



FLITWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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15th January 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

All Members of the Town Council are hereby summoned to the **Council Meeting of Flitwick Town Council** that will take place on **Tuesday 20th January 2026 at The Rufus Centre**, commencing at **7.45 p.m.** in order to transact the under mentioned items of business.

Yours faithfully

S. Lockey

Stacie Lockey
Town Clerk

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Notice Boards
Central Bedfordshire Council

Chairman to read out the following statement:

I would like to inform everyone present that this meeting is being filmed and that by joining this meeting you are consenting to being filmed. Can I also remind Councillors and members of the public not to disclose any personal information regarding an individual as this might infringe the rights of this individual and breach data protection rules. Can I also remind you when not speaking to mute your microphone.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive Statutory Declarations of Interests from Members in relation to:

- (a) Disclosable Pecuniary interests in any agenda item.
- (b) Non-Pecuniary interests in any agenda item.

3. **TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive announcements from the Town Mayor.

4. **Leader Update**

To receive an update from the Leader of the council.

5. **REPORTS FROM WARD MEMBERS**

To receive reports from Central Bedfordshire Council ward members.

6. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

To adjourn for a period of up to 15 minutes to allow members of the public to put questions or to address the Council, through the Chairman, pertaining to matters listed on the Agenda.

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Each Speaker will give their name to the Chairman, prior to speaking, which will be recorded in the minutes, unless that person requests otherwise. Each Speaker will be allowed **(one) three-minute slot.**

7. **INVITED SPEAKER**

No invited speaker.

8. **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

To receive questions from Members.

9. **MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEETINGS**

- a. For Members to approve the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held, on **Tuesday 16th December 2025**, this meeting was held at the Rufus Centre.

10. **MATTERS ARISING**

- a. Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 16th December 2025**.
b. Members to receive any updates from Officers.

11. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies.

12. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

a. **Annual Residents Survey**

Members to consider the options for open-ended questions to be included in the Annual Residents Survey.

- b. **[CB/25/03904/RD](#) – Footbridge for Flitwick Railway Station, rear of The Swan, 1 Dunstable Road, Flitwick, MK45 1HP**

Members are asked to consider a response to the planning application.

Comments from the Planning Improvement Working Group are as follows:

'The Planning Improvement Working Group welcomes the proposed works at Flitwick Railway Station designed to enhance accessibility, including the provision of step-free access to the Station facilities for all travellers. We recommend that Flitwick Town Council support the application, and notify CBC accordingly.'

c. Proposed Budget 2026-27

Members are asked to consider the proposed budget for 2026-27 and agree on the Precept.

d. Central Bedfordshire Council Budget 2026-2027

Members are asked to consider a response to the Central Bedfordshire Council budget.

e. Stocksfield Room

Members to receive a report from the Community Engagement Manager and consider the recommendations within the report.

13. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

a. Finance Reports

Members are asked to note the following finance reports:

- i) Balance Sheet
- ii) Projects Fund

b. Central Bedfordshire Council Town Centre Benchmarking Report

Members are asked to note the report from the Central Bedfordshire Town Centre Benchmarking exercise that was recently carried out.

c. Planning

Members to note FTC Planning decisions and the Central Bedfordshire Planning decisions.

14. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

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15. **EXEMPT ITEMS**

The following resolution will be **moved** that is advisable in the public interest that the public and press are excluded whilst the following exempt item issue is discussed.

- a. **Confidential Report – to note**
- b. **Flitwick Village Hall – for consideration**
- c. **Station Road – for consideration**

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the public bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Council **resolve** to exclude the public and press by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.