

BANBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Banbury Town Council held at **6:30pm on Tuesday 04 November 2025** at the Town Hall, Banbury.

Present: Councillors Mallon (Town Mayor) and Okeke (Deputy Town Mayor).
Councillors: Beere, Biegel, Cherry, Creed, Crichton, Dhesi, Eaton, Elugwu, Harwood, Hussain, Mears, Richards, Stansfield, Thornhill, Tohill-Martin and Woodward.

Officers: Mark Hassall (Town Clerk & RFO)
Paul Almond (Director of Environment and Deputy Clerk)

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Clarke, Strangwood, Urwick and Vaitkus

Members of the Public: none.

BTC.51/25 Declarations of Interest

None.

BTC.52/25 Minutes of the Last Meeting

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 September 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

BTC.53/25 Communications

IT WAS RESOLVED to receive and note communications. This included;

- Banbury having been voted Oxfordshire's happiest town.

BTC.54/25 Questions – Elected Members and Members of the Public

The Town Mayor asked about progress in responding to a question raised at a previous meeting regarding obtaining a replica Mayoral chain. The Leader of the Council replied that quotations had been obtained but were deemed to be cost probative, added to which the actual chain would need to be taken out of circulation, both during the construction of the replica and indeed thereafter. This was not felt to be appropriate so the matter was not being progressed. **Noted.**

BTC.55/25 Planning Committee

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 15 October 2025 be received (moved by Councillor Beere and seconded by Councillor Woodward).

BTC.56/25 General Services Committee

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the General Services Committee meeting held on 07 October 2025, be received (moved by Councillor Cherry and seconded by Councillor Stansfield).

BTC.57/25 Resources Committee

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Resources Committee meeting held on 21 October 2025, be received and that the recommendations in Minutes R.41/25 (Events Dates 2026) be approved (moved by Councillor Hussain and seconded by Councillor Eaton).

BTC.58/25 Committee Changes

IT WAS RESOLVED (proposed by Councillor Hussain, seconded by Councillor Eaton) to approve changes to the Committee memberships, whereby Councillor Vaitkus is removed from Resources Committee and replaced by Councillor Stansfield; Councillor Okeke is removed from General Services Committee and replaced by Councillor Richards; Councillor Okeke is also removed from the Appeals Panel and replaced by Councillor Mears; and that Councillors Okeke and Vaitkus be appointed to act as Alternate Members on any committee where the attendance of Alternate Members is permitted.

BTC.59/25 Internal Audit

IT WAS RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

The Meeting ended at 6.42pm