



Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Full Council

**held on Tuesday 27 January 2026 at 7:30pm
at Town Hall**

Members present: Cllrs Helen Ball (Chair)
David Dawkins
Chris Woodhouse
Gil Gilroy
Kath Greenman
Chris Bloor
Maggie Tyrrell
Jayne Stansfield
Chris Davies
Chris Rowe
Christine Carter
Tiff O'Connor (arrived at the start of item FC2526.148)
Danny Bonnett (arrived at the start of item FC2526.148)

In attendance: Hannah Bowden (Chief Executive)

Absent: Cllrs Fiona Deas
James Murray
Danny Bonnett (for late arrival)

FC2526.145. To note any apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were noted from Cllrs Fiona Deas, James Murray and Danny Bonnett for late arrival.

FC2526.146. To receive any declarations of interest from members

There were no declarations of interest from members noted.

FC2526.147. To receive any representations from the public relating to items on the agenda

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

FC2526.148. To consider a request that the Town Council support and progress an Expression of Interest for the Town of Culture 2028 competition.

It was **RESOLVED** to support the progression of an Expression of Interest for the Town of Culture 2028 competition.

FC2526.149. Subject to approval, to appoint councillors to work with partners to progress the Expression of Interest.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- Councillors Helen Ball, Tiff O'Connor and Chris Rowe be appointed to prepare the Expression of Interest by the 31st of March 2026 deadline.
- All councillors provide any suggestions and ideas via email.

It was **RESOLVED** to delegate the submission of the Expression of Interest to Cllrs Helen Ball, Tiff O'Connor and Chris Rowe, and that a draft be available for review at the next Full Council meeting on Tuesday 10th March 2026.

FC2526.150. Date of next meeting – Extraordinary Meeting at 6.30pm on 10th of February 2026

It was noted that the next meeting would be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 10th of February 2026.

[Meeting closed at 8.29pm]