

BANBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Banbury Town Council held on **Tuesday 12 May 2026 at 6.30pm** in the Town Hall, Banbury.

Present: Kieron Mallon (Town Mayor) and Chukwudi Okeke (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillors: Beere, Brant, Cherry, Crichton, Dhesi, Eaton, Elugwu, Harwood, Hussain, Mallon, Mears, Richards, Strangwood, Thornhill, Tohill-Martin, Urwick, Vaitkus and Woodward.

Officers: Mark Hassall (Town Clerk & RFO)
Paul Almond (Director of Environment and Deputy Town Clerk)
Helen Durkin (Executive Officer)
Mark Perrett (Events Manager)
James Smith (Media & Communications Officer)
Nicky Halford (Parks & Cemeteries Manager)

The Town Mayor, escorted by the Sergeant at Arms, Mace-bearer and the Town Clerk, processed into the Main Hall.

The Town Mayor briefly reviewed his year of office and thanked all those who had supported him during the year, especially his Deputy Town Mayor; Civic Cadets; fellow Members; the Town Clerk and Town Hall staff and the people of Banbury.

C.1/26 Election of the Town Mayor for 2026/27

It was proposed by Councillor Hussain, seconded by Councillor Eaton, and **WAS RESOLVED** that Councillor Cherry be elected Town Mayor of Banbury for the year 2026/2027.

C.2/26 Election of a Deputy Town Mayor for 2026/27

It was proposed by Councillor Hussain, seconded by Councillor Woodward, and **WAS RESOLVED** that Councillor Elugwu be elected Deputy Town Mayor of Banbury for the year 2026/2027.

C.3/26 Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Town Mayor

Councillor Cherry then made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Town Mayor of Banbury, which was duly accepted by the Council.

Councillor Mark Cherry then proposed and it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council express its thanks and sincere appreciation to Councillor Kieron Mallon for the conscientious and zealous manner in which he had discharged the arduous duties of Town Mayor during the past year.

Members of the Council then pledged themselves, as leaders and members of the community of Banbury, to work with all their hearts, minds, and strength for the good of its people and the well-being of its society.

C.4/26 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Biegel, Clarke

C.5/26 Declarations of Interest

None.

C.6/26 Minutes of the last Meeting

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, and **WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 07 April 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

C.7/26 Communications

The Town Clerk reported that there were no formal communications.

C.8/26 Appointment of Standing Committees

It was proposed by Councillor Hussain, seconded by Councillor Woodward, and **WAS RESOLVED** that the Appointments of Standing Committees as at **Appendix 1** be approved.

C.9/26 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

It was proposed by Councillor Hussain, seconded by Councillor Richards, and **WAS RESOLVED** that the Appointments of Representatives to Outside Bodies as at **Appendix 2** be approved.

The Meeting ended at 7.20pm

Appendix 1

Standing Committee Membership 2026 – 2027

1. Resources Committee

(Seats allocated: Labour 5, Conservative/LD 1)

Labour

1. Hussain (Chair)
2. Eaton (Vice Chair)
3. Beere
4. Creed
5. Stansfield

Conservative/Lib Dem

1. Mallon

[Alternate Members]

Labour

1. Clarke
2. Crichton
3. Richards
4. Tohill-Martin
5. Urwick
6. Elugwu

Labour

7. Dhesi
8. Thornhill
9. Woodward
10. Cherry
11. Vaitkus

Conservative

1. Strangwood
2. Okeke

2. General Services Committee

(Seats allocated: Labour 5, Conservative/LD 1)

Labour

1. Cherry (Chair)
2. Biegel (Vice Chair)
3. Mears
4. Elugwu
5. Richards

Conservative/Lib Dem

1. Strangwood

[Alternate Members]

Labour

1. Hussain
2. Stansfield
3. Vaitkus
4. Eaton
5. Tohill-Martin
6. Clarke
7. Beere

Labour

8. Crichton
9. Woodward
10. Dhesi
11. Thornhill
12. Urwick
13. Creed

Conservative

1. Mallon
2. Harwood

3. Planning Committee

(Seats Allocated: Labour 5, Conservative/LD 1)

Labour

1. Beere (Chair)
2. Woodward (Vice Chair)
3. Dhesi
4. Thornhill
5. Tohill-Martin

Conservative/Lib Dem

1. Harwood

[Alternate Members]

