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, Councillor R. Kenney, to read a statement from the Town Clerk who provided more details in relation to the 30 day inspection period for the audit and apologised for not being able to attend the meeting due to medical treatment received on this day.

RESOLVED: The Council accepted the update on the findings of the auditor for the Council accounts 2024-25.

**C26/062     Local Government Transparency Code 2015  
Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014**

The Information\* for Quarter ending 30 September was noted.

**C26/063     Civic Announcements**

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

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**C26/064     To receive the 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 previously been circulated, were noted.

The Town Mayor and the Deputy Town Mayor provided the Town Council with additional verbal reports on the details of their engagements.

**TOWN MAYOR**

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# Stone Town Council – General Purposes Committee

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 4 November 2025

**PRESENT:** Councillor R. Kenney in the Chair, and  
Councillors: A. Best, J. Davies, L. Davies, J. Hood, T. Kelt, B. Kenney, P. Leason,  
J. Metters, A. Mottershead, J. Powell, N. Powell and C. Thornicroft

Officers: L. Fleetwood & T. Williams

**ABSENT:** Councillors: J. Battrick, A. Burgess, K. Dawson, I. Fordham and R. Townsend

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### **GP26/079    Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: J. Battrick, K. Dawson, I. Fordham and R. Townsend

Where a reason for absence is given, this reason was approved for the purposes of Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Apologies were also received from Officers: L. Trigg and R. Edwards

### **GP26/080    Declarations of Interest**

None

### **GP26/081    Requests for Dispensations**

There were none

### **GP26/082    To receive the report of the County Councillors**

The Chairman invited County Councillors to address the Committee.

#### **County Councillor Jill Hood**

Councillor Hood informed the Committee that the County Council's Cabinet had met to confirm its East West proposal for Local Government Reorganisation.

The Eastern Unitary authority will serve an approximate population of 689,784 residents covering Staffordshire Moorlands, East Staffordshire, Lichfield, Tamworth and Stoke on Trent areas.

The Western Unitary Council will serve an approximate population of 487,794 residents covering Newcastle under Lyme, Stafford, Cannock Chase and South Staffordshire.

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Councillor Hood advised the Committee that the Deputy Leader, Martin Murray, had spoken about this split being the best option for delivering quality services and meeting the aspirations of the people of Staffordshire.

The County Council would be submitting its proposal to the Government by the deadline of 28 November 2025.

#### **County Councillor Andrew Mynors**

Councillor Mynors was not in attendance at the meeting.

#### **GP26/083    To receive the report of Borough Councillors**

The Chairman invited Borough Councillors to address the Committee.

##### Councillor Rob Kenney

The Chairman said the North South proposal for local government reorganisation had been analysed and was proven to be the best arrangement.

##### Councillor Jon Powell

Councillor Powell informed the Committee that he had called in planning application 25/41057/OUT (Land at Marlborough Road, Walton).

#### **GP26/084    Representations from Members of the Public**

None

#### **GP26/085    Minutes**

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 7 October 2025 (Minute Numbers GP26/063 – GP26/078), be approved as a correct record.

#### **GP26/086    Minutes of Sub-Committees**

There are no minutes for consideration.

#### **GP26/087    Stone Town Policing**

The Chairman invited PCSO Neil Moffatt to step forward to deliver his (verbal) Police report and allow Town Councillors to consider policing issues in Stone.

PCSO Moffatt shared information on the following topics:

- Homelessness in Stone – a number of homeless people in the town have been offered accommodation and will soon be moving away from their camps. Streetscene will be tending the areas after they have gone.
- Anti-Social Behaviour – a reduction in instances of anti-social behaviour had been noted in Westbridge Park.

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- Anti-Social Behaviour – a large group of children have been issued with community protection warnings after causing disturbances outside Morrisons.
- Anti-Social Behaviour – individuals have been accessing the rooftops behind the Card Factory.
- There have been two attempted burglaries in Walton where the perpetrators have been trying to access high spec vehicles on residents drives.
- StoreNet Retail Radio System – a Stone PCSO will be attending a meeting to encourage businesses to sign up to the system which provides retail radio links to help reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.
- ‘Hot Spot’ patrols – are taking place in towns such as Stafford, Stone and Newcastle after government funding was awarded to increase the numbers of police patrols.
- There will be a visible police focus in town centres on knife crime (Ditch the Blade), Bonfire Night and Christmas initiatives.
- Driving through Stone High Street – officers are issuing £100 fines and working to deter people from breaching the Traffic Regulation Order. The Police welcome County Enforcement Officers in respect of addressing parking in the High Street.
- E-scooter presentations – have been undertaken by PCSO Moffatt at local schools to educate children on the legalities of riding E-scooters.

Town Councillors raised the following points:

- Concerns were expressed about a particular group who have been visiting Stone. The Local Policing Team have been aware of their presence in town. Their activities have included placing a banner across the footbridge near Aldi.
- Letters have been issued stating that Staffordshire Police were proposing to change PCSO shift patterns, moving the end time from 10pm to 9pm.

PCSO Moffatt confirmed there were three PCSOs in Stone.

The point of the changes was said to be alignment of resources with a stronger police presence during busier times of day. Town Councillors expressed concern about loss of PCSO cover during the nighttime.

At the end of the item the Chairman thanked PCSO Moffatt for attending the meeting and giving his report.

#### **GP26/088    Engagement with Young People Working Group**

The Committee considered disbanding the Engagement with Young People Working Group due to the limited availability of time resources.

RESOLVED: That the Engagement with Young People Working Group be disbanded.

#### **GP26/089    Town Council Payments**

RESOLVED: To note the list\* of Town Council payments made during the period 1 to 30 September 2025.

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**GP26/090     Update from Working Groups:**

**Stone Heritage Centre Steering Group**

The Chairman advised the Sub-Committee that a meeting of the new Heritage Centre Steering Group would be arranged shortly.

**Engagement with Young People**

The working group has been disbanded in accordance with Minute Number GP26/088 (above).

**GP26/091     To receive reports from Town Councillors on attendance at meetings of local organisations and outside bodies as a representative of the Town Council**

**Stone Area Parish Liaison Group**

Councillor J. Davies advised the Committee that a meeting of the Liaison Group would take place in January 2026 when it was hoped there would be greater clarity on the direction of Local Government Reorganisation to assist in directing discussions.

**Stone ATC**

Councillor J. Davies advised the Committee that he and the Town Mayor had attended an excellent annual dinner on 17 October 2025.

The Squadron was in very good shape. It had a limit on the number of cadets that could be accommodated due to the size of the building and Councillor Davies had highlighted the need for larger accommodation with the MP for Stone.

**Age Concern Stone & District**

Councillor Thornicroft advised the Committee that there had been no meeting.

**Stafford District Access Group**

Councillor Kelt advised the Committee that the next meeting would be held on 8 December 2025, which the Local Policing Commander would be attending.

**Stone Common Plot Trustees**

Councillor Hood advised the Committee that a meeting would be taking place on 6 November 2025.

**Stone Community Hub Liaison Group**

Councillor Powell advised the Committee that a meeting of the Community Hub Liaison Group was in the process of being arranged.

**SPCA Executive Committee**

Councillor Kelt informed the Committee that a meeting had taken place on 3 November which followed the usual format of items on policy, training, health and wellbeing and general information (that came through on email).

He reported that increased subscriptions had been agreed and the accounts accepted. Some new roles in relation to the creation of parishes were proposed. Green Belt issues were discussed although the role the Committee can play was unclear.

The SPCA AGM will be taking place on 24 November 2025.

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**West Midlands Railway and other Rail Matters**

Councillor Kelt advised the Committee that he had attended the North Staffordshire Community Rail Partnership meeting in Stoke on Trent where they ran through the activities and achievements during the year.

The next rail users group meeting will take place on 27 November 2025.

**CHAIRMAN**

# Stone Town Council – Planning Consultative Committee

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 4 November 2025

**PRESENT:** Councillor T. Kelt in the Chair, and  
Councillors: A. Best, J. Davies, L. Davies, K. Dawson, J. Hood (to Minute Number PC26/034), B. Kenney, R. Kenney (to Minute Number PC26/034), P. Leason, J. Metters, A. Mottershead, J. Powell, N. Powell and C. Thornicroft

Officers: L. Fleetwood & T. Williams

**ABSENT:** Councillors: J. Battrick, A. Burgess, I. Fordham and R. Townsend

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### **PC26/031      Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: J. Battrick, I. Fordham and R. Townsend

Apologies were also received from Officers: L. Trigg and R. Edwards

### **PC26/032      Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

Councillor R. Kenney advised the Committee that, as a member of Stafford Borough Council's Planning Committee, he would retire from the meeting prior to the discussion of planning application 25/41057/OUT (Land at Marlborough Road). Minute Reference PC26/035.

