



STRATFORD-UPON-AVON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY, WELLBEING AND PLACE COMMITTEE

4 August 2026

Meeting commenced: 6.30pm Meeting ended: 7.20pm

Minutes

Present
Councillors:

Cleeve	Rashwan
Fojtik (Vice-Chair)	Rolfe
Harding	Vos

Clerk: Town Clerk and Chief Officer
Press: None
Public: Yes (2)

21	Apologies Apologies were received from Councillors I Fradgley, Hunter (Chair) McNaught Barrow and Smith and accepted for the reasons given.
22	Declarations of Interest Councillor Fojtik Minute 30 - Chair of the Christmas Lights Committee
23	To receive written requests for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interests There were no dispensations granted.
24	To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate None received.
25	Public Participation There was no public participation at this point.

26	To approve the Minutes of the Community, Wellbeing and Place Committee held on 30 June 2026	
	It was Proposed, Seconded and	
	RESOLVED	That the Minutes of the Community, Wellbeing and Place Committee held on 30 June 2026 be approved.
27	To approve the draft notes of the Climate Change Working Group – 20 July 2026	
	It was Proposed, Seconded and	
	RESOLVED	That the Notes of the Climate Change Working Group held on 20 July 2026 be received.
28	To approve the draft notes of the Website, Social Media and Newsletter Panel held on 7 July 2026	
	RESOLVED	That the Notes of the Website, Social Media and Newsletter Panel held on 7 July 2026 be received.
	Town Clerk and Chief Officers Report	
	These Minutes reflect the order they were considered.	
29	Youth Town Council Members considered a report regarding a proposal to re-establish the Stratford-upon-Avon Youth Town Council, which had ceased operating during 2023/24. The Town Clerk advised that the proposal had been brought forward by Councillors Cleeve and Hunter, who wished to explore the re-establishment of a Youth Town Council to encourage greater engagement with young people in local democracy and civic life. At the invitation of the Vice-Chair, Josh Turner addressed the Committee and spoke of his enthusiasm for the re-establishment of a Youth Town Council in Stratford-upon-Avon. He explained that a Youth Town Council would provide young people with a meaningful opportunity to have their voices heard, become involved in local decision-making, and contribute positively to the future of the town. Members thanked Mr Turner for his contribution and welcomed the insight he provided into the views and aspirations of younger residents. During discussion, Members sought clarification on the proposed membership, governance, involvement of local schools and youth	

	organisations, and the potential resource and budget implications. It was noted that these matters would be considered in detail by a Working Group, which would develop proposals and report back to Council with recommendations. Members welcomed the proposal, recognising the importance of engaging young people in local democracy and providing opportunities for them to contribute to the future of the town while developing an understanding of local government and civic responsibility. Councillors Cleeve and Hunter were nominated to serve on the Working Group, alongside the Office Manager. It was agreed that membership of the Working Group also be offered to all Councillors. Members suggested holding a workshop at the Town Hall to engage with young people and gauge their interest in, and support for, the establishment of a Youth Town Council. Accordingly, it was unanimously	
	RECOMMENDED	That the principle of re-establishing a Stratford-upon-Avon Youth Town Council be supported and that a Working Group be established to investigate proposals for the re-establishment of a Youth Town Council That the Working Group report back to Council with detailed recommendations. (Councillors Cleeve and Hunter, Officer Manager and any other Town Councillor alongside youth representatives.
30	Christmas Lights Switch-on Members considered a report seeking further financial support of £4,600 towards the Christmas Light Switch on Event which was organised by Stratford BID. At the invitation of the Vice-Chair, Mr Aaron Corsi, BID Manager, addressed the Committee and outlined the reasons for the request. He explained that the increased costs reflected the expanded event footprint, the enhanced security measures required to meet police requirements, and the rising costs of providing entertainment and delivering a safe and successful event. During discussion, Members sought further clarification regarding the increase in costs and whether there were any sponsorship opportunities.	

	Having considered the report and the explanations provided, Members acknowledged the importance of the event to the town and agreed that the proposal should be supported and recommended to Council as an addition to the CIL funding previously approved for the event.	
	RECOMMENDED	That the further allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy funding (£4,600) be approved to support the delivery of the Christmas Light Switch on 2026.
31	Exclusion of the public and press	
	RESOLVED	<i>To pass the following resolution: "The press and public are excluded due to the confidential nature of the business under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960 s1. sub section 2"</i>
32	Avon Mooring The Town Clerk updated Councillors.	

Chair: