



**WESTON-SUPER- MARE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON
MONDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2025**

Meeting Commenced: 7.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 7.52 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Martin Williams (Town Mayor), Ray Armstrong, Roger Bailey, Joe Bambridge, Mike Bell, Mark Canniford, Annabelle Chard, Jemma Coles, Peter Crew, John Crockford-Hawley, Ciaran Cronnelly, Catherine Gibbons, Owen James, Hugh Malyan, Robert Payne, Alan Peak, Justyna Pecak-Michalowicz, Marcia Pepperall, Lisa Pilgrim, Caroline Reynolds, Robert Skeen, John Standfield, Tim Taylor, Richard Tucker and Charlie Williams.

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE: Sarah Pearse (Chief Executive Officer/Town Clerk), Samantha Bishop (Democratic Services Manager), Rebecca Saunders (Civic Officer & PA to CEO/Town Clerk), Alison Garner (Democratic Services Officer), Inspector Lee Kerslake, Oliver Masley (Youth Council), Alexa Lewis (Youth Council), Martin Slade (Member of the public) and 3 other members of the public.

The Town Mayor informed that the meeting would be filmed and available for viewing the following day.

The Town Mayor invited members of the public wanting to address the meeting to come forward.

Martin Slade addressed the meeting raising concerns regarding how policy that directly affected Weston, appeared to have taken place without proper consultation, comment or debate within full council or with its residents. Making reference to agenda item 3 approving the accuracy of the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting and making reference to the petition against the Council of Sanctuary and the published white paper "TIME FOR CHANGE" - Developing an Anti-Racism Strategy for Weston" that was causing concern.

The Town Mayor thanked Mr. Slade for address.

238	<p>Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutions</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Helen Thornton, Simon Harrison-Morse, Gill Bute, James Clayton and John Carson.</p> <p>It was noted that Councillors Mark Aplin and Marcia Pepperall were absent from the meeting.</p>
239	Declarations of Interest