Councillor J. Hood advised the Committee that, as a member of Stafford Borough Council's Planning Committee, she would retire from the meeting prior to the discussion of planning application 25/41057/OUT (Land off Eccleshall Road). Minute Reference PC26/035.

### **PC26/033      Representations from Members of the Public**

None

### **PC26/034      Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 7 October 2025, Minute Numbers PC26/025 – PC26/030), be approved as a correct record.

**Councillors J. Hood and R. Kenney left the Council Chamber and meeting (Prior to agenda item 5. Minute Number PC26/035).**

**Application Number** – 25/41057/OUT

**Applicant** – Joint application on behalf of James Fletcher and Katherine Ayres (as landowners) and Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd (as developer)

**Location** – Land at Marlborough Road, Walton

**Development** – Outline application for residential development (Use Class C3) of up to 140 dwellings and associated access, with all other matters reserved.

**Observations:** The Town Council strongly objects to this planning application and supports the points of concern raised by local people and consultee agencies/organisations.

The Town Council has asked that the grounds detailed in its representation dated 10 October 2025, in response to planning application 25/40959/OUT for the erection of 240 residential dwellings, are restated and that the relevant objections are recorded against this latest planning application (25/41057/OUT).

These observations are as follows:

- The development proposal will put strain on the existing infrastructure in Stone including roads, utilities, schools and healthcare which will not be able to keep pace with demand for the services. For example, there are currently only two GP practices delivering primary healthcare services in the town and around four dental practices.

The Town Council would like to be consulted on the infrastructure that Section 106 monies may support.

Staffordshire County Council project there will be an insufficient number of school places in the local area to mitigate the impact of the development at first phase education.

- The development proposal will lead to significantly higher volumes of traffic, congestion and corresponding poor air quality/pollution, particularly along the Eccleshall Road. There is already significant traffic congestion here at peak times.
- Support for Severn Trent Water Authority's request for a holding objection as the proposal may have a detrimental impact on the surrounding Network and Treatment works, with the potential to cause flooding or pollution. Sewer outflows or spills into the River Trent and its tributaries are already a big concern.
- Support for the Environment Agency's observations about potential contamination from a previous landfill site situated within the development boundary.
- The development site is located within the 'Zone of Influence' of the Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation creating the risk of increased recreational pressure, requiring appropriate mitigation.

- Support of Staffordshire County Council's observations that insufficient information has been submitted to demonstrate that an acceptable drainage strategy is proposed. The County is also concerned about the proposed connection with the Fillybrooks and risks of flooding.
- Support of Active Travel England's observations not to support the application without further assessment, evidence, revisions and dialogue as set out in their representation.
- There appears to be no evidence that disabled access and adequate parking provision has been incorporated into the design to ensure the lifespan of the development extends to 2125 as suggested by the applicant.
- Stone has already been the subject of large scale residential development in recent years, especially in the area off the Eccleshall Road.

Another new planning application has recently been submitted to Stafford Borough Council for a housing development in Marlborough Road. Adding two new sizeable developments in this area will amount to overdevelopment and have a big negative impact on residential amenity.

Concern is expressed that the Government is giving the green light to large scale development with insufficient consideration to local communities.

There is the potential for over subscription of planning applications in the Stafford Borough, inflicting undesirable issues within Stone.

- Some major changes to the town are happening piecemeal without consideration for interconnectivity to infrastructure and the shape of the town, making it difficult to manage public transport and access in outlying areas.

The Town Council would also add the following new observations/points of objection in response to planning application 25/41057/OUT:

- The Walton side of Stone town has already been subject to major housing development in the form of Udall Grange and now has three new planning applications pending for the further development of nearly 1000 homes (25/40959/OUT, 25/41057/OUT and 25/41229/OUT).
- The two largest of the three new planning applications will rely on the Eccleshall Road for access and this smaller development (of 140 homes) will be accessed through an existing residential area.

The development proposal will have only one access point in and out through Marlborough Road which is a quiet residential road. Beyond Marlborough Road traffic will have just two exit points onto the main road via Pirehill Lane (which is already difficult to exit at busy times) or a detour through the housing estate on to Tilling Drive. Higher volumes of general residential traffic on these routes will impact the health and safety of children at local schools.

