

**Minutes of the Strategy Committee Meeting of the Town Council held on
Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 6.00pm**

Present

St Michael's Ward

Cllr McCollum
Cllr Wakefield
Cllr R Sexton

St Paul's Ward

Cllr S Sexton

In attendance

Stephen Hill, Town Clerk

24/64/SC Apologies for Absence

Cllr Brown.

24/65/SC Declarations of Interests

Cllrs S Sexton and R Sexton pecuniary interest re item 24/73/SC (Project Progress): Beehive Lease Tender.

24/66/SC Dispensations

Await debate on item 24/73/SC (Project Progress): before declaring if a dispensation, if needed.

24/67/SC Public Question Time for items on the agenda

There were no public questions.

24/68/SC Strategy Committee held on 11th December 2024

Members RESOLVED to approve for accuracy the minutes of the Strategy Committee meeting held on 11th December 2024 as amended.

Proposed by Cllr T McCollum and seconded by Cllr R Sexton

For 3, Against 0, Abstentions 1.

24/69/SC Youth Council

Committee **NOTED** progress from the Working Group. Response awaited from HCC Head. Any Councillor can put themselves forward at Full Council to join the Working Group.

24/70/SC Council Surgeries

Following Strategy Committee 13th November 2024 (24/50/SC) and 11th December 2024 (24/59/SC), Committee **NOTED** arrangements for Council Surgeries daytime and evening Thursdays 4 April and 7 August 2025 at

Mackarness Hall and Meadow View Chapel. This is on the Agenda for Full Council 13 January 2025 when all Town Councillors will be asked to attend. Format of Surgeries likely to be introduction, description of all Projects and Q&A opportunity. The Council Surgeries to be publicised and information sheets are planned to be provided.

24/71/SC Honiton Festival Meeting

Following Full Council Decision 14th October 2024 (24/175) and Strategy Committee 11th December 2024 (24/60/SC), Committee **NOTED** progress towards arranging a meeting (6:30pm, Wednesday 29 January 2025) to gauge interest from local organisations in a Honiton Festival. Letters have been sent and a reminder will be sent. Format for the meeting will be introduction from Cllr R Sexton (screen/projector needed).

24/72/SC Annual Awards

Following Full Council Decision 14th October 2024 (24/176) and Strategy Committee 11th December 2024 (24/61/SC). Honitonian of the Year to be awarded at the May Annual Town Meeting and Christmas Lights switch-on. All those nominated to be invited to attend Annual Town Meeting at which winner of each category will be announced.

Committee RESOLVED to approve [Nominations Form](#) as amended.

Proposed by Cllr S Sexton and seconded by Cllr Wakefield

For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 0.

Committee RESOLVED to approve [Press Release](#) as amended.

Proposed by Cllr T McCollum and seconded by Cllr R Sexton

For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 0.

24/73/SC Project Progress

Following Full Council's 9th December 2024 approval of Project Implementation Plan (PIPs) (Agenda item 16), Committee **NOTED** its progress with each of its Projects (see attached [spreadsheets 1](#) and [2](#) and approved PIPs: [Newsletter/bulletin](#), [Facebook](#), [website](#); [Council Structure](#) (reduce no. of WGs); [Beehive Tender](#); and [NALC Quality Council](#)) and **NOTED** that several PIPs are required for its Projects.

Committee RESOLVED to approve Recommended addition of Youth Support Project and Honiton Festival Project and Annual Awards to be re-allocated to Strategy Committee (from Town Management Committee).

Proposed by Cllr S Sexton and seconded by Cllr Wakefield

For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 0.

24/74/SC **To close the meeting**
The meeting was closed at 19:30.

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