	<p>There were none received.</p>
240	<p>To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the previous Town Council Meeting held on 22nd September 2025</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting had been previously circulated.</p> <p>The following amendments were noted as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Min no 161 – remove ‘Suspended’ from the beginning of the 3rd to last paragraph. • Min no 162 – Resolution – the spelling of ‘Councillor’. • Min no 168 – 4th to last paragraph ‘not’ to replace ‘nor’. • That Councillor Mike Bell was present at the meeting. <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Ciaran Cronnelly SECONDED BY: Councillor Charlie Williams</p> <p>A vote was taken and accordingly it was carried.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That with the above amendments the minutes be approved and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.</p>
241	<p>To Receive Announcements and Communications from the Town Mayor</p> <p>The mayor’s announcements and communications had been previously circulated.</p> <p>There had been 171 engagements attended by the Town Mayor; 16 by the Deputy Mayor and 2 by the Leader which was a total of 189 to date.</p> <p>Dates for diaries were highlighted as follows: <u>1st December Weston Hospice care Light up a life service</u> <u>2nd December MFA Christmas Lunch</u> <u>3rd December Lord Lieutenant Christmas Carol Service</u> <u>5th December St Martins Church Christmas Tree Festival</u> <u>10th-14th December Hildesheim Annual Visit</u> <u>17th December Carols by Candlelight at All Saints Church</u> <u>18th December staff, Councillor and Volunteer Christmas Lunch</u> <u>20th December 6th Battalion, The Rifles Christmas Service</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Town Mayor’s report be noted.</p>
242	<p>To receive the verbal report of the Youth Council (YC)</p> <p>The Town Mayor invited Oliver and Alexa, members of the YC to come forward and make a verbal report to the meeting.</p> <p>Accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation, Oliver and Alexa highlighted on the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the YC had partnered with the college, who would be helping them with the technical side of their upcoming youth talent show and their newsletter. • The YC had seen a large increase in their social media presence of which they were keen to develop further.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At their recent meeting, awarded a £1,000 grant to 1st Uphill Scouts through the youth grants system. • Hosted a visit from Crewkerne Youth Council in the summer which was very beneficial. • Attended the following events representing the YC: Mayor Making, RESET Youth Awards, the Quarry opening, Carnival where the YC hosted a drop in before the event, Remembrance where the Chair laid a wreath and Xmas Lights switch on. • Lastly, they ended with their plans for their Youth talent show event 'Next Gen Spotlight' which would be held on the 25th January at the Blakehay Theatre. Councillor were encouraged to support with advertising and purchase ticket for their event. <p>The mayor thanked both Oliver and Alexa for their address and encouraged Councillor's to support the YC at their monthly meetings and help with engaging with secondary schools and other youth-based organisations to recruit new members.</p> <p>.1 To receive the Minutes of the Youth Council Meetings held in July, September, October 2025</p> <p>The minutes of the meetings had been previously circulated.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes be received and noted.</p>
243	<p>Neighbourhood and Response Policing in Weston-super-Mare</p> <p>The Town Mayor welcomed and introduced Inspector Lee Kerslake to address the meeting.</p> <p>Inspector Lee Kerslake gave an overview of the current policing situation across Weston-super-Mare via PowerPoint including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geographic Model • Overview of the last 'Tactical Period' – 23/08 – 22/11 – in NSC and Weston - showing seasonal snapshot figures highlighting how the recording of data had changed and as a result of this figures were now, showing an overall decrease in all areas, apart from burglary and how shoplifting offences had been profoundly affected, which was appreciated was not perceived as being the case in reality • NTT summary • Additional Information – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Community Tensions ➢ Graffiti – Marine Lake – Enquiries ongoing ➢ Ongoing work around understanding levels of unreported hate crime ➢ Winter Safer Streets ➢ Op Scorpion ➢ Op Glitz ➢ Op Artemis <p>The Inspector asked for Councillors feedback on what they would like to see in future reports in order to make them as useful as possible and asked that this be submitted to the CEO/Town Clerk for forwarding to him. AA Q&A session then took place where Councillors raised the following:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoplifting in Supermarkets was an ongoing problem, which was not always being recorded should be encouraged to report, to target repeat offenders. • A presentation on safety for members at a future meeting would be useful. • Concern regarding the handling of the recent suspicious package incident at West Street, in particular associated costs and evacuation procedures. • More understanding regarding the data recording issues and accuracy was needed. How could this be improved and what needed to be done to achieve this? • What were the plans for more police visibility and how to tackle this? • How effective were the activism awareness events on reporting crime? <p>The Town Mayor thanked the Inspector for his report and <i>he left the meeting at 7.44pm</i></p>
244	<p>To receive the Approved Standing Orders (Sept TC)</p> <p>The approved Standing Orders had been previously circulated which were for noting as standing approval.</p> <p>Clarity was sought on point 26.1 from the CEO/Town Clerk</p> <p>RESOLVED: To receive the Approved Standing Orders (Sept TC)</p> <p><i>Alexa Lewis (YC) left at 7.46pm</i></p>
245	<p>Visit Weston</p> <p>The report of the Senior Development Officer had been previously circulated.</p> <p>Councillors were asked to approve the recommendation from the Amenities Culture and Leisure Committee, regarding the Visit Weston Website Procurement as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note the appointment of Plaster as the contractor to undertake the Visit Weston Website requirements (noting they were the highest scoring overall) as agreed by the Amenities Committee 10.11.25. 2. To approve the issue of the Purchase Order for this contracted works, in recognition of Budget provision being in place 01.04.26 to allow the build to commence and be completed prior to the current website contract ceasing mid-May 2026 <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Peter Crew SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Bailey</p> <p>A vote was taken and accordingly it was carried.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To approve the order to be issued to Plaster £33,750 for the design and build (noting £4,800 for annual maintenance for future years) of the Visit Weston Website to be raised, whilst recognising that the budget provision for the works has been included within the 2026/2027 budget setting process to allow the build to commence and be completed prior to the current website contract ceasing mid-May 2026.</p>
246	<p>Armed Forces Covenant</p>

