



**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THE 13th JANUARY 2026**

Present: **Cllr Harrison** **Cllr Foxall** **Cllr Shankland**
 Cllr Baker **Cllr Rymer** **Cllr Tyrer**
 Cllr Thornhill **Cllr Braiden** **Cllr O’Connell**
 Cllr Akala **Cllr Roberts** **Cllr Hersom**
 Cllr Darley

In attendance: **Vanessa Lawrence, (Clerk), District Cllr Vann, Mr Justin Goldstone (Non Cllr Member)**

184 25/26 To receive apologies for absence
Apologies received from District Cllr Wilkinson, County Cllr Morris, District Cllr Mansilla

185 25/26 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda
None received

186 25/26 To approve the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th November 2025
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th November 2025, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Proposed Cllr Braiden, seconded Cllr Rymer – all in favour

187 25/26 Clerks’/Chairman’s report
No report from the Clerk. The Chair reported as follows:-
-Lake 104 - circular path was opened up before Christmas.
-Road Works London Street – noted that work seems to be progressing a lot slower than was anticipated.
-20mph - People did not appear to be respecting the 20mph speed limit which is proving problematic with the road closure on London Street.
- Businesses being open as usual – Request to Clerks to reinforce message on Facebook and other social media platforms that businesses are open as usual.
- Car Park in the Market Place – It has been noted that cars not abiding by the one way system into this car park. The Clerk was asked to look into this to see if improved signage could be applied.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Glos. Highways and to reinforce message on Facebook about businesses being open as usual

Doubts were expressed about the timescale for the roadworks and it was suggested that the Council keep an eye on progress.

- Extra-ordinary meeting of the Council – 20th January 2026.

- 188 25/26 **To agree to adjourn the meeting for Public Participation – there is a 10-minute time limit) if members of the public are present.**
N/A
- 189 25/26 **To agree to reconvene the meeting following Public Participation, if applicable.**
N/A
- 190 25/26 **Chairman’s Announcements**
None
- 191 25/26 **To consider correspondence received (for information only emailed)**
No comments received
- 192 25/26 **To receive reports from meetings attended.**
None
- 193 25/26 **To receive report from District Councillor/County Councillors (e-mailed)**
District Cllr Vann’s report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Vann also reported that he had attended a Governors meeting at the Primary School where Cllr Shankland was praised for her work in supporting initiatives for safer cycling. The school would be happy for this to continue in the future. He also reported that he would be meeting with the new CEO of CDC- Jane Portman, tomorrow and would be introducing her to the Clerks and to taking a walk around the town and up to the schools to show her where the 3G pitch will be. She will be in post until 2028. He confirmed that a grant of £723k has been given for the 3G pitch project. This was approved by Cabinet. He also confirmed that a planning application for the 3G pitch has not yet gone to CDC.
- 194 25/26 **To receive reports from Project Groups:**
- **Transport Plan/TRO** - Cllr Shankland has agreed to continue to report on this. Further signage for the road closure is wanted and travel surveys are also needed. The Clerk reported that Finance had approved expenditure for VAS. A meeting with the schools is to be arranged for relevant stakeholders. Comment was made that signage for new speed limits was not adequate. It was also suggested that GCC Highways should be contacted to find out whether they advise Sat Nav providers of the changes.
- ACTION: Clerk to contact GCC Highways.**
- **Multi-use Path** – Cllr Thornhill had circulated a report prior to the meeting. He reported that there is little to report at present. Cllr Foxall reported that there may be funds available to help with this project and Cllr Thornhill said he would look into this.

FINANCE

- 195 25/26 **To receive report from Chair of Finance**
Cllr Foxall reported that further work has been done to the budget figures in order that a more informed decision can be made by the Council. The details have been circulated to the Finance Committee who have approved the figures by e-mail. Full Council will consider this at an Extra-Ordinary meeting of the council to be held next Tuesday 20th January. The Precept will also be approved at the same time, based on the budget figures. The Finance Committee will be looking at funding for future years for projects, later in the year. Cllr Foxall thanked the Clerks for their work in preparing the budget figures.

- 196 25/26 To approve retrospectively payments to end of December 2025**
It was **RESOLVED** to approve, retrospectively, payments to the end of December 2025. Proposed Cllr Foxall, seconded Cllr Rymer – all in favour.
- 197 25/26 To receive Income & Expenditure Figures against budget at end of December 2025**
The Income & Expenditure figures against budget were received with no comment.
- 198 25/26 To consider and agree cashbook for December 2025**
It was **RESOLVED** to agree the cashbook for December. Proposed Cllr Shankland, seconded Cllr Braiden - all in favour.
- 199 25/26 To consider and agree Reconciliation Report end of December 2025**
It was **RESOLVED** to agree Reconciliation Report for October. Proposed Cllr Tyrer, seconded Cllr Rymer – all in favour.

PLANNING

- 200 25/26 To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 18th November 2025 and 6th January 2026 (unapproved)**
The Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 18th November 2024 and 6th January 2026 (unapproved) were received with no comment.
- 201 25/26 To receive report from Chair of Planning**
The Planning Report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Harrison added that the application for the Folly had been refused. No comments were received.

WORKS & EVENTS

- 202 25/26 To receive Minutes of the Works & Events Committee meeting held on the 25th November 2025 (unapproved)**
The Minutes of the Works & Events Committee meeting held on the 25th November 2025 were received with no comment.
- 203 25/26 To receive report from Chair of Works & Events Committee**
Cllr O'Connell thanked everyone that helped with taking down the small Christmas trees and decorations. It was noted that as a result of many helpers, the work was done very quickly. He reported that a list of projects has been compiled and this will be discussed at the next meeting to consider and prioritise the suggestions. He also mentioned that consideration will be given to improving the Christmas decorations.
- 204 25/26 To receive an update on installation of water supply into CHS playing field.**
The Clerk reported that the Rugby Club have agreed to contribute towards the cost but that the Youth Football Club has not yet responded. She will be chasing this up.

ACTION: The Clerk to contact the Youth Football Club

- 205 25/26 To consider and agree to allocate CIL money to pay for the installation of a solar VAS on the A417 (installation by Glos Highways) £5036.45**
The Clerk reported that the Finance Committee and Works & Events Committee had approved this. It was **RESOLVED** to allocate CIL

money for the supply and installation of VAS on the A417. Proposed Cllr Shankland, seconded Cllr O'Connell – all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to place order

OTHER MATTERS

206 25/26 Anything the Chair considers urgent

The Clerk reported that it has been suggested by the Wednesday Market Organiser that payment for pitches might be waived in January as market trade is traditionally very slow, but that funds might be recouped by increasing the weekly rent by £2 for the remainder of the year if paid by cash or leaving it as is if paid by BACS, which would be easier for the Clerks to manage. This would be taken to the Works & Events Committee for consideration. Cllr O'Connell as Chair of W & E Committee asked if Cllrs could consider this and report back to him or to the Clerks before the meeting at the end of the month. The Clerk was asked to see if anything can be done to improve signage around the car park in the market place.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Glos. Highways

207 25/26 Date of next meeting – 20th January 2026 – Extra-Ordinary meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm

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