



BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Town & Purposes Committee

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MINUTES

Held on:	Monday, 13 July 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Corn Exchange
Summoned members present	Town & General Purposes Cllrs; Cllr T Clarkson, Cllr R Homes, Cllr C Stevens, Cllr Y Miéville, Cllr H Miéville, Cllr B Quayle, Cllr S Morgan, Cllr G Del-Pinto, Cllr M Putt
Absent:	
Sitting in	Cllr S Hitchings, Cllr J Robinson, Cllr S Chapman
Officers Present:	Committee Clerk, Operations Manager
In attendance:	Press (0), Members of the public (2) On Microsoft Teams (1)

TGP1.1 Public Session

Members of the public were invited to make representations to the Council on any matters relating to the work of the Council or to raise any issues of concern, the following matters were raised.

Visit Dorset – Sarah Jane Barnett & James Maidment from Visit Dorset explained how their organisation promotes places to visit in Dorset through a membership programme in order to encourage more visitors.

TGP1.2 Apologies

Officer report TGP1.2 was received and there were no apologies

ACTION: MAYOR'S ASSISTANT

TGP1.3 Declarations of Interest

Officer report TGP1.3 was received, all councillors were reminded of their duty to declare any interests in the business to be transacted and it was **NOTED** that there were no declarations made.

TGP1.4 Minutes

Officer report TGP1.4 was received and it was **RESOLVED** unanimously that

the minutes of Monday, 09 March 2026 be approved for signing as a true record of the decisions taken

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

TGP1.5 Officer Report to the Committee

Officer report TGP1.5 was received and **NOTED**. In addition to the report the following was reported:

Initial:

Residents' complaints regarding the Bournemouth Road closure at Charlton Marshall have been passed onto the councillor for that parish.

TGP1.6 Blandford Police Report

No Police report was received

TG1.7 Market Managers July 2026 Report

The Market Manger's report was received and noted.

TGP1.8 DC Highways

Officer report TGP1.8 was received and it was **RESOLVED** (8 in favour, 1 abstention) that

the council request an Automatic Traffic Counter (ATC) to be put in place by Dorset Council on Damory Street to collect traffic data (cost to be confirmed).

ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK

TGP1.9 Christmas Lights Options 2026

Officer report TGP1.9 was received and it was **RECOMMENDED** (6 in favour, 3 abstentions) that

the council choose Lumiere Events Southwest (Company A) at a cost of £20,715.00 to provide and install the 2026 Christmas lights.

ACTION: OPERATIONS MANAGER

TGP1.10 Free Parking

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that

the council request Thursday 17th December 2026 to be a free parking day

ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK

TGP1.11 Committee Budget Review

Officer report TGP1.11 showing Analytical Review of Revenue Budget, Earmarked Reserves and Reserve Accounts were received and noted.

ACTION: RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20:10

These minutes will be considered for approval at the next meeting of the **Town & Purposes Committee** and, if approved, will be signed and dated by the Chair of that meeting.

Signed: _____ Date: _____