- Heavy construction vehicles and new residential traffic will be driving along Marlborough Road and directly past two schools.

There appears to be no consideration for existing local communities and preserving neighbourhood amenity where residents have lived peaceably in their homes for many years.

- It is extremely concerning that these large scale planning applications are coming through to the Planning Department separately with the possibility that an application could be approved without consideration for the totality of what is happening to the town in terms of housing density and the call on services. Development on this scale is significantly changing the shape of the town making it difficult for existing services to adequately support new homes.

**PC26/036**

**To note the following items considered under delegated powers where no objections were forwarded to Stafford Borough Council due to no Member asking for the item to be considered by a special meeting of the Committee.**

None

**CHAIRMAN**

**STONE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**9 December 2025**  
**CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Town Mayor**

Mon 1 to Wed 24 December	Christ Church Advent Window Openings which will take place every day at 11am at different locations in the town (see programme for locations)
Wednesday 10 December 2025	Stone Stroke Club Christmas Party
Thursday 11 December 2025	Stone Choral Society Christmas Concert at Crown Wharf Theatre
Sunday 14 December 2025	Ashbourne Town Council's Civic Carol Service
Tuesday 16 December 2025	Cannock Chase Chairman's Christmas Carol Service
Thursday 18 December 2025	Stone Alzheimer's Club Christmas Party
Thursday 25 December 2025	Christmas Day Visit to St Mary's Care Home
Monday 29 December 2025	Texas Flag Raising in Stone High Street to mark the anniversary of Texas joining the Union on 29 December 1845
Saturday 24 January 2026	Staffordshire Moorlands Chairman's Burns Night at Biddulph Town Hall
Saturday 31 January 2026	Lichfield Mayor and Sheriff's Ceilidh Dance at the Guildhall
Thursday 12 February 2026	Town Mayor's Valentine's Charity Fundraising Evening
Saturday 14 February 2026	Stone Lions Club Annual Charter Dinner at the Stone House Hotel

**Deputy Mayor**

Mon 1 to Wed 24 December	Christ Church Advent Window Openings which will take place every day at 11am at different locations in the town (see programme for locations)
Thursday 18 December 2025	Stone Alzheimer's Club Christmas Party

**TOWN MAYOR**

## **TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS – 9 December 2025**

### **Sunday 9 November 2025 – Remembrance Sunday**

The Remembrance Sunday service in the High Street was extremely well attended this year, as it has been for some years here in Stone. Our outdoor commemoration and church service were moving tributes to the individuals and their families that lost so much during our countries' most devastating wars. The words, and turnout were testament to our strong community, and it was great to see the occasion so widely supported by attendees from across the country. Many attendees on Sunday remarked at the wonderful turnout, and I was grateful that we could pay respects to the fallen as a strong and compassionate community. Furthermore - the Walton Community Centre service and wreath laying proved to be excellent, with residents attending for the recognition of our local fallen. All ages were present from our community, showing a strong future appreciation and awareness for the difficult times our town (and indeed, people from around the world) endured during the World Wars.

### **Tuesday 11 November 2025 – Armistice Day**

On the 11th, I was glad to pay further respects and tribute to the fallen and to remember the moment that marked the end of the wars. The war memorial statue was once again the centre of our collective respects, with silence observed throughout the high street.

### **Thursday 20 November 2025 – Stone Christmas Lights Switch On**

Even the bitter cold of early winter didn't extinguish the warm friendly atmosphere in the town during the light switch on! Local children and parents sang carols with harmonious enthusiasm, whilst many other locals clung to the warmth of our hospitality venues. I had the great honour to meet the future artists and winners of this year's Christmas Card Competition, and I was able to meet Santa himself as we all turned the lights on together. We were all entertained by Kath Stanway who sang and hosted the event, captivating the audience throughout the evening. It was great to see so many parents and attendees, and for our towns businesses to be able to benefit from the community spirit of the town.

### **Saturday 22 November 2025 – Cheadle Christmas Lights Switch On**

Cheadle high street became a bazaar of Christmas wonder with Santa's grotto, market stalls, music, and fancy-dress. I enjoyed the hospitality of their local library in the company of other civic guests and partners. The community spirit was very familiar, and it was clear that the townsfolk of Cheadle are as lucky as we are here in Stone to have such dedicated public servants and friends to their town. It was a delight to behold the town under the Christmas lights with everywhere a-glow with anticipation for the holiday season, and big grins on the faces of the young people there.

