

TENBURY TOWN COUNCIL 2025/26 MEETING TC01

**Minutes of the meeting of TENBURY TOWN COUNCIL held on
Monday 7th April 2025 at 7.50 pm
in The Pump Rooms, off Teme Street, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8BA**

PRESENT: Cllrs S. Bowkett, R. Connolly, L. Davies, M. Davies, A. Gould, F. Knight, D. Patrick, R. Perrin [Chair], S. Russell and B. Smith.

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk, the Assistant to the Town Clerk, Malvern Hills District Council Cllr. L Bruton, Cllr. A. Wilmott, Malvern Hills District Council Town Support Manager, Associate Professor of Heritage Management and six members of the public.

C25.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Members received apologies for absence from Cllr. E. Bunting due to a planned holiday.

C25.02 CO-OPTION

There were no applications for co-option.

C25.03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made by Members under the Code of Conduct pursuant to the Localism Act 2011 in respect of items on the agenda.

C25.04 DISPENSATIONS

The Town Clerk stated that there had been no requests for dispensation.

C25.05 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Question Time – General

A Member of the public spoke with regards flooding issues and stated that considering the latest news on the Flood Risk Management Scheme being paused, that he had devised an alternative simple but effective scheme to mitigate flooding in Tenbury Wells.

A Member suggested that the member of public returned to the next meeting of Full Council, which will provide Members time to consider the document and allow time to discuss the concept in more detail.

C25.06 THE ROUND MARKET

Members received a presentation from Edmund Simons, Associate Professor of Heritage Management on the feasibility study being undertaken on The Round Market.

Mr Simons explained that he was working in conjunction with the Philip Bayliss Trust to find a more diverse usage of the building, that in turn will help with fundraising required to carry out essential maintenance to the roof and upkeep of the building.

Mr Simons explained that currently it is not enough for a building to be considered historically important to raise funds, that the trust will have to show potential for varied community use as well.

Mr Simons is therefore asking the community for their ideas as to what they would like to see the building used for and, just as importantly, what they would not like to see happen.

C25.07 MINUTES

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of Tenbury Town Council held on 3rd March 2025 and the Extra Ordinary Town Council meeting on the 17th March 2025.



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It was proposed by Cllr. R. Connolly seconded by Cllr. R. Perrin and unanimously

RESOLVED:

The minutes of the meeting of Tenbury Town Council held on 3rd March 2025 and the Extra Ordinary Town Council meeting on the 17th March 2025 were confirmed as true and accurate accounts of the meetings. The minutes were duly signed by the Chair as true and accurate records of the proceedings.

C25.08 DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Members received and noted the draft minutes of the following Committee meetings:

- (i) Facilities Committee – 10th March 2025
- (ii) Finance & Staffing Committee – 24th March 2025

It was proposed by Cllr. R. Connolly seconded by Cllr. A. Gould and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To note the draft minutes of the following Committee meetings:

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C25.09 INSURANCE RENEWAL 2025/2026

The insurance renewal with Zurich Municipal for the period 1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026 (Note 2025/26 is the 3rd year of a 3-year Long Term Agreement) has not been received at the time to be considered at the meeting. It was noted that policy had been referred to a Senior Underwriter due to the number of flooding claims.

C25.10 CHANGING ROOMS

Members noted the Structural Engineer's report for the referee's changing rooms and considered the recommendation of trial pits and CCTV survey at a cost £1,190.00

It was proposed by Cllr R, Connolly seconded by Cllr R. Perrin and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To continue to monitor the existing damage for signs of further movement, with further expenditure currently and the building to be closed off.

C25.11 ROSPA PLAY SAFETY INSPECTION REPORTS

Members noted the RoSPA Play Safety Inspection Reports and required actions.

C25.12 LENGTHSMAN

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Ruddell seconded by Cllr. B. Smith and unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (i) **To note the annual funding of £3,371.43 from Worcestershire County Council**
- (ii) **To note the Annual Agreement with Worcestershire County Council to be signed by the Town Clerk.**
- (iii) **To confirm the re-appointment of the Lengthsman at an hourly rate of £17.00 with effect from 1 May 2025.**



C25.13 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Members considered potential capital projects, including new play areas and a multi-use games area, for the Council to submit a bid through the District Council's Legacy Grant Fund Scheme.

The Town Clerk was requested to arrange a meeting with Malvern Hills District Council.

C25.14 FLOODING ISSUES

The Town Clerk to circulate the list of properties to be contacted by the Environment Agency with regards Property Flood Resilience Management. Members are requested to highlight any properties that may not be on the list that have flooded in the past. The Town Clerk to request that the housing associations are contacted to ensure rented properties in potential flood areas are included.

The Town Clerk stated there had been a reply from the office of the Minister for Flooding, Emma Hardy MP. Dame Harriet Baldwin MP would like to arrange a structured meeting at Parliament for the Town Council Members,

The BBC have been in contact with the Town Clerk and would like to do a further report.

C25.15 BUS SHELTER

Members considered the concerns raised regarding the bus shelter and its placement.

The Town Clerk explained that the bus shelter was re-located from outside The Regal to outside the bank following public consultation, where there had been no objections. This had been based on several factors including providing additional on-street parking as requested by traders, to stop anti-social behaviour outside The Regal and to reduce congestion at the junction with Tesco as the bus stop would only be in use for a short period throughout the day.

C25.16 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

To receive reports from the representatives on outside bodies:

- (i) CALC Area Meeting – Mayor & Deputy Mayor – No report.
- (ii) Regal Tenbury Trust Ltd – Mayor & Town Clerk – No report.
- (iii) Tenbury Area Partnership – Deputy Mayor – No report.
- (iv) Tenbury Museum – Cllr Patrick – A local resident was successful in their offer to purchase the Methodist Church. Following a meeting between the Museum and the resident, there is a possibility that there may be a space for the museum to be included in the future plans for the building, but this is still to be confirmed and agreed as to how this would work.
- (v) Chamber of Trade – Mayor – No meeting. The Town Clerk was requested to contact the Chamber of Trade to arrange a meeting.
- (vi) Philip Baylies Trust – Cllr Ingram – No report.
- (vii) Tenbury French Twinning Association – Cllr L. Davies – The twinning group held a successful fundraising event at St Michaels Village Hall with a Murder Mystery evening.
- (viii) Tenbury Blooms – Cllr L. Davies – No report.



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- (ix) Malvern Hills District Youth Action Network – Cllr F. Knight – The HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) program will be running from the High School over the Easter break.
- (x) Tenbury Flood Action Group – Cllr B. Smith – Next meeting 11th April.

C25.17 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members agreed the exclusion of Press and Public on the grounds that the consideration of the following items may involve the likely disclosure of confidential information Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

C25.18 THE REGAL

- (i) Members received updates on Regal matters including foyer floor works and works to the roof.
- (ii) Members noted the land notification and action. The Chair thanked Cllr. Connolly for his legal advice.

C25.19 RE-ADMISSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There being no further confidential business, Members agreed a motion to readmit the press and public for the remainder of the meeting.

C25.20 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- Bowling Green
- Slow the Flow presentation
- Solicitors

C25.21 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12th May 2025 at 7:00pm – Annual Council Meeting

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed

Date

