BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Town Council Co-option Meeting
Held on Monday 24th November 2025 at 6:02pm in the Corn Exchange

DRAFT Subject to confirmation

PRESENT

Cllr H Miéville – Chairman of Council
Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr R Holmes
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke
Cllr T Clarkson
Cllr B Quayle
Cllr S Morgan
Cllr C Stevens – Vice Chairman of Council
Cllr A Cross
Cllr J Robinson
Cllr Y Miéville
Cllr M Putt
Cllr S Chapman
Cllr Gail Del-Pinto

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk
Committee Clerk
Dr Michelle Spruce
Operations Manager
Mrs Liz Rawlings
Mr Harold Galpin

90. APOLOGIES

Cllr L Hitchings

91. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM THE CANDIDATES TO FILL THE COUNCILLOR VACANCIES IN THE WARD OF LANGTON ST LEONARDS BY WAY OF CO-OPTION AND ASK ANY QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATE

A presentation was received from the following candidates and Councillors had the opportunity to ask questions prior to them leaving the meeting.

91.1 Liz Rawlings – Liz spoke about her love and passion for the town and her desire to be a part of the decision-making process. Cllr Holmes asked if Liz could manage both the role of Town Crier and Town Councillor and Liz explained that she felt confident she could cover both and has the capacity to do so.

91.2 Michelle Spruce – Michelle explained her role and experience as a local business owner and resident who would like to bring her skills and knowledge to the Town Council, and would like all residents to feel valued and listened to. Michelle is also keen to see the Corn Exchange develop into a successful community space and could apply her business skills to support this.

91.3 Harold Galpin – Harold referred to his previous stint of 20 years on the Town Council. He was born and bred locally, has supported the town throughout his life, and would like to continue to do so.

92. CONFIDENTIAL

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Cross, SECONDED by Cllr Holmes and AGREED (12 in favour, 2 against) that

The public and press may be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity might be prejudicial to the public interest as per Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

92.2 Councillors voted by written ballot.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Stevens, SECONDED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke and AGREED unanimously that

The public and press were welcomed back into the meeting for the following items;

93. TO CONFIRM THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE

The Chairman advised that the voting took place by way of a written ballot and it was resolved that

Michelle Spruce received an absolute majority vote of those present and voting and is appointed to the position of Town Councillor for the Langton St Leonards ward.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

The meeting closed at 6:32pm.

SIGNED ……. DATED ……..……