



Beaminster Town Council

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

**277 PRESENT**

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

**278 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No Apologies were received.

**279 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS**

No interests were declared.

**280 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 26th February 2026, having previously been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

**281 DORSET DAY EVENT**

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

The Committee **NOTED**:

**Cllr Corbett** The advertisements were secured and all are represented on print collage, the intention being to incorporate them into table runners for the event.

**Cllr Corbett CONFIRMED** that many vendors have been agreed although a secure quote on a marquee is not secured. The issue of providing a bar for the event is the only major requirement outstanding.

Production of public signage is progressing.

**Cllr Gunning** confirmed that Beaminster Football Club have yet to be consulted formally but he will liaise where needed.

**Cllr Corbett CONFIRMED** that arrangements with musicians and compere have been agreed, although the sound system needs to be checked carefully as the local acoustics are difficult.

**Mr Kalemjian** has produced trial version of posters.

Cllr Gunning will liaise with Ava Skip, to agree a cost on the skip hire.

Town Clerk enquired about the intended locations for placing the advertisements. Cllr Corbett **EXPLAINED** that the plan was to produce 4 large posters advertising the event,

**Cllr Gunning SUGGESTED** placing a poster at the temporary traffic lights located on the far side of the Tunnel.

**282 SCARECROW TRAIL**

The Committee on plans **CONSIDERED** themes for the Scarecrow Trail. The Committee **AGREED** on the theme of Dinosaurs.

**283 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 mascot.

Cllr Gunning **PROPOSED** a similar themed trail or activity for the winter months.

The Committee **CONSIDERED** holding routine *Bingo* events in the Public Hall on Friday evenings.

Town Clerk **EXPLAINED** the concept of *Silent Discos*. These are aided by headphones, which are available for hire from dedicated companies.

**SUGGESTED** organising these events in partnership with Prout Bridge Project.

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Corbett would liaise with Paula Tuff.

The Town Clerk **PROPOSED** ceilidh as a potential event for consideration, particularly in the late winter months. (Jan/Feb/Mar)

**284 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**285 THE MEETING**

The meeting which commenced at 7.00pm concluded at 7.40pm.