

BUCKFASTLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd April 2026 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors: Sue Clarke (Chair), Steven Burch, Rod Denley Jones, Ron Fox, Paul Georghiades, Cem Luscombe, Sylvee Phillips and Judith Hart (Town Clerk).

In attendance: Cllr Jack Major (Teignbridge District Council), Cllr Stuart Rogers (Devon County Council & Teignbridge District Council) and 1 member of the public

Press: None

26/01. Introduction and welcome to the Annual Town Meeting.

26/02. Apologies for absence: Cllrs John Bailey and Ben Leaney

26/03. To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 23rd April 2025.

Signed by Cllr Sue Clarke

26/04. A review of Town Activities during the year and a look ahead to the future by Councillor Sue Clarke, Mayor of Buckfastleigh.

A copy of the Mayor's report had been circulated to Members.

It has been a busy year with many challenges on the horizon due to Local Government Reorganisation, changes to the library service, Teignbridge District Council's decision to close the public toilets in Woodholme car park and ongoing problems with the Town Hall.

On a more positive note, and following a second successful bid to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund we now have a lovely new cinema with a state-of-the-art projector, comfortable furnishings and a fully stocked bar to welcome our residents and visitors for an evening of entertainment.

The Town Council awarded over £56,000 in grants to local groups and organisations and continues to support Victoria Park and swimming pool, the Town Hall, the weekly Citizens Advice outreach service, Hello Summer, the Youth Cafe and fund our lovely Christmas lights display.

Action: Copy of the full report to be published on the Town Council website and social media page.

26/05. Public Question Time.

No questions

Meeting Closed at 7.06pm and proceeded to the April Town Council meeting.