

**Minutes of the Strategy, Economy & Tourism Committee Meeting of the Town
Council held on
Wednesday 11th 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.