Labour

1. Hussain
2. Biegel
3. Vaitkus
4. Eaton
5. Mears
6. Clarke
7. Crichton

Labour

8. Richards
9. Stansfield
10. Urwick
11. Cherry
12. Creed
13. Elugwu

Conservative

1. Mallon
2. Strangwood

4. Appeals Panel

(Seats Allocated: Labour 5, Conservative/LD 1)

Labour

1. Richards
2. Crichton
3. Tohill-Martin
4. Mears
5. Biegel

Conservative/Lib Dem

1. Harwood

[Note: Appeals Panel members cannot be members of Resources Committee]

Appendix 2

Organisation	No'	Appointment 2025/2026	Nominations 2026/2027
Banbury & District Air Training Corps	1	Cllr Elugwu (L)	Cllr Elugwu (L)
Banbury & District Samaritans	1	Cllr Crichton (L)	Cllr Crichton (L)
Banbury & District Twinning Association	1	Cllr Woodward (L)	Cllr Woodward (L)
Banbury Bluecoat Foundation	1	-	Cllr Mallon (C)
Banbury Borough Bowling Club	1	-	VACANT
Banbury Canal Partnership	1	Cllr Mallon (C)	Cllr Mallon (C)
Banbury Citizen's Advice Bureau	1	Cllr Crichton (L)	Cllr Crichton (L)
Banbury Civic Society	1	Cllr Eaton (L)	Cllr Eaton (L)
Banbury Regeneration Area Oversight Group	6	Cllr Hussain Cllr Eaton Cllr Cherry Cllr Biegel Cllr Beere Cllr Woodward	Cllr Hussain (L) Cllr Mears (L) Cllr Biegel (L) Cllr Mallon (C) Cllr Harwood (C) Cllr Okeke (C)
Banbury Sea Cadets	1	Cllr Mallon (C)	Cllr Mallon (C)
Banbury Traffic Advisory Committee	3	Cllr Biegel (L) Cllr Tohill-Martin (L) Cllr Harwood (C)	Cllr Biegel (L) Cllr Tohill-Martin (L) Cllr Harwood (C)
BARKS	1	-	VACANT
Borough of Banbury Trust 2 (plus TM and DTM)	2	Cllr Hussain (L) Cllr Harwood (C)	Cllr Hussain (L) Cllr Mallon (C)
Chamber of Commerce	1	Cllr Thornhill (L)	Cllr Thornhill (L)
Cherwell Climate Change Partnership	1	Cllr Vaitkus (L)	Cllr Vaitkus (L)
Cherwell Community & Voluntary Service	1	Cllr Okeke (L)	Cllr Urwick (L)
Cherwell Crime Partnership: Banbury	1	Cllr Hussain (L) Cllr Mallon (C) (sub)	Cllr Cherry (L)
Community Partnership Network	1	Cllr Urwick (L)	Cllr Hussain (L) Cllr Mallon (C) (sub)
The Glebe Charity (Cricket Club)	1	Cllr Beere (L)	No Longer Required
The Hill	1	Cllr Cherry (L)	Cllr Cherry (L)
Sunshine Centre	1	Cllr Richards (L)	No Longer Required
Town Centre Partnership (3)	3	Cllr Hussain(L) Cllr Richards (L) Cllr Mallon (C)	Cllr Hussain(L) Cllr Richards (L) Cllr Mallon (C)

Appendix 3

Grants & Budget Sub-Committee Chairman of Resources, Planning and General Services Committees	Labour 1. Hussain 2. Cherry 3. Beere 4. Eaton 5. Vaitkus	Con/Lib 1. Mallon
Dispensations Sub-Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman of controlling group	Labour 1. Hussain 2. Biegel 3. Eaton 4. Richards 5. Vaitkus	Con/Lib 1. Mallon
Hearings Panel Chairman of Resources and General Services Committees	Labour 1. Hussain 2. Cherry 3. Richards 4. Elugwu 5. Eaton	Con/Lib 1. Mallon
Local Honours Sub-Committee Town Mayor & Deputy Town Mayor	Labour 1. Cherry 2. Elugwu 3. Hussain 4. Dhesi 5. Richards	Con/Lib 1. Mallon
Standing Orders Working Party Chairman and Vice Chairman of Resources Committee	Labour 1. Hussain 2. Eaton 3. Biegel 4. Beere 5. Richards	Con/Lib 1. Mallon
Woodgreen Working Party Chairman & Vice Chairman of Resources Committee Town Clerk	Labour 1. Hussain 2. Eaton 3. Biegel 4. Woodward 5. Cherry	Con/Lib 1. Mallon

