



Beaminster Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Beaminster Town Council's Community Engagement Committee held in the Cowie Room, Public Hall on Thursday 26th February 2026, commencing at 7.00pm

268 PRESENT

Cllr Corbett (Chairman), Cllr Biggs, Cllr Benton, Cllr Gunning, Sara Cradock (Town Clerk) and Mr. Kalemjian (Administrator).

269 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Anderton, Cllr Gillings, Cllr Tuff and Cllr Watts.

270 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

No interests were declared.

271 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the extraordinary Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 22nd January 2026, having previously been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

272 DORSET DAY EVENT

The Committee **REVIEWED** the status of plans for upcoming Dorset Day event (31st May 2026).

The Committee **NOTED**:

Cllr Benton reported liaising with a band and has secured their agreement to play music for the event.

Cllr Corbett confirmed that Rachel Goode will be compere.

Cllr Corbett will liaise with several local performers.

Cllr Biggs explained that many stallholders at the 2025 VE event came underprepared with respect to power needs.

Cllr Biggs requested the Town Council source barriers for the purpose of event management.

Cllr Gunning confirmed that Beaminster Football Club would run the bar, possibly with the assistance of the Beaminster Cricket Club. The final arrangements are expected to be agreed at the next scheduled V will liaise with Beaminster Football Club and Beaminster Cricket Club about providing BBQ and running a bar.

Mr Kalemjian confirmed that Ava Skip agreed to provide a mini-skip for the event.

Cllr Gunning will liaise with the PTFA at Beaminster St Mary's Academy with regard to face-painting.

Cllr Biggs will liaise with Beaminster Academy about having a stall at the event.

Cllr Corbett enquired with local businesses about high-quality printing services for signage. The use of 2x A0 signs joined together would provide something highly visible and also useful for longer-term use. **NOTED**

It was **AGREED** that any potential costs be submitted via email to the Council Office for financial record-keeping.

Cllr Gunning **CONFIRMED** that the cost of hiring the tables and chairs would be the same as the 2025 VE Celebration Event.

Mr Kalemjian will carry out Risk Assessment for the event and will include a schematic diagram of the Memorial Pavilion. **NOTED**

273 WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

The Town Clerk **UPDATED** the Committee on plans to redevelop the Council's website.

It was **AGREED** that the full details of the proposal would be circulated to all Council members for consideration ahead of the next Full Council meeting scheduled for 24th March 2026.

274 FUTURE ENGAGEMENT POSSIBILITIES

Cllr Biggs **PROPOSED** a treasure-trail type of interactive event for the summer holidays as an additional themed event which could be based on a Beaminster animal persona/totem.

275 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 26th March.

276 THE MEETING

The meeting which commenced at 7.00pm concluded at 8.02pm.

