



MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 24th February 2026 at 7.00pm.

Present; Cllrs James, Hastings, I Wallis, Crawford-Price, M Akhtar, J Akhtar, O Wallis, Hughes, Paget, RP Jones, Exton, Sanderson, Drake & D'Arcy.

Also present: Claire Mann (Town Clerk), PC Kyle Lloyd, PC Jamie Moore and David Drake.

MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr James stated that since the last Full Council meeting he had attended the following events and meetings; Site visits with potential contractors for the Malmesbury Community Park project.

Met staff of the James Dyson Foundation to discuss fundraising and JDF projects.

Malmesbury Area Board.

Malmesbury Stands with Ukraine Vigil and Service.

Cllr James notified members that he had received a letter from the Mayor of Fitjar today, agreeing to proposed friendship agreement and requesting a signing ceremony on Teams. As the previous motion about the Friendship Agreement concerned approval in principle only it will be necessary to discuss this further in Full Council, possibly in an extraordinary meeting.

FC/26/13 To receive an update from Wiltshire Police

PC Lloyd spoke about the three priorities Wiltshire Police have for Malmesbury Town, Anti-Social Behaviour, Road Safety and Shoplifting. PC Lloyd outlined how these are being tackled by being more visible, recently charging and getting a prolific shoplifter convicted of theft and continual speed checks.

FC/26/14 To receive declarations of interest.

None received.

FC/26/15 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs Grant (MTC and WC) and Smith (WC)

FC/26/16 Public participation on items of business included on the agenda.

David Drake presented the Town Team report on the proposed bid to become Town of Culture 2028.

It was resolved to bring item 9 on the agenda forwards.

FC/26/17 To consider support of a bid to become UK Town of Culture 2028, deadline for expressions of interest 31st March.

The proposals in David Drake's report were agreed;

1) MTC to be cited as a key partner in the initial bid led by the Town Team as will be stated in the Expression of Interest form

2) MTC is prepared to act as the Accountable Body in the event of the bid being successful

David Drake left the meeting.

FC/26/18 To receive an update from the Town Clerk in correspondence in the last month.

The Town Clerk updated members on meetings attended in the last month with Local Government Associates. Cllr James reiterated the point made by the Town Clerk for Cllrs to forward any issues for the Police to take to the meeting with the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

FC/26/19 To receive and adopt the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 13th January 2026.

The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.

FC/26/20 To receive and note the minutes of the Policy & Resources meeting held on the 6th January 2026.

The minutes were noted.

FC/26/21 To receive and note the minutes of the Planning & Environment meetings held on the 16th December 2025 and 27th January 2026.

The minutes were noted.

FC/26/22 To consider recommendation from Planning & Environment Committee to join Wessex Water scheme 'Watermark Towns.'

Following discussion it was agreed to request that the River Management Group considers the benefits, or otherwise, of the scheme and puts a recommendation to the Planning & Environment Committee.

FC/26/23 To approve change of dates for Full Council meetings on 17/11/26 and 23/03/2027 to avoid clash with Area Board meetings.

It was agreed that both meetings would be moved to the next day, Wednesday 18th November and Wednesday 24th March.

FC/26/24 To consider Town Council assistance with installation of bleed kits around Malmesbury.

Members noted the report, it was agreed to accept the proposals, a) staff resources should be used to identify owners of properties where Bleed Kits could be installed and to ask permission and b) to allow the use of the Town Hall for free training on use of the kits, subject to accuracy of information on the bleed kits maintenance and refilling.

FC/26/25 To consider response to proposed changes to parking charging hours.

It was noted that the consultation has yet to be published on the proposal to extend the parking charging hours. Discussion followed based on concerns of the impact to residents. It was agreed to build up documentation that outlines the impact the proposed changes will have on all parking areas in the Town and residents affected to present a robust case to the consultation.

FC/26/25 To receive an update from representatives of Malmesbury Town Council on the following organisations;

- i. **Wiltshire Association of Local Councils & Society of Local Council Clerks**
The Town Clerk had mentioned recent meetings during her correspondence update.
- ii. **Malmesbury Conservation Group**
Cllr not present to provide an update.
- iii. **Malmesbury Town Team**
Cllr Drake had circulated a report ahead of the meeting.
- iv. **Malmesbury & District Twinning Association**
Cllr Exton stated that a Committee meeting is taking place next week and that the recent quiz had been a resounding success.
- v. **Operational Flood Group**
Cllr Sanderson reported that a meeting is taking place on Thursday.

- vi. **Local Highways & Footpaths Improvements Group**
The minutes for the last meeting are yet to be circulated.
- vii. **Local Youth Network Management Group**
Cllr Akhtar stated that the date for next meeting is awaited.
- viii. **Movies @ Malmesbury.**
Communication had been circulated to members of the Council detailing the difficulties faced by patrons of the Cinema and parking in the Town Centre. It was noted that the report contained some useful information for consideration. It was agreed that any action would be deferred until after the proposed parking charges extension consultation.
- ix. **Bus Service improvement**
Cllr Exton reported that there is a meeting online on the 12th March and that any identified issues should be raised through the MyWilts App.
- x. **Health & Well-being Forum.**
Cllr not present to provide an update.
- xi. **Community Safety Forum**
No meeting has been planned yet.
- xii. **Joint Neighbourhood Plan**
Cllr not present to provide an update.
- xiii. **Cotswolds National Landscape Board.**
Nothing to update.
- xiv. **Athelstan Statue**
Nothing to update.

FC/26/26 To receive an update from Wiltshire Councillors. This may include urgent actions to be considered by the Council.

Cllrs Grant and Smith had forwarded apologies.

Meeting closed at 8.03pm