Events Working Party	Labour 1. Eaton 2. Mears 3. Hussain 4. Biegel 5. Woodward	Con/Lib 1. Mallon
	Nominations	
Allotments Appeal Panel	Labour 1. Cherry 2. Richards 3. Creed 4. Crichton 5. Biegel	Con/Lib 1. Strangwood
Grounds Maintenance Working Party Chairman of Resources and General Services Committees	Labour 1. Hussain 2. Eaton 3. Cherry 4. Biegel 5. Richards	Con/Lib 1. Strangwood
	Nominations	
Built Heritage Working Party	Labour 1. Beere 2. Woodward	Con/Lib 1. Harwood

	Nominations	
Appeals Panel (6 Members) (Not on Resources Committee)	Labour 1. Richards 2. Crichton 3. Tohill-Martin 4. Mears 5. Biegel	Con/Lib 1. Harwood

RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Resources Committee held at **6.30pm on Tuesday 12th May 2026** in the Town Hall, Banbury.

Present: Councillor Hussain (Chair) Eaton (Vice Chair)
Councillors: Beere, Mallon and Stansfield.

Alternate Members:

Officers: Mark Hassall (Town Clerk & RFO)
Paul Almond (Director of Environment)
Helen Durkin (Executive Officer)

R.21/26 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Biegel

R.22/26 Declarations of Interest

None.

R.23/26 Election of a Chair

It was proposed by Councillor Stansfield, seconded by Councillor Eaton, and **WAS RESOLVED** that Councillor Hussain be elected as Chair for 2026/27.

R.24/26 Election of a Vice-Chair

It was proposed by Councillor Hussain, seconded by Councillor Stansfield, and **WAS RESOLVED** that Councillor Eaton be elected as Vice-Chair for 2026/27.

R.25/26 Appointment of Working Parties

It was proposed by Councillor Hussain, seconded by Councillor Eaton, and **WAS RESOLVED** that the following be appointed to the sub-committees and working groups for 2026/27.

i) Grants & Budget Sub-Committee

(Seats Allocated: Labour 5; Con/Lib 1)

Labour

1. Hussain
2. Cherry
3. Beere
4. Eaton
5. Vaitkus

Con/Lib

1. Mallon

ii) Dispersations Sub Committee

(Seats Allocated: Labour 5; Con/Lib 1)

Labour

1. Hussain
2. Biegel
3. Eaton
4. Richards
5. Vaitkus

Con/Lib

1. Mallon

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iii) Hearings Panel

(Seats Allocated: Labour 5; Con/Lib 1)

Labour

1. Hussain
2. Eaton
3. Richards
4. Elugwu
5. Cherry

Con/Lib

1. Mallon

iv) Local Honours

(Seats Allocated: Labour 5; Con/Lib 1)

Labour

1. Cherry
2. Elugwu
3. Hussain
4. Dhesi
5. Richards

Con/Lib

1. Mallon

v) Standing Orders Working Party

(Seats Allocated: Labour 5, Con/Lib 1)

Labour

1. Hussain
2. Eaton
3. Biegel
4. Beere
5. Richards

Con/Lib

1. Mallon

vi) Woodgreen Pool Working Party

(Seats Allocated: Labour 5, Con/Lib 1)

Labour

1. Hussain
2. Eaton
3. Biegel
4. Woodward
5. Cherry

Con/Lib

1. Mallon

vii) Events Working Party

(Seats Allocated: Labour 5, Con/Lib 1)

Labour

1. Eaton
2. Mears
3. Hussain
4. Biegel
5. Woodward

Con/Lib

1. Mallon

R.26/26 Appointment of Sub-Committees and Working Groups

It was proposed by Councillor Hussain, seconded by Councillor Eaton and **WAS RESOLVED** that the following be appointed to the sub-committees and working groups for 2026/27 as follows:

**Standing Committee Membership
2026 – 2027**

1. Resources Committee

(Seats allocated: Labour 5, Conservative/LD 1)

Labour

1. Hussain (Chair)
2. Eaton (Vice Chair)
3. Beere
4. Creed
5. Stansfield

Conservative/Lib Dem

1. Mallon

[Alternate Members]

Labour

1. Clarke
2. Crichton
3. Richards
4. Tohill-Martin
5. Urwick
6. Elugwu

Labour

7. Dhesi
8. Thornhill
9. Woodward
10. Cherry
11. Vaitkus

Conservative

1. Strangwood
2. Okeke

2. General Services Committee

(Seats allocated: Labour 5, Conservative/LD 1)