	<p>The report of the Civic Officer including the recommendation from the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 13th October 2025 and recommended Armed Forces Covenant had been previously circulated.</p> <p>The Town Mayor invited Councillor Catherine Gibbons to address the meeting as Armed Forces Champion who delivered a supporting speech and therefore proposed</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Catherine Gibbons SECONDED BY: Councillor Ciaran Cronnelly</p> <p>It was noted that the approved Covenant for signing needed to include the Kings Crown.</p> <p>A vote was taken and accordingly it was carried.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That Weston-super-Mare Town Council adopts its own Armed Forces Covenant, reflecting its continuing commitment to the Armed Forces community as previously considered and agreed by Finance & General Purposes Committee 13.10.25;2. That the Town Clerk/Chief Executive Officer be authorised to finalise the wording of the Covenant in consultation with the Chair of Council and relevant partners if required; and3. That arrangements be made for a formal signing ceremony with local Armed Forces representatives and community stakeholders.4. That the approved Covenant include the Kings Crown.
	<p>There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 7.52 pm.</p> <p>Signed: Dated:</p>



Town Council Meeting 19th January 2026
Request for Amendment to the Approved Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 24 March 2025.
Report from the CEO/Town Clerk

1. Purpose and Background of Report

Purpose of the Report

To present to Council a request received from a member of the public for an amendment to the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 24 March 2025 and to seek Council's determination.

Background

1. The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 24 March 2025 were approved by resolution of Council at its meeting in May 2025.
2. Subsequent correspondence was received from Mr Martin Slade requesting amendments to the wording of those minutes.
3. Due to technical email delivery issues affecting the sender's domain, some correspondence was not received by the Council prior to the approval of the minutes.
4. The six-month restriction on revisiting previous resolutions, set out in Standing Order 8.1, has now expired.

Requested Amendment

The requested amendment relates to the summary of Mr Slade's address to Council and proposes the following wording:

"Martin was neutral towards the motion but was against the process of the motion and was extremely disappointed to hear of it at such short notice..."

A minor typographical correction from "understanding order 11" to "under Standing Order 11" is also requested.

2. Options for Council

1. Approve the amendment to the March 2025 minutes as requested; or
 2. Decline to amend the minutes and confirm that they remain an accurate record.
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3. Reason for Recommendation

Request from Member of the Public

3.1. Legal

- Under Standing Order 13.3, once approved, minutes stand as the accurate record of the meeting unless amended by resolution of Council.
- As more than six months have elapsed since the approval of the March 2025 minutes, Council may consider the requested amendment in the normal way and without the need for a special motion.
- In accordance with Standing Order 13.2, any discussion must be limited solely to the accuracy of the minutes.

4. Members are recommended to:

Considers the request and resolves accordingly.

Sarah Pearse

CEO/Town Clerk

23.12.25

Weston-super-Mare Youth Council Meeting Notes

A.	Date of meeting: 11 th November 2025
B.	Meeting Start Time: 18.11 pm
C.	Where is the meeting: 32, Waterloo Street
D.	Attendance – Eleanor (EH) Oliver (OM) Ian (IR) Zac (ZR) (IP) Lily (LP) Alexa (AL) , Natalie (NPM) Sam Bishop (SB) (Democratic Services Manager – WSMTC) Evan Linde (EL) (Communications Officer – WSMTC)
F.	Welcome – SB welcomed
1.	Apologies for Absence – Alli W (AW) YMCA Youth Officer
2.	Declarations of Interest – None
3.	Notes of Last Meeting – 14 TH October 2025 Amendments were noted as follows: D - That Simon (Tech from the Blakehay) was also present at the meeting. 9 - Spelling of 'assemblies.' 9 – OM had chosen to run for 'MYP' PROPOSED BY: OM SECONDED BY: LP RESOLVED: That with the above amendments, the meeting notes be approved.
4.	Welcome new members - no new members present today <i>Natalie joined at 18.18pm</i>
5.	Youth Council Grants .1 1st Uphill scouts' application The grant application and supporting information had been previously circulated to members. The current Youth Grants budget balance was confirmed at £3,000. Members considered the application and agreed that it was a worthwhile application of which they would like to show their support. PROPOSED BY: NPM SECONDED BY: EH

