

## **TENBURY TOWN COUNCIL 2024/25 MEETING TC10**

**Minutes of the meeting of TENBURY TOWN COUNCIL held on  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.00 pm  
in The Pump Rooms, off Teme Street, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8BA**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs S. Bowkett, E. Bunting, 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 Councillors, Cllr. L. Bruton and Cllr. A. Wilmott, a representative of the Severn River Trust, one representative of the Safer Neighbourhood Police Team and eight members of the public.

### **C24.206 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Members received apologies for absence from Cllr. R. Connolly, Cllr. L. Davies and Cllr. D. Ingram due to planned holidays.

### **C24.207 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

A declaration of interest was made, under the Code of Conduct pursuant to the Localism Act 2011 in respect of item **C24.223 The Regal** on the agenda, by Cllr. F. Knight, who is a volunteer at The Regal.

### **C24.208 DISPENSATIONS**

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

### **C24.209 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

#### **(i) Public Question Time – General**

Three members of public requested to speak.

A member of the public spoke with regards the proposed Terrills Lane planning application stating that he would be speaking at the appeal inquiry. The member of public asked if the Town Council had received a reply to their letter to Highways explaining why they had withdrawn their objections.

The Chair explained that the letter was not sent to Highways, it was for residents' information. A Member of the Council will attend the inquiry with a statement from the Council, which will be agreed at the next Planning Committee meeting to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> February. Main concerns being the flood impact to the Kyre Brook and increased traffic on Bromyard Road/Terrills Lane.

A member of the public asked if the Town Council were aware if there had ever been any investigation into the confluence of the River Teme and the Kyre Brook at their meeting point.

The Severn Rivers Trust representative stated that this was an issue that they were investigating, however landowners' permission would be required to carry out works.

A third member asked what the Town Council were doing to protect the people and businesses in the town and was there a reply to the push for a replacement wall.

The Chair stated that the Town Council were doing everything within their capabilities. Worcestershire County Council have agreed to replace the wall, and the matter was now in the hands of the Environment Agency.



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The Town Clerk stated that the Environment Agency were fast tracking the permit application, and it should be granted in the next few weeks.

**(ii) Safer Neighbourhood Police Team Appendix A**

Report received and circulated.

A Member asked how long it took for vehicle crime to be processed as there had been a report in the last few days of a stolen caravan.

The representative of the Safer Neighbourhood Team explained that the caravan theft would reflect in the figures for February.

There were no further questions.

**(iii) Worcestershire County Council Appendix B**

Cllr. Chambers report had been circulated.

**(iv) Malvern Hills District Council Appendix C**

Cllr. Wilmott submitted notes, which had been circulated.

Cllr. Bruton stated that the planned local government devolution has been pushed back until 2028, therefore the County Council elections will go ahead in May. The District Council has been requested by the Government to submit unitary options, which will be considered at the Council meeting in March.

### C24.210 TENBURY FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEME

Members received an update from the Environment Agency's Flood and Coastal Risk Management Advisor who unfortunately was unable to attend.

On the 4 February the government announced a record £2.65 billion to build and maintain flood defences to protect lives, homes and businesses from the dangers of flooding. The announcement was published at [Record investment to protect thousands of UK homes and businesses - GOV.UK](#)

On the back of this announcement, you will have seen recent media interest in the Tenbury Wells flood risk management scheme and flooding situation. We have been working hard with partners and key stakeholders to try and secure funding to progress the scheme. We understand and appreciate the frustrations with the current funding gap of approximately £13 million, and we are working with partners to further engage with stakeholders to discuss the flooding issues in the town along with the latest position of the scheme. We are arranging a suitable date to hold an event with stakeholders and as soon as this has been confirmed we will share the details with you.

A Member asked if there was a recent breakdown of money spent so far. The Town Clerk stated that this information had been given at the previous update.

The Member asked if this could be made available to the public and asked for this to be minuted.

The Town Clerk stated that the slides for the presentation were available online attached to the minutes for the meeting.

### C24.211 SEVERN RIVERS TRUST

#### Appendix D

Members received a presentation from the Severn Rivers Trust on the Kyre Brook Natural Flood Management Project.



