

**BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Annual Town Assembly**  
**Held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 6.30pm**

**DRAFT**  
Not to be confirmed

**PRESENT**

Cllr P Clark - Chairman  
Cllr L Lindsay  
Cllr H White  
Cllr Jackie Stayt  
Cllr L Hitchings  
Cllr D Robinson  
Cllr B Quayle

Cllr R Carter - Vice Chairman  
Cllr S Hitchings  
Cllr John Stayt  
Cllr C Stevens  
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke  
Cllr P Osborne

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Town Clerk  
Assistant Town Clerk  
Stephanie Farr, Dorset County Council

Operations Manager  
Nicci Brown – Press  
Members of the public

**1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr H Mieville

Cllr H Galpin

**2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Jackie Stayt, SECONDED by Cllr Robinson and AGREED unanimously that the Minutes are APPROVED and SIGNED.

**3. CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL'S REPORT**

The Chairman of Council, Cllr Clark, read his annual report for the year 2017/2018.

**4. QUESTIONS**

No questions were asked from members of the public.

**5. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

- 5.1 A member of the Bowls Club spoke to promote the Club and invited everyone to the Junior Open Day (5 to 18 years) on 28<sup>th</sup> April at 10am and the Adult Opening Day on 5<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to 4pm. Coaching courses are starting on 5<sup>th</sup> May for 5 weeks and he has invited everyone to join the Club.
- 5.2 Stephanie Farr from Dorset County Council spoke about the conflict in Syria and the refugee situation. Eight families, as part of the Governments pledge, have already been housed in Dorset and they are hoping to have 30 families by 2020 in total. DCC representatives look after the families for five years after their arrival. She thanked the Communities that look after these refugees and urged Blandford to get involved.
- 5.3 Nicci Brown spoke on behalf of the Blandford Railway Arches Trust, who thanked the Town Council for its support. They are in the final stage of a LEADER grant application.
- 5.4 Nicci Brown spoke on behalf of the Civic Society who would like to restore the Archway in Damory Street and tidy up the graveyard. They would like letters of support to restore the archway to go with the grant application. She would also appreciate information if anyone knows why it is there.
- 5.5 Nicci Brown reported that the Forum Focus is losing a delivery man. If anyone would like to deliver two days a month they would love to hear from them.

5. **PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS (CONT.)**

5.6 John Tanner spoke on behalf of Age Concern and TREADS, and thanked the Town Council for the grants as these are a lifeline for both organisations.

The Chairman thanked all for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 7:08pm.

**SIGNED .....** **DATED .....**