



Minutes of the meeting of Beaminster Town Council's Community Engagement Committee held in the Cowie Room, Public Hall on Tuesday 4th November 2025 commencing at 7.00pm

248 PRESENT

Cllr Corbett (Chairman), Cllr Anderton, Cllr Biggs, Cllr Benton, Cllr Gillings, Cllr Gunning, Cllr Tuff, Cllr Turner, Cllr Watts, Mrs Christine Bright (Town Clerk) and Mr. Kalemjian (Administrator).

249 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

250 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

No interests were declared.

251 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 21st August 2025, having previously been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

252 REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

Mr Kalemjian **CONFIRMED** that all key objectives have been met in preparation for the 2025 Remembrance Parade (Sunday 9th November 2025).

Cllr Turner reminded the Committee of the annual Remembrance Service on Tuesday 11th Nov. organised by the Beaminster Branch of the Royal British Legion (RBL). Mr Kalemjian explained *there were minimal requirements typically needed from the Council or staff.* Cllr Biggs reminded the Committee of the need to volunteer assistance to the RBL, it was **AGREED** that Mr. Kalemjian would enquire with the RBL.

253 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2025

Mr. Kalemjian confirmed the current vendors as Isaac Cider, Dorset Pizza, Street Sweets and Beaminster Cricket Club. *Little Groves are expected to confirm their attendance next week.*
NOTED.

Following a lively discussion it was **AGREED** that the official switch-on time of the town's Christmas lights would be scheduled for 7pm approximately in order to allow sufficient time *for the working public to reconvene.*

Mr Kalemjian explained that Raucous Chorus were expecting to sing from Julia at 5. Or 5.30pm for pprox.. 30/45 minutes. They had asked for additional lighting to be provided. Mr. Kalemjian had spoken with the electrician, who would make necessary arrangements.

NOTED

Cllr Gunning **CONFIRMED** that Beaminster Primary School would be running the Santa's Grotto from the Cowie Room. Cllr Gunning would source a tent for indoor use and a tarpaulin for covering the floor in the Cowie Room. Santas Grotto would commence at 5pm. The Committee agreed that the timings, once confirmed, needed to be well publicised.

NOTED

255 PUBLIC INFORMATION SCREEN

Cllr Corbett has been making enquiries with local businesses about hosting the Information Screen. The issue of having a large screen promoting local (rather than host business) information was a big ask. **NOTED**

256 FUTURE EVENTS

Cllr. Anderton and Cllr Tuff have been working on a proposal for a regular community events. It was agreed that the securing of the dates was vital. **NOTED**

It was **AGREED** further event proposals be submitted in advance of the next meeting.

Cllr Gillings advised he had recently been in correspondence with Clipper Teas regarding the 2026 Scarecrow Trail event. Cllr Gillings to **PROGRESS**

257 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for 27th of November. In light of the proximity of this date to the Christmas Light event (Friday 28th November 2025), the next meeting would convene on Thursday 22nd January 2026.

258 THE MEETING

The meeting which commenced at 7.00pm concluded at 7.48 pm.

