



## **STRATFORD-UPON-AVON TOWN COUNCIL**

### **CIVIC HERITAGE AND EVENTS COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 31 March 2026

Meeting commenced: 6:30pm Meeting ended: 7:07pm

Present:  
Councillors:

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| Fojtik (Chair)  | Petrovic |
| Harding         | Rolfe    |
| Hunter          | Vos      |
| McNaught Barrow |          |

Clerk: Civic Officer  
Press: None  
Public: Members of the Royal British Legion (Stratford Branch)

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#### **39. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Duck and Rolfe and accepted for the reasons given.

#### **40. Declarations of Interest**

There were none

#### **41. To receive written requests for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interests**

There were none.

#### **42. Public Participation of non-agenda items**

There were no none-agenda items discussed

**43. To approve the draft Minutes of the Civic Heritage and Events Meeting held on 02 December 2025**

It was Proposed, Seconded and

RESOLVED That the draft Minutes of the Civic Heritage and Events Committee held on 02 December 2025, be approved as a correct record.

**44. To adopt the Minutes of the Website, Social Media and Newsletter held on 15 December**

It was Proposed, Seconded and

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Website, Social Media and Newsletter sub-group held on 15 December be adopted.

Members noted that the meetings held on 20 January, 19 February and 19 March were not quorate, so the notes have been included for information only.

**45. To adopt the draft Minutes of the Market Forum held on 10 February 2026**

It was Proposed, Seconded and

RESOLVED That the draft Minutes of the Market Forum held on 10 February 2026 be adopted.

**Town Clerks Open Report**

**46. To receive an update regarding the Birthday Celebrations**

Arrangements for the Birthday Celebrations were well in hand, although it was still unclear as to how many diplomats would be attending. Additional entertainment has been made possible through a Community Grant funded jointly by Warwickshire County Council

and Stratford Town Trust. Approximately 20 groups will be awarded a grant.

Further information regarding public liability insurance for grant applicants will be given in due course.

The printing of the leaflet was in hand.

#### 47. **Armed Forces Day**

Members of the Stratford Branch RBL were present to outline their views regarding the necessary relocation of the Armed Forces Day event from outside the Town Hall.

Initial discussions with Stratford District Council and representatives from the Veterans Contact Point had highlighted various events being held in connection with the Armed Forces Covenant, including a five aside football tournament at the Leisure Centre. It had been proposed that for safety reasons the current event should move to the paved area near the Swan Fountain, as a much safer option. The RBL members rejected this suggestion as being too noisy due to buskers, the sound of the fountain and passing traffic. It was subsequently suggested by the representatives from the RBL, to hold the event on 27 June in the Remembrance Garden.

Following a brief discussion, it was Proposed, Seconded and

RESOLVED To accept the proposal to use the Garden of Remembrance for the 2026 Armed Forces Day event and that a review be undertaken to determine where to hold the 2027 event.

#### 48. **Market Contract**

The plan of preparing for tender of a new contract was noted

RESOLVED To that the following Councillors: Fojtik, Hunter, McNaught Barrow and Petrovic were prepared stand for membership of the Working Group:

#### 49. **Civic Car**

The future of the current civic car was discussed, to determine whether it was still appropriate to have a dedicated vehicle and to begin to explore alternatives.

Following a brief discussion, it was Proposed, Seconded and

**RESOLVED** To retain the current car until such time as it is no longer financially viable to retain and then dispose of it and not purchase a replacement.

In the meantime, alternative and more flexible and cost-effective approach should be explored which would better serve the Council moving forward.

**Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting to be confirmed

*Chair:* .....