

**Minutes of the Strategy Committee Meeting of the Town Council held on  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 6.00pm**

**Present**

**St Michael's Ward**

Cllr McCollum  
Cllr R Sexton  
Cllr A Pearsall

**St Paul's Ward**

Cllr S Sexton

**In attendance**

Stephen Hill, Town Clerk  
Cllr Sheen

**24/101/SC Apologies for Absence**  
Cllr Brown and Cllr Wakefield

**24/102/SC Declarations of Interests**  
Declarations of interests were received from Cllrs R and S Sexton with respect to 24/118/SC (Pecuniary) and from Cllr McCollum with respect to 24/106/SC (Personal)

**24/103/SC Dispensations**  
A dispensation was granted to either Cllr R or S Sexton in relation to item 24/118/SC to stay in the room, contribute to the debate but not to Vote.

**24/104/SC Public Question Time for items on the agenda**  
None

**24/105/SC Strategy Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
**Members RESOLVED to approve for accuracy the minutes of the Strategy Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 as amended.**  
Proposed by Cllr Pearsall and seconded by Cllr S Sexton  
For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 0.

**24/106/SC Honiton Sports S106 Applications**  
**Committee RESOLVED to Recommend to Full Council April 2025 that Full Council Recommends allocation of S106 funds to EDDC.**  
Proposed by Cllr Pearsall and seconded by Cllr McCollum  
For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 0.

- 24/107/SC Youth Council**  
Committee **NOTED** no change, so will be deferred to next Committee meeting.
- 24/108/SC Council Surgeries**  
Committee **NOTED** Arrangements have been made for Council Surgery on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Preparation of the Infographics was highlighted in particular as good. Committee noted the next Council Surgery Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2025.
- 24/109/SC Annual Awards**  
Committee **NOTED** nominations for Annual Awards 2025. Cllrs Turner, R Sexton and McCollum agreed at Full Council to judge Awards. Information to be distributed to Honiton Business Network 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025. To be reposted on website and Facebook. Shields will be purchased after 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 and Awards given at Annual Town meeting.
- 24/110/SC Honiton Festival Meeting**  
Committee **NOTED** that question was included in the Council survey.
- 24/111/SC Communications Strategy**  
Committee **NOTED** that question was included in the Council survey.
- 24/112/SC Streamlining Decision Making**  
Committee **NOTED** that the Scheme of Delegation will be considered by Annual Council meeting May 2025. Each Committee is reviewing its Terms of Reference.
- 24/113/SC Project Implementation Plans (PIPs)**  
Committee considered the draft PIP for Youth Support and noted that a Youth Worker could be employed by the Town Council 2026/27 (other organisations cannot be employer) as a resource shared with other organisations (eg activities/training/supervision) with some Council budget from Youth Support budget at say £20k pa (plus NI and Pension) for 20 hpw. Accommodation could be provided by each organisation. To support youth in Honiton area. Power to be found for Council to act.  
**Committee RESOLVED to approve the PIP for Youth Support..**  
Proposed by Cllr R Sexton and seconded by Cllr McCollum  
For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 0.  
**Committee RESOLVED to approve the amended PIPS for Community Engagement and Quality Award.**

Proposed by Cllr Pearsall and seconded by Cllr S Sexton  
For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 0.

**24/114/SC Devon Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)**

Committee **NOTED** the Government's English Devolution White Paper (December 2024) and Devon Councils' responses and that the impact on the Town Council is unknown. Cllr R Sexton plans to prepare a strategic plan: Planning for Unitary (noting that the section on education needs input). DALC has asked all Devon's local councils questions and is seeking input. Cllr R Sexton's draft paper to be used as a basis of response to DALC, EDDC and DCC.

**Committee RESOLVED to:**

- a. **Strategy Committee 14.5.25 to focus on LGR and questions from DALC, noting that other Cllrs can contribute; and**
- b. **Delegate to Strategy Committee to complete Planning for Unitary paper.**

Proposed by Cllr S Sexton and seconded by Cllr Pearsall  
For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 0.

Cllr S Sexton left the meeting at 7:05pm.

**24/115/SC Coast to Country**

**Committee RESOLVED to invite Ignyte to an informal meeting with the Committee members 23-28 April 2025.**

Proposed by Cllr McCollum and seconded by Cllr Pearsall  
For 3, Against 0, Abstentions 0.

**24/116/SC Economy and Tourism Working Group**

**Committee RESOLVED to Recommend to Full Council May 25 that the Economy & Tourism Working Group end and that Strategy Committee encompass Strategy, Tourism and Economy.** Committee noted that Cllrs on the Economy & Tourism Working Group could join Strategy Committee.

Proposed by Cllr Pearsall and seconded by Cllr McCollum  
For 3, Against 0, Abstentions 0.

**24/117/SC [Strategy Committee, Terms of Reference](#)**

**Committee RESOLVED to approve its Terms of Reference as amended to include Delegation for Decisions between Meetings and Recommend to Full Council May 2025.**

Proposed by Cllr R Sexton and seconded by Cllr Pearsall  
For 3, Against 0, Abstentions 0.

24/118/SC [Beehive Dilapidations](#)  
**Committee RESOLVED to appoint Whitton Laing to advise the Council with respect to Beehive dilapidations.**

Proposed by Cllr McCollum and seconded by Cllr Pearsall  
For 2, Against 0, Abstentions 1.

24/119/SC **To close the meeting**  
The meeting was closed at 19:22.