Labour

1. Cherry (Chair)
2. Biegel (Vice Chair)
3. Mears
4. Elugwu
5. Richards

Conservative/Lib Dem

1. Strangwood

[Alternate Members]

Labour

1. Hussain
2. Stansfield
3. Vaitkus
4. Eaton
5. Tohill-Martin
6. Clarke
7. Beere

Labour

8. Crichton
9. Woodward
10. Dhesi
11. Thornhill
12. Urwick
13. Creed

Conservative

1. Mallon
2. Harwood

3. Planning Committee

(Seats Allocated: Labour 5, Conservative/LD 1)

Labour

1. Beere (Chair)
2. Woodward (Vice Chair)
3. Dhesi
4. Thornhill
5. Tohill-Martin

Conservative/Lib Dem

1. Harwood

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[Alternate Members]

Labour

1. Hussain
2. Biegel
3. Vaitkus
4. Eaton
5. Mears
6. Clarke
7. Crichton

Labour

8. Richards
9. Stansfield
10. Urwick
11. Cherry
12. Creed
13. Elugwu

Conservative

1. Mallon
2. Strangwood

4. Appeals Panel

(Seats Allocated: Labour 5, Conservative/LD 1)

Labour

1. Richards
2. Crichton
3. Tohill-Martin
4. Mears
5. Biegel

Conservative/Lib Dem

1. Harwood

[Note: Appeals Panel members cannot be members of Resources Committee]

GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the General Services Committee held at **6.30pm on Tuesday 12th May 2026** in the Town Hall, Banbury.

Present: Councillor Cherry (Chair)
Councillors: Elugwu, Mears, Richards and Strangwood.

Alternate Members:

Officers: Mark Hassall (Town Clerk & RFO)
Paul Almond (Director of Environment)
Helen Durkin (Executive Officer)

GS.11/26 Apologies for Absence
Councillor Biegel.

GS.12/26 Declarations of Interest
None.

GS.13/26 Election of a Chair
It was proposed by Councillor Elugwu, seconded by Councillor Richards, and **WAS RESOLVED** that Councillor Cherry be elected as Chair for 2026/27.

GS.14/26 Election of a Vice-Chair
It was proposed by Councillor Cherry, seconded by Councillor Elugwu, and **WAS RESOLVED** that Councillor Biegel be elected as Vice-Chair for 2026/27.

GS.15/26 Appointment of Working Parties and appeals panel
It was proposed by Councillor Cherry, seconded by Councillor Richards, and **WAS RESOLVED** that the following be appointed to the sub-committees and working groups for 2026/27.

i) **Allotment Appeals Panel**
(Seats Allocated: Labour 5; Con/Lib 1)

Labour

1. Cherry
2. Richards
3. Creed
4. Crichton
5. Biegel

Con/Lib

1. Strangwood

ii) **Grounds Maintenance Working Party**
(Seats Allocated: Labour 5; Con/Lib 1)

Labour

1. Hussain
2. Eaton
3. Cherry
4. Biegel
5. Richards

Con/Lib

1. Strangwood

Background Papers: Nil

The meeting ended at 7.20pm

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held at **6.30pm on Tuesday 12th May 2026** in the Town Hall, Banbury.

Present: Councillor Beere (Chair) Woodward (Vice Chair)
Councillors: Dhesi, Harwood, Tohill-Martin and Thornhill.

Officers: Mark Hassall (Town Clerk)
Paul Almond (Director of Environment)
Helen Durkin (Executive Officer)

PL.19/26 Apologies for Absence

None.

PL.20/26 Declarations of Interest

None.

PL.21/26 Election of a Chair

It was proposed by Councillor Thornhill, seconded by Councillor Dhesi, and **WAS RESOLVED** that Councillor Beere be elected as Chair for 2026/27.

PL.22/26 Election of a Vice-Chair

It was proposed by Councillor Beere, seconded by Councillor Thornhill, and **WAS RESOLVED** that Councillor Woodward be elected as Vice-Chair for 2026/27.

PL.23/26 Appointment of Working Parties and appeals panel

It was proposed by Councillor Beere, seconded by Councillor Hussain, and **WAS RESOLVED** that the following be appointed to the sub-committees and working groups for 2026/27.

i) Built Heritage Working Party
(Seats Allocated: Labour 2; Con/Lib 1)

Labour

1. Beere
2. Woodward

Con/Lib

1. Harwood

Background Papers: Nil

The meeting ended at 7.20pm