

Stronger Communities

Committee Meeting of Witney Town Council



Monday, 14th July, 2025 at 6.00 pm

To members of the Stronger Communities Committee - T Ashby, R Smith, G Meadows, A Bailey, D Edwards-Hughes, D Enright, A Mubin and J Treloar (and all other Town Councillors for information).

You are hereby summonsed to the above meeting to be held in the **Gallery Room, The Corn Exchange, Witney** for the transaction of the business stated in the agenda below.

Admission to Meetings

All Council meetings are open to the public and press unless otherwise stated.

Numbers of the public will be limited, with priority given to those who have registered to speak on an item on the agenda. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact the Committee Clerk derek.mackenzie@witney-tc.gov.uk in advance.

Recording of Meetings

Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 the council's public meetings may be recorded, which includes filming, audio-recording as well as photography.

As a matter of courtesy, if you intend to record any part of the proceedings, please let the Deputy Town Clerk or Committee Clerk know before the start of the meeting.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence

To consider apologies and reasons for absence.

Committee members who are unable to attend the meeting should notify the Committee Clerk derek.mackenzie@witney-tc.gov.uk **prior to the meeting**, stating the reason for absence.

Standing Order 30(d)(v) permits the appointment of substitute Councillors to a Committee whose role is to replace ordinary Councillors at a meeting of a Committee if ordinary Councillors of the Committee have confirmed to the Proper Officer **before** the meeting that they are unable to attend.

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in any items under consideration at this meeting in accordance with the Town Council's Code of Conduct.

3. Minutes (Pages 4 - 9)

- a) To adopt and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2025.
- b) Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda. (Questions on the progress of any item).

4. **Public Participation**

The meeting will adjourn for this item.

Members of the public may speak for a maximum of **five minutes** each during the period of public participation, in line with Standing Order 42. Matters raised shall relate to the following items on the agenda.

5. **Annual Residents Survey Results** (Pages 10 - 17)

To receive and consider the report of the Deputy Town Clerk concerning the results of the 2025 annual residents satisfaction survey for this Committee.

Communications

6. **Communications Report**

The Committee received and considered the report of the Communications & Community Engagement Officer (C&CEO).

(To Follow)

Community Engagement

7. **Community Engagement Report**

To receive and consider the report of the Communications & Community Engagement Officer.

(To Follow)

a) **Witney Forum Notes - 24 June 2025** (Pages 18 - 22)

To receive the notes of the Witney Forum held on 24 June 2025.

8. **Youth Council Minutes** (Pages 23 - 24)

To receive the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 19 June 2025 along with a verbal update of the meeting held 8 July 2025.

9. **Witney Chamber of Commerce Survey** (Pages 25 - 27)

To receive and consider the report of Witney Chamber of Commerce which was facilitated by the Council earlier this year.

Street Furniture & Infrastructure

10. **Queen Emma's Dyke Community Garden**

To receive an verbal update from Officers.

11. **Winter Preparations** (Pages 28 - 30)

To receive and consider the report of the Operations Manager.

12. **Exclusion of Press & Public**

To consider and if appropriate, to pass the following resolution: That in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, and as extended by Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the following business to be transacted

13. **Youth Services Grant - Evaluation of Applications** (Pages 31 - 221)

To receive and consider the applications received for the Youth Services Grant Fund.



Town Clerk