	<p>UNANIMOUS RESOLVED: To award £1,000 from the Youth Grants budget to 1st Uphill scouts.</p>
5.	<p>Music Event – 26th January 2025</p> <p>The WSMTC Comms Officer presented members with two Poster options for consideration, where it was agreed that (yellow) poster would be used.</p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding where to display the posters where it was suggested:</p> <p>TC – Noticeboards/Schools/local destinations.</p> <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SB would print some posters for collection from this Friday. Members were all encouraged to call in and collect and take to schools and local places they visited. 2. OM would post on the FB page, email TC Comms and the Blakehay to ask if they would share. 3. SB – Would get this shared-on Mayors FB page. <p>Discussion ensued regarding the Youth Council having access to their own Canva account to create their own designs and it was suggested that the Youth Council could fund any associated costs from their Youth Council budget.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: ZR SECONED BY: OM</p> <p>RESOLVED: To investigate the possibility of setting up a Youth Council Canva account and that any associated costs be funded from the Youth Council's budget.</p> <p><u>Job roles</u></p> <p>Tech support – Awaiting to hear back from Ali on the college.</p> <p>Programme –OM would start off the programme and Alexa would add to this. Members were offered the use of the TC chamber and facilities to work on this. It was noted that they would need to book in advance (contact SB).</p> <p>Ticket Sales – Pushed by COMMS.</p> <p>Raffle sales – Ian (IR)</p> <p>Front of House – Elenor (EH) + Natalie (NPM) Backstage (Acts) – Zac (ZR)</p>
6.	<p>Newsletter</p>

	It was noted that OM & EH had sent their submissions and that the <u>deadline for this was 22/11/25.</u>
7.	Upcoming Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15th November - Christmas Lights switch on – 4pm at 32, Waterloo Meet for 5pm switch on. • 24th November Town Council Meeting- Town Hall - 7pm - Members <i>were encouraged to make an in-person report, highlighting on the last three meetings and what their priorities moving forward were. 6.45pm meet at Town Hall.</i> • 29th November - EAT FESTIVAL • 14th December Christmas Carol Concert- St. John's Church, BS23 2AG- 4pm • Saturday 25th January 2026 - Young Peoples Music event – Blakehay Theatre 10am -5pm (event 2-4pm)
9.	Any Other Business <p>Oliver (OM)– Reported that he had attended the Old Town Quarry Opening on 25th October with Inaara (IP), which was positive and interesting.</p> <p>Alexa (AL) had attended a networking event in Weston to promote the youth council.</p> <p>Elenor (EH) – Attended the Remembrance service, where she laid a wreath as Chair.</p> <p>Oliver (OM) – Shared as a point of information, the social media – Analytics from FB posts.</p> <p>ACTION: Please send photos and any content to OM for newsletter</p> <p>Evan informed that he would be leaving the council' employment to purpose his career and that this would be his last week. If there was anything members needed help with, in terms of COMMS he was happy to help.</p> <p>Members were sorry to hear that Evan was moving on, however wished him luck and thanked him for his support.</p>
10.	Meeting ended- 7.25 pm Date of Next Meeting – 9/12/25

