



FLITWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting
held on Tuesday 4th November 2025 at the Rufus Centre

Present:

Cllr Thompson (Chairman)
Cllr Toinko
Cllr Wilsmore
Cllr Bandy
Cllr Earles
Cllr Harald
Cllr Platt
Cllr Crawford

Town Clerk (TC) – Remotely
Amenities Officer (AO)
Public Realm Supervisor (PRM)

1317. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

1318. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

- a. Disclosable Pecuniary interests in any agenda item – none.
- b. Non-Pecuniary interests in any agenda item – none.

1319. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no items.

1320. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

1321. INVITED SPEAKER

There was no invited speaker.

1322. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

Cllr Toinko asked why some Community Events such as the Scarecrow Festival and Town-wide Jumble Sale didn't happen this year. The Chairman advised that it would likely be due

to the teams' capacity.

Members asked for an update from the Community Team on events from the last year – if they were scheduled to happen but didn't and what events did go ahead.

Action: CEM

1323. MINUTES

- a. For Members to receive and adopt the minutes of the Community Services meeting held on **Tuesday 2nd September 2025**.

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes from the Community Services meeting held on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 as an accurate record of the meeting.

1324. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

1325. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- a. **Allotment Working Group Membership**

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Platt to the Allotment Working Group.

- b. **Transport Interchange – Planted Areas**

Members questioned the statement in the report about the number of concerns that had been expressed. Officers explained that concerns had been received both verbally and via social media. The Town Clerk also explained that the Leader had received several comments about the state of this area.

Members commented that the flower beds were supposed to be wild and felt some residents did not understand that.

Members asked if the Public Realm Team had the capacity to take this area on and this was confirmed.

A Member commented that the costing element would need to be carefully thought out to ensure the Council did not end up out of pocket. They also commented that a significant amount of work would be required to accurately record the time spent on it.

A question was raised about insurance and liability, specifically whether someone might cut their hand or if the Council broke something while maintaining the areas. Officers would look into this.

Action: AO

A proposal was made not to proceed with the CBC planting and maintenance project at the Station Interchange. This was not carried.

It was **RESOLVED** for Officers to obtain costings and time estimates for the areas the team will be required to spend on, and bring them back to Community Services for further consideration.

1326. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- a. **Community Financial Report**

Members noted the financial reports.

- b. **Officer Update**

i) Amenities Update

Members were very supportive of Redborne School using the Nature Park for its environmental project.

The Public Realm Supervisor updated Members on the following;

- There is a lot of extra work above and beyond general winter maintenance this year due to things being left previously, such as reducing hedges, etc.
- The winter bedding has been reduced this year to give the flower beds a chance to rest, and the team will be improving the soil over this time.

Members asked for an update on the Skate Park. The AO advised that a couple of contractors had been out to provide some quotations for landscaping the area. The contractor was due to come out at any time, but no date had been set. Officers continued to chase this.

The annual inspections had taken place, and Officers were waiting to see what the outcome of these was in relation to the Skate Park.

ii) Community Services

Members commented on how excellent the school project is and look forward to seeing the outcome of this.

Members commented that a call for help for the Christmas Lights within the report could be missed and requested that this be re sent via email. The Town Clerk would ask Officers to action this.

Action: SQ

1327. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were present.

1328. 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.

No items.

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.

Meeting closed at 20.16.

Signed.....(Chairman)