

**Minutes of the Town Council meeting
held in the Council Chamber, Chantry Centre, Chantry Way, CM11 2AP
on Thursday 11th June 2026 at 7pm**

Present: Chairman: Cllr J Devlin
Vice-Chairman: Cllr M Thomas

Councillors: A Adshead, P Bunyan, R Clark, E Davies, M Dear, K Herlock, C May,
K Mordecai, G Talbot, A Talboys

Also present: the Town Clerk and five members of the public.

26. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs C Butler, M Moore, G St.Pierre, I Scott, H Stuart, J Tutton

27. Members Declarations of Interest with regard to items on the Agenda

Cllr Devlin declared an interest in the Health, Well-being and Environment Committee recommendation as he is a member of the Business Improvement District board.

28. Co-Option

Members received and considered details of candidates for the following vacancies: EAST WARD – 1 seat and SOUTH WEST WARD – 1 seat. Voting took place and it was:

RESOLVED: that James Sanders is elected to East Ward, and Iurie Cojocarui is elected to South-West Ward.

The new members signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took their places at the Council meeting.

29. Public Participation Session with respect to items on the Agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest

None.

30. Town Council Minutes

Members **(a)** received and considered the minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting held on 7th May 2026, and **(b)** approved the signing of the minutes as a true record.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the annual meeting held on 7th May 2026 be approved and adopted.

31. Chairman's Report

Cllr Devlin informed members of the events he had attended on behalf of the Town Council since the previous meeting.

RESOLVED: information noted.

32. Committee Meetings

(a) Planning Committee

Cllr May, Chair of the Committee, presented the minutes of the meetings held on 12th May and 9th June 2026. In total 25 applications were considered with 6 of those objected to. Cllr May said that the Committee was not progressing with Quilters

School as a potential allotment site due to lack of time to prepare a feasible proposal. There are new rules around permitted development rights and courses are being attended by the office administrator and members of planning committee.

(b) Health, Well-being and Environment Committee

Cllr K Mordecai, Vice-Chair of the Committee, presented the minutes of the Health Well-Being and Environment Committee meeting held on 19th May 2026.

RECOMMENDATION: that the Town Council funds the extension to the Christmas Lighting Scheme in the amount of £13,500.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation is approved.

Cllr Mordecai advised members that the working party would be going out to tender for Christmas Lighting in 2027 and the Business Improvement District would be expected to fund a larger amount going forward. The Good Companions Club is going well under Town Council management, and there is a rota for any town councillors that would like to be involved – which will be recirculated. A pre-Remembrance litter pick is scheduled for 31st October, three new benches are being provided on Sun Corner and quotes are awaited for refurbishing the bins, benches and bollards in the High Street as a joint project with the Business Improvement District. It has also been agreed to site a flagpole outside the Chantry Centre.

(c) Finance & General Purposes Committee

Cllr Adshead, Chair of the Committee, presented the minutes of the F&GP Committee meeting held on 28th May 2026. He advised that the Business Plan will not be updated until after local Government reorganisation takes place. The lift is fully operational after a refurbishment. The Council funded youth worker is in post at Bar'N'Bus and a meeting is due to take place on 23rd June. Barclays are leaving the Chantry Centre after four years so hirers are being sought. A donation has been made towards a Community Day at Outwood Common and there is a new agenda item to review and monitor items of expenditure with no allocated budget line.

RESOLVED: that in all other respects the minutes of the above Committees are approved and adopted.

33. Committee Vacancies

Members considered the following:

- (a) Health, Well-Being and Environment – one vacancy
- (b) Finance & General Purposes Committee - two vacancies
- (c) Planning Committee – five vacancies

RESOLVED: (i) to appoint Cllrs Devlin and Davies to Planning Committee, and; (ii) new Town Councillors will attend Committee meetings prior to joining them.

34. Courses and Conferences

RESOLVED: (a) and (b) details of forthcoming courses are noted; (c) that the Town Clerk is approved to attend the CouncilWise Managing Projects course on 14th July at a cost of £50 and that all expenses are met by the Town Council under LGA 1972 s.11; (d) that Cllrs Tutton and May are approved to attend the Permitted Development Rights course on 11th July at a cost of £70 each and that all expenses are met by the Town Council under LGA 1972 s.175 and; (e) information regarding

first aid training on 31st July is noted, and that spare places are to be offered to community groups.

35. Consideration of Items for Press Release/Social Media

- New town councillors
- Bar’N’Bus youth worker

36. Questions from the Press and Public

None

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm

Cllr Devlin Date
Chairman

Addendum: Iurie Cojocaru is disqualified as he does not meet the residency requirements to be a Town Councillor. The seat in South West Ward will be readvertised for co-option at the next Council meeting on 30th July 2026.