

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL -Community Projects

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2026 at 6.00pm at Peel House, 8 Queen Street, Whittlesey, PE7 1AY.

Present: Councillors Wainwright (Chair), Bibb, Branton, Laws and Dorling (Substituting)

Officer in attendance: Angelika Piotrowicz- Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

Recording: The recording is made as an aide memoir for the Clerk.

CP45/2025. To receive apologies from absent members and the reason for the absence.

Councillor Gerstner- Personal reasons.

Councillor Arman- No apologies received.

CP46/2025. To receive members' declarations of disclosable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda items discussed later in the agenda and the Council to decide which items are to be discussed as confidential.

Councillor Laws declares interest as portfolio holder for Planning at FDC in case of any planning applications.

Councillor Dorling declares membership of Helping Whittlesey in relation to WEFA.

It was decided that agenda item 8 (Hanging basket tender) to be discussed under confidential session, with the approval of minutes from the confidential session of the last extraordinary meeting to also be discussed under confidential session.

CP47/2025. To confirm and sign the minutes from the Community Projects Committee held on Monday 5th January 2026.

Councillor Wainwright signed the minutes as a true and correct record.

CP48/2025. Public Forum

To allow any member of the public to address the council. Time allowed 15 minutes in total to be split equally between the total amount wishing to speak.

6 members of the public present.

Chris Terrey- Inquires why agenda items finish in 2025.

- Comments made regarding agenda item CP49/2025.
- At council meetings, members of the public often find it difficult to hear what's being said by Councillors in this room. There seems to be 4 main reasons:
 - 1- The room itself, which has poor acoustics.
 - 2- The layout, which is constrained by the rectangular shape of the room.
 - 3- Because of the room's layout, when Councillors turn towards the Chairman to speak- hence turning away from the public seating area- it's even more difficult to hear what's being said.
 - 4- Some Councillors simply don't project their voice when speaking.

- The installation of an audio system would enable members of the public more easily to hear the proceedings of the Council's various Committees. As your constituents, we attend meeting because we're interested in our town, and we want to be able to hear what you have to say.

David Mason- Interested in item 3 on the agenda (WEFA).

- The property department has been contacted, and the reply we got was to say Scalgate will not reopen as a children's centre, the building will be offered out to any internal County Council teams and if this is not met with any interest they will instruct a agent to sell off the property. The team we have fed back to the property department that there would be a few community groups who would perhaps be interested in raising funds to buy the building as a community asset.

Robert Windle- Withdrawn his comment that he wished to make as Chris Terrey covered this.

CP49/2025 Agenda Items for discussion.

- 1- Set up a sub committee to report to the Projects Committee to explore the feasibility of improving cultural educational and social links with Walldurn in Germany. - **PB**

Councillor Bibb- wants to set up a subcommittee/ working group to explore cultural, educational, and social links with Walldurn in Germany.

- Councillor Wainwright notes it is not within the committee's remit to set up a sub-committee, only a working group.
- Councillor Bibb wants official sanction to approach contacts in Germany; he has a contact who speaks English. Also aims to find as many links as possible.

Councillor Bibb made a proposal for the working group that will be called Whittlesey Town Council Walldurn Friendship Group. **Councillors Bibb** and **Branton** will be part of the group.

- **Seconded by Councillor Dorling**- unanimous.

- 2- Volunteering- **ED**

- Councillors had discussion regarding this agenda item. Councillors are supportive regarding this proposal.
- This item will be on the next agenda.
- Councillor Dorling to contact CCVS to investigate working together.
- Contact Councillor Boden and Michael Fisher.

- 3- WEFA

- Whittlesey Town Council was asked by Full Council to explore ways to assist WEFA.
- Potential sites were discussed.

Suspend Standing Orders

- David Mason mentioned that Councillor Boden said a container would be the worst problem. St Andrews could be a possibility. St Mary's could be more difficult.
- Julie Windle mentioned that the previous Town Council. (FDC to purchase and lease it to WEFA?)

Standing orders resumed.

Actions

- Approach relevant County/District Councillors regarding asset and options.
- This item to remain on the next agenda

- 4- Yellow Lines-**DL**

- **Councillor Laws** emailed all Councillors, receiving just one reply. Councillor Laws stated that an LHI was unnecessary due to available funds (£10k allocated) and made enquiries with the County Council.

- Research relevant costs before submitting them to Full Council.

- **Approval of this Committee to take this to Full Council for Double Yellow Lines. - Councillor Bibb Seconded- Unanimous.**
- 5- Music event updates- **BNW**
 - Program is confirmed.
 - 14th June 2026- The Contacts and The Replicas.
 - 12th July 2026- Groove Cartel and Lee Clinghan.
 - 9th August 2026- Radius 45 and waiting for availability from Simon Lee.
 - Safety plans, first aid and booking processes to be completed.
 - **Councillor Laws** to investigate TENs licence.
- 6- Civic Events updates
 - Dinner Dance.
 - Meeting regarding menu for dinner dance is booked.
 - Civic Service.
 - Church is booked.
 - Function room booked? - waiting for contact.
 - Civic reception and Remembrance Buffet are in the process of being booked.
 - Invitations will be sent out via the Clerk.
 - Duck Race.
 - Email to be sent to all Councillors to help count the ducks on Saturday 28th February from 10am.
 - Raffle books need to be ordered (with licence number)
 - Contact with the Fire Brigade and back up.
 - Remembrance.
 - Apply for road closures.
 - St Andrews hall is booked.
 - Childers (Sadie's) is booked.
 - Wreath order.
 - Need a new PA.
- 7- Discuss requirements of audio in the Council Chamber- **ED**
 - **This agenda item was deferred to next month due to not having enough time.**
- 8- Hanging basket tender
 - This topic was addressed during a closed confidential session.
 - Confidential meeting notes will be made available.

Meeting Closed at 7.30pm.

Councillor Wainwright

Chairman

Community Projects