

TENBURY TOWN COUNCIL 2024/25 MEETING TC11

Minutes of the meeting of TENBURY TOWN COUNCIL held on
Monday 3rd March 2025 at 7.00 pm
in The Pump Rooms, off Teme Street, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8BA

PRESENT: Cllrs S. Bowkett, R. Connolly, L. Davies, M. Davies, A. Gould, D. Ingram, F. Knight, D. Patrick, R. Perrin (Chair) 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, Malvern Hills District Council's Visitor Economy & Towns Manager and the Towns Centre Officer.

C24.227 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Members received apologies for absence from Cllr. S. Russell due to illness and Cllr. E. Bunting due to a work commitment.

C24.228 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A declaration of interest was made, under the Code of Conduct pursuant to the Localism Act 2011 in respect of item **C24.241 (ii) Regal Tenbury Trust Limited** on the agenda, by Cllr. F. Knight, who is a volunteer at The Regal.

C24.229 DISPENSATIONS

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

C24.230 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(i) Public Question Time – General

None.

(ii) Safer Neighbourhood Police Team

Appendix A

Report received and circulated.

(iii) Worcestershire County Council

Appendix B

Cllr. Chambers report had been circulated.

(iv) Malvern Hills District Council

Appendix C

Cllr. Bruton and Cllr. Wilmott submitted reports, which had been circulated.

C24.231 VISITOR ECONOMY & TOWNS MANAGER AND TOWNS CENTRE OFFICER

Members received an introduction to the Malvern Hills District Council's Visitor Economy & Towns Manager, Victoria Carman and the Towns Centre Officer, Alexandra Powell and their roles supporting Tenbury.

Visitor Economy & Towns Manager

Remit includes:

- Development of the Regenerative Tourism Strategy, which includes Tenbury Wells.
- Managed Malvern and Upton Tourist Information Centres and provide financial support for operational costs at the volunteer run Tenbury Tourist Information Centre.



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- Marketing and promotional activities to disperse footfall around the district.
- Visit the Malverns explore guide x 50,000.
- Visit the Malverns website.
- Social Media promotions, including reels/posts about Tenbury Wells.
- Marketing campaigns – sustainable travel campaign (spring and Local Food and Drink (summer).
- Festivals development support – for The Regal Tenbury, Tenbury Applefest and Tenbury Mistletoe Festival – potential new family festival working with The Regal.
- Tourism Grant Program – The Regal Tenbury and The Round Market.
- Product Development – New Heritage Trails App – Trail Tales

Town Centre Officer

Remit includes:

- Leading on initiatives in the Town Centre Plan for Tenbury.
- Updated information board on the Malvern Hills District Council toilets.
- New market dates arranged.
- Regular traders' meetings.

C24.232 THE ROUND MARKET

Edmund Simons, Associate Professor of Heritage Management who is undertaking a feasibility study for The Round Market, was unable to attend.

The Visitor Economy and Town's Manager stated that Mr Simons had been appointed to undertake a feasibility study to help identify alternative uses for the building to assist with fundraising.

C24.233 MINUTES

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of Tenbury Town Council held on 10th February 2025.

It was proposed by Cllr. A. Gould seconded by Cllr. D. Patrick and

RESOLVED (9 For 1 Abstention):

The minutes of the meeting of Tenbury Town Council held on 10th February 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.

C24.234 DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

- (i) Planning Committee – 24th February 2025
- (ii) Finance & Staffing Committee – 24th February



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It was proposed by Cllr. M. Davies seconded by Cllr. R. Connolly and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To note the draft minutes of the following Committee meeting:

(i) **Planning Committee – 24th February 2025**

(ii) **Finance & Staffing Committee – 24th February 2025**

C24.235 PLANNING APPLICATION – MALVERN HILLS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Applications can be viewed online by following the link and searching on the application number <https://plan.malvern hills.gov.uk/>

Planning Ref: M/25/00210/LB

Proposed internal refurbishment of the listed Main Building – St Michaels College, Oldwood Road, St Michaels, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8PH.

Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr. R. Connolly seconded by Cllr. D. Ingram and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To SUPPORT the application Planning Ref: M/25/00210/LB.

C24.236 THE PAVILION

Members noted The Pavilion inspection report following the flooding incidents. The Town Clerk was requested to send a letter to the bowling league to make them aware of the situation.

C24.237 REFEREE CHANGING ROOMS

It was proposed by Cllr. R. Connolly seconded by Cllr. D. Patrick and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To agree to the appointment of a structural engineer to undertake a survey of the referees changing room.

C24.238 BANK MANDATE

RESOLVED:

Cllr. A. Gould was appointed as an additional Member signatory on the Bank Mandate.

C24.239 COUNCIL TAX

Members noted the revised Taxbase for 2025/2026 to be 1,259.79 (2.97% increase) and Band D of £182.55 (1.78% increase).

C24.240 UNREASONABLY PERSISTENT AND/OR VEXATIOUS CONTACT/COMPLAINANTS

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. M. Davies seconded by Cllr. B. Smith and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To adopt the Unreasonably Persistent and/or Vexatious Contacts/Complainants Policy.



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C24.241 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- (i) It was proposed by Cllr. R. Connolly seconded by Cllr. D. Patrick and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To appoint Cllr. B. Smith to represent the Town Council at Tenbury Flood Action Group.

- (ii) **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 – Nothing to report.
- (iii) Tenbury Area Partnership – Deputy Mayor – No report.
- (iv) Tenbury Museum – Cllr Patrick – No further update.
- (v) Chamber of Trade – Mayor – Nothing to report.
- (vi) Philip Baylies Trust – Cllr. Ingram – Nothing to report.
- (vii) Tenbury French Twinning Association – Cllr L. Davies – There will be a fundraising ‘Murder Mystery Evening’ in support of the Twinning visit.
- (viii) Tenbury Blooms – Cllr L. Davies – The group received a grant of £1,000 and the planter has been moved from the entrance to Palmers Meadow car park to Bromyard Road.
- (ix) Malvern Hills District Youth Action Network – Cllr F. Knight – Nothing to report.
- (x) Tenbury Flood Action Group – Cllr. Smith – The meeting of the Flood Action Forum was very well attended. Topics for discussion included grants for property flood resilience, production of a newsletter and a website to provide information. It was suggested that the group could have a page on the Town Council website.

C24.242 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.

C24.243 DAVID & CHRISTINE LLOYD JONES FOUNDATION

Members discussed the Foundation’s concept, which was agreed in principle.

C24.244 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.



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C24.245 COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

A Member stated that the pothole in Cross Street is getting worse. This has been reported and marked for repair.

C24.246 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

- Monday 7th April 2025 – Annual Residents Meeting
- Monday 7th April 2025 – Council Meeting

Meeting closed at 8.33 pm

Signed

Date