Weston-super-Mare Youth Council Meeting Notes

A.	Date of meeting: 16/12/25
B.	Meeting Start Time: 18.06pm
C.	Where is the meeting: Meeting held online via teams Due to a quorum of members not being available on the designated date for the meeting.
D.	Zac (ZR) Inara (IP) Oliver (OM) Lily (LP) Ian (IR) Alexa (AL) Joined the meeting at 18.10pm Alli W (AW) YMCA Youth Officer Due to both the Chair & Vice Chair being absent, AW led the meeting
F.	Welcome – All good, looking forward to Christmas
1.	Apologies for Absence – Members- EH, NM, II, Sam Bishop (SB) (Democratic Services Manager – WSMTC)
2.	Declarations of Interest – None
3.	Notes of Last Meeting – Amendments were noted. NM - Noted her initials were incorrect. Proposed- OM Second- LP RESOLVED: That with the above amendments, the meeting notes be approved.
4.	Grants No grants-
5.	Music event update- AW updated the youth council members on the progress of the Music event. Acts- Only five acts applied to be part of the event. Ten were needed. Marketing- Only a few FB pages advertised the event, together with as a few posters that were put up around the town by members. Tech support- despite approaching the college and the Blakehay, we were unable to secure equipment and technical support for the event. Ticket sales- Up to date there has been no ticket sales. AW asked the members what their thoughts were and with only one month to go would the event be able to go ahead. AL said that would it be better to cancel the event. AW said that was an option as they really needed the sales to cover the cost of opening the building. ZR agreed saying without the acts and sales, the show wouldn't be able to go ahead. AW explain that Jemma Coles had mentioned that there had been a similar event scheduled and they have had trouble selling the tickets. Maybe it's not the type of event people are interested in? IR agreed that maybe cancelling was the best option. All members present agree to cancel event. Proposed to cancel event- IR Second – IP Resolved – That the music event is cancelled. AW to inform the Blakehay.

6.	<p>Newsletter- As discussed at the previous Octobers meeting – please see below the list of jobs for the newsletter, highlighting who is responsible for what part of the first one.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome Message (Eleanor) A short introduction as Chair (approx. 100–150 words) welcoming readers, summarising recent activities, and outlining what’s included in this issue. - Highlights of the Month/Term Upcoming events (Oliver) Summarising what the youth council has been up to, community Projects (maybe include a couple of photos) - Members section (ZAC) highlight a member with a quote of the Month (including why the members joined and what their interests are) - Feature Story (Ivy)- Look into young people who do things to benefit others or spotlight a club through a member’s eyes. -Upcoming Events & Opportunities (Inara) investigate what events are around for young people to attend, this could be groups. Also, what events the youth council are attending. - Get Involved (Ian) All the information to help young people apply to join the youth council. - Grants information- (Natalie) include how to apply to the youth council for grants. Including the link to the WTC website for the application form. How to apply for youth grants. <p>Please remember this is time sensitive as we need to information to be relevant. Please make sure you have sent the information to me by 20th January.</p>
7.	<p>Events- Youth Parliament- OM will be attending the next Youth Parliament meeting in January.</p>
8.	<p>AOB-</p> <p>Wellbeing Bench- AW explained that she had spoken to the grounds manager at the Town Council, and they are happy with the youth council painting the bench. They said to go ahead and pick a bench that is in the park, so they can paint the base coat for us. Then when it is dryer weather, we will be able to add the decoration to it. AW suggested that members go and look at the park and choose the best area. OM and ZR said they were happy to do that.</p> <p>Litter Pick- IR asked when they could do another litter pick. ZR said it was better to wait until it got a bit warmer as hopefully more people would attend.</p> <p>Diary of events- OM explained that it would be good to have a calendar of events, that way everyone could add to it. AW Said they could add all the meeting dates, so everyone was aware of them and ensure they attended.</p> <p>-OM to send a link to a calendar to the group WhatsApp.</p> <p>Social media posts- OM asked if everyone could help with ideas for the social media posts- AW said that OM had increased the views on our social media and they had nearly 4,000 views, an amazing effort. If everyone sent OM some ideas, it would help.</p> <p>Youth Parliament- OM told everyone that he had applied to be the candidate for the youth parliament. AW said that we wished him luck and he would be an amazing</p>

