

# Stronger Communities

## Committee Meeting of Witney Town Council



**Monday, 26th January, 2026 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](mailto: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](mailto:derek.mackenzie@witney-tc.gov.uk) **prior to the meeting**, stating the reason for absence.

**Standing Order 8(e)(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 - 13)**

- a) To receive and consider the minutes of the Stronger Communities Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 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 25. Matters raised shall relate to the following items on the agenda.

#### **Communications**

##### 5. **Communications Report** (Pages 14 - 19)

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

###### a) **Press Coverage Update** (Pages 20 - 22)

To receive press coverage updates since the last meeting of the Committee.

#### **Community Engagement**

##### 6. **Community Engagement Report**

To receive and consider the report of the Communications & Community Engagement Officer. (to follow)

###### a) **Witney: Past Present & Future Working Party**

To receive the notes and recommendations contained therein from the meeting held on 14 January 2026. (to follow)

###### b) **Witney Community Insight Profile - 2 Dec 2025** (Pages 23 - 25)

##### 7. **In Bloom**

To receive and consider the report of the Communications & Community Engagement Officer. (to follow).

##### 8. **Witney Youth Council** (Pages 26 - 31)

To receive an update on the work of the Witney Youth Council and notes from their meeting held on 8 January 2026.

##### 9. **Youth Services** (Pages 32 - 40)

To receive and consider the report of the Deputy Town Clerk.

##### 10. **Town Centre Forum**

To receive the report of the Town Clerk/CEO (To Follow)

#### **Street Furniture & Infrastructure**

##### 11. **Request to Install Bollard - Farmers Close**

To receive and consider the report of the Head of Estates & Operations. (To Follow)

12. **Market Square Seating** (Pages 41 - 43)

To receive and consider correspondence from West Oxfordshire District Council concerning seating for an area at Witney Market Square. Note: This is not part of the Oxfordshire County Council High Street Scheme, but is intended to be funded from the UK Prosperity Fund.

13. **Bike Racks & Bin Stores** (Page 44)

To receive and consider a request from West Oxfordshire District Council to facilitate the placing of a bin store facility in Market Square.

14. **Witney Town Centre Improvements - Discussion on potential projects to utilise S106 Developer Funding**

Initial discussion on potential infrastructure improvement priorities pending confirmation of available S106 funds, currently pledged or held by WODC.



Town Clerk