### **Sunday 23 November 2025 – Stafford Borough Mayor's Curry Evening**

Borough Mayor, Councillor Jenny Baron, hosted a three-course curry evening at Bengal Lounge in Stafford. We filled the venue comfortably and ate in good company, and had musical entertainment provided by the venue. It was nice to be reacquainted with familiar faces that I had not seen in some time, and a great pleasure to meet new people too. We raised a nice sum for the Borough Mayors Charity in a raffle with prizes



a-plenty. It was a pleasure to see the event well supported, and to see some of the Stone Town Councillor's attending as Borough and County invitees. The Mayor of Stafford Borough expressed kind words of support and appreciation for our past events and indicated that she was looking forward to future events here in Stone. I look forward to arranging these events soon. The paneer-special curry was delicious, and the hospitality staff were very friendly and faultlessly accommodating.

#### **Thursday 27 November 2025 – Stone Flower Club Christmas Demonstration**

The Stone Flower Club kindly invited Sarah and I to their demonstration evening for flower arranging. Their guest demonstrator that evening had tremendous oratory and storytelling skills as she seamlessly talked about her journey into floristry and flower displays, as well as some of the big names and celebrities that had requested her expertise in the past. It was easy to see why! Whilst she wove her stories together, one into the next, the flower displays were steadily built up with interspersed explanations of the theories and aesthetic considerations. By the end of each story, a new flower display was complete, each one looking like a festive centre-piece or a miniature Garden of Eden! All of the guests were thoroughly entertained, and it was easy to see what value the club brought to attendees. I discovered that this was the 60th year that the flower club had been operating, bringing joy to members throughout. My mother also attended as a visitor, and intends to become a member in the new year!

#### **Saturday 29 November 2025 – Saint Dominic's Priory School Christmas Fayre**

I was welcomed to the hall of Saint Dominic's Priory by the staff of the school, along with two helpers; Dancer and Prancer, real life reindeers that had been brought by animal experts to bring joy and entertainment to the children and parents. As an animal lover, I was beaming from ear to ear and reluctant to leave them! The hall had stalls and games to raise money for the students and various projects. I was very happy to support these stalls and even participated in some of the novelty games. For £1 you could gamble on getting a bottle of water or wine from a sealed wine bag. Very novel! I bought a glitter tattoo to help some of the girls raise money for prom, and a small gnome keyring from a girl raising money to go on a volunteer project in India, and bought some sweets from some enterprising young students who had a very refined mobile sweet shop. It was good to see the school and parents encouraging young people to learn mercantile skills that will no doubt set them up for success in the future. The head teacher and staff were very welcoming, and I even got a photograph with them and the reindeers.

#### **Sunday 30 November 2025 – Crown Wharf Turkey Trot**

The Crown Wharf Theatre and Joules Brewery hosted a 5km race to raise money to support the funding of the Theatre. Participants wore festive outfits and received awards in racing categories, as well as the best costumes. I chose the three wise men, and a very classy hound that wore a Christmas cardigan and a festive hat. Emma and Steve from Joules Brewery were excellent organiser's and the volunteers facilitated a fun, safe race along some of the country roadways parallel to the canal. The event was fully booked, and I had the great privilege of starting the race and handing out medals to participants. The event went smoothly, and I may have accidentally indicated that I would

be racing next year to make up for all of the buffets and hospitality shown during this years events!

#### **DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS – 9 December 2025**

##### **Thursday 6 November 2025 – Edward Jeavons' Art Exhibition**

Ed Jeavons Art Exhibition was wonderful. It was interesting to listen to Ed about the processes he uses to produce his art. Thank you for the invitation.

##### **Tuesday 11 November 2025 – Opening of Christ Church Garden**

I was given the great honour to open Christchurch's garden. It was attended by Reverend Kingman and a few pupils from Christchurch First school. The garden will look lovely as time goes by and I look forward to watching new plants being introduced to it.

##### **Friday 28 November 2025 - Christmas light Switch-On at Shoemaker Place**

I felt very humble to be asked to turn on their lights. It was a joy to meet the staff and residents. Yarlet school choir were amazing and everyone had a lovely time. Thank you

See photographs enclosed.



