

**Minutes of the Strategy, Economy & Tourism Committee Meeting of the Town  
Council held on  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 6.00pm**

**Present**

**St Michael's Ward**

Cllr Doran  
Cllr R Sexton  
Cllr R Fowles

**St Paul's Ward**

Cllr Pearsall  
Cllr Craddock  
Cllr Hayler

**In attendance**

Stephen Hill, Town Clerk

**25/94/SC Election of Chairman for the meeting**  
**Cllr Fowles was Elected as Chairman for the meeting.**

Proposed by Cllr Pearsall and seconded by Cllr R Sexton  
For 6, Against 0, Abstentions 0

**25/95/SC Apologies for absence**  
Cllrs Wakefield gave apologies.

**25/96/SC Declarations of Interests**  
None

**25/97/SC Dispensations**  
None

**25/98/SC Public Question Time for items on the agenda**  
The Chairman permitted EDDC Cllr Colins to speak about the planned closure of the Lloyds Bank in Honiton March 27, that there is a consultation period; difficulties for those with poor IT skills; people travelling from other towns to Honiton; people unlikely to use a Banking Hub; and the Link assessment. HTC Cllrs agreed that this is disappointing news. Cllrs discussed joining a campaign to support not closing the Honiton Lloyds Back branch, to be taken to Full Council March 2026.

**25/99/SC Strategy Committee held on 14 January 2026**  
**Committee RESOLVED to approve for accuracy the minutes of the Strategy, Economy & Tourism Committee Meeting held on 14 January 2026 as published and circulated with the agenda.**

Proposed by Cllr Pearsall and seconded by Cllr R Sexton  
For 6, Against 0, Abstentions 0

- 25/100/SC Election of the Strategy, Economy & Tourism Committee Deputy Chairman**  
**Committee RESOLVED to elect Cllr Doran as Deputy Chairman for 2025/26.**  
Proposed by Cllr Doran and seconded by Cllr Pearsall  
For 6, Against 0, Abstentions 0
- 25/101/SC Appointment of Lead Councillors**  
**Committee RESOLVED to approve which up to three Councillors to lead on each of the Priority Projects.**  
Proposed by Cllr Pearsall and seconded by Cllr Fowles  
For 6, Against 0, Abstentions 0
- 25/102/SC Youth Council**  
Committee **NOTED** there is no progress report.
- 25/103/SC To close the meeting**  
The meeting was closed at 18:25.