	candidate.
9.	- Meeting Ended-7.05pm -Date of Next Meeting – 10/02/26



REPORT TO WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL

21st January 2026

MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

24th November 2025-21st January 2026

Town Mayor

Councillor Martin Williams

ENGAGEMENTS SUMMARY

Council Representative	Number of Engagements
TOWN MAYOR Cllr Martin Williams	48
DEPUTY MAYOR Cllr Owen James	7
TOWN COUNCIL LEADER Cllr Ciaran Cronnelly	1

TOTALS TO DATE

Council Representative	Number of Engagements
TOWN MAYOR Cllr Martin Williams	219
DEPUTY MAYOR Cllr Owen James	23
TOWN COUNCIL LEADER Cllr Ciaran Cronnelly	3
TOTAL	245

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

1st December Weston Hospice care Light up a life service
2nd December MFA Christmas Lunch
3rd December Lord Lieutenant Christmas Carol Service
5th December St Martins Church Christmas Tree Festival
10th-14th December Hildesheim Annual Visit
17th December Carols by Candlelight at All Saints Church
18th December staff, Councillor and Volunteer Christmas Lunch
20th December 6th Battalion, The Rifles Christmas Service
24th December Weston Hospital Patient visits

UPCOMING EVENTS

24th January RNLI Burns Night
8th February Axe District Scouts Gang Show
20th March-2nd April Hildesheim Youth Exchange



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CALENDAR OF MEETINGS JUNE 2026 – MAY 2027

MEETING	DAY/TIME & VENUE	FREQUENCY	2026							2027				
			JUNE	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
Council														
Town Council	Mon, 7pm @ Town Hall	Bi-monthly (Jan budget & May Mayormaking)	15			21		23		18		22		20 Thur 5pm
Youth Council	Tues 6pm @ the YMCA	Monthly	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Annual Town Meeting of Electors	Mon, 6pm @ Blakehay Theatre												19	
Finance & General Purposes Committee	Mon, 7pm @ 32 Waterloo St	Bi-monthly		27	24 (IF REQUIR ED)		19		14		8		12	
Amenities, Culture & Leisure Committee	Mon, 7pm @ 32 Waterloo St	Bi-monthly		13		7		16		25		15		10
Personnel Committee	Wed,11am @ 32 Waterloo St	2 x per year (then called as required)		8			28				17			5
Planning & Environment Committee	Wed, 7pm @ 32 Waterloo St	Every 4 weeks	24	22	19	16	14	11	9	6	3	3 &31	28	26
Sub Committee														
Grants & Governance Sub-committee	Thur, 10am @ 32 Waterloo St	Quarterly		30			8			14			22	

	Reports to Finance & General Purposes Committee													
Community Consultative Groups														
Civic Matters	Thurs, 1pm @ 32 Waterloo St Reports to Finance & General Purposes Committee	2 x per year (then called as required)				17						11		
Allotments	Thurs, 7pm @ 32 Waterloo St Reports to Amenities, Culture & Leisure Committee	3 x per year	11				1				25			
Heritage & Culture	Thurs, 11am @ 32 Waterloo St Reports to Amenities, Culture & Leisure Committee	Quarterly	4				15				11			
Start & Finish Project Groups														
Devolution	Wed, 7pm @ 32 Waterloo St Reports to Finance & General Purposes Committee	Bi-Monthly For duration of Project		1		2		4			13		10	6
Blue Plaques	Tues, 10am @ 32 Waterloo St Reports to Amenities, Culture & Leisure Committee	Quarterly		21			20				19			20