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A Member asked if he could have more information with regards the confluence of the meeting of the River Teme and the Kyre Brook.

The representative stated that modelling would have to be carried out to ascertain how far back work would need to start and how deep the angle would need to be. The Trust would be required to consult with the relevant landowners.

A Member asked if the landowners objected could the Severn Rivers Trust make a compulsory purchase. The representative stated, no, that the trust is a charity and not an enforcing agency.

A Member stated that, from the presentation, the idea of slowing the flow of the river and brook makes sense, but surely a new development would have a negative impact, would the trust have any information that could help with an objection to a new development.

The representative stated that he would be happy to support where possible, but that he would need to confirm with his management. However, new developments do have flood alleviation with sustainable urban drainage.

### C24.212 MINUTES

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of Tenbury Town Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

It was proposed by Cllr. E. Bunting seconded by Cllr. M. Davies and unanimously

#### **RESOLVED:**

**The minutes of the meeting of Tenbury Town Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were confirmed as a true and accurate account of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.**

### C24.213 DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

- (i) Facilities Committee – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- (ii) Planning Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- (iii) Finance & Staffing Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Russell seconded by Cllr. D. Patrick and unanimously

#### **RESOLVED:**

**To note the draft minutes of the following Committee meeting:**

- (i) **Facilities Committee – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025**
- (ii) **Planning Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025**
- (iii) **Finance & Staffing Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

### C24.214 WEST MERCIA POLICE COMMUNITY CHARTER

Members reviewed the Council's top three community issues to inform policing priorities for the following quarter.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Russell seconded by Cllr. Bowkett and unanimously



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### **RESOLVED:**

- (i) To agree the Council's top three community issues to inform policing priorities for the following quarter to be Anti-social behaviour, drugs and speeding.
- (ii) To agree to provide supporting information to ensure targeted response by the Safer Neighbourhood Police Team.

### **C24.215 ROAD TRAFFIC ORDER – B4214 BROMYARD ROAD**

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Patrick seconded by Cllr. M. Davies and unanimously

### **RESOLVED:**

**To note the proposed Prohibition of Waiting on B4214, Bromyard Road, Tenbury, with no comment.**

### **C24.216 FLOODING ISSUES**

Members discussed any flooding issues for the town. A Member stated that they believed the proposed new development at Terrills Lane would have consequences for the Kyre Brook.

### **C24.217 ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT WORKS**

Members discussed the accessibility improvement works for Palmers Meadow car park that were highlighted in a recent survey.

It was proposed by Cllr. A. Gould seconded by Cllr. B. Smith and unanimously

### **RESOLVED:**

**To agree the quotation from Malvern Hills District Council for accessibility improvement works to Palmers Meadow car park at cost of £1,398.00, to be funded from the General Fund Balance.**

### **C24.218 CORONATION LIVING HERITAGE FUND**

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Russell seconded by Cllr. S. Bowkett and unanimously

### **RESOLVED:**

**To agree submitting a further application to the Coronation Living Heritage Fund for tree planting on the Council's grounds.**

### **C24.219 VE AND VJ DAY**

Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr. S. Russell seconded by Cllr. M. Davies and unanimously

### **RESOLVED:**

**To agree to holding two Civic events to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day (8<sup>th</sup> May) and VJ Day (15<sup>th</sup> August).**

### **C24.220 SAFETY OF LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES**

It was proposed by Cllr. F. Knight seconded by Cllr. B. Smith and unanimously

### **RESOLVED:**

**To agree to support the Safety of Lithium-ion Batteries Campaign.**



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### C24.221 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Members received 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 – No further update.
- (v) **Chamber of Trade** – Mayor – no report.
- (vi) **Philip Baylies Trust** – No report.
- (vii) **Tenbury French Twinning Association** – Cllr L. Davies – No report.
- (viii) **Tenbury Blooms** – Cllr L. Davies – No report.
- (ix) **Malvern Hills District Youth Action Network** – Cllr F. Knight – No report.

### C24.222 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 (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

### C24.223 THE REGAL

Members discussed a response to the legal document.

### C24.224 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.

### C24.225 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

None

### C24.226 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

Meeting closed at 8.36 pm

Signed .....

Date .....

