



## FLITWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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16<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

All Members of the Town Council are hereby summoned to the **Council Meeting of Flitwick Town Council** that will take place on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 at The Rufus Centre**, commencing at **7.45 p.m.** in order to transact the under mentioned items of business.

Yours faithfully

S. Lockey

Stacie Lockey  
Town Clerk

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Central Bedfordshire Council

Chairman to read out the following statement:

*I would like to inform everyone present that this meeting is being filmed and that by joining this meeting you are consenting to being filmed. Can I also remind Councillors and members of the public not to disclose any personal information regarding an individual as this might infringe the rights of this individual and breach data protection rules. Can I also remind you when not speaking to mute your microphone.*

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive Statutory Declarations of Interests from Members in relation to:

- (a) Disclosable Pecuniary interests in any agenda item.
- (b) Non-Pecuniary interests in any agenda item.

3. **TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive announcements from the Town Mayor.

4. **Leader Update**

To receive an update from the Leader of the council.

5. **REPORTS FROM WARD MEMBERS**

To receive reports from Central Bedfordshire Council ward members.

6. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

To adjourn for a period of up to 15 minutes to allow members of the public to put questions or to address the Council, through the Chairman, pertaining to matters listed on the Agenda.

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Each Speaker will give their name to the Chairman, prior to speaking, which will be recorded in the minutes, unless that person requests otherwise. Each Speaker will be allowed **(one) three-minute slot**.

7. **INVITED SPEAKER**

No invited speaker.

8. **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

To receive questions from Members.

9. **MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEETINGS**

- a. For Members to approve the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held, on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024**, this meeting was held at the Rufus Centre.
- b. For Members to receive and consider the resolutions and recommendations of the Community Services Committee meeting, held on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025**, this meeting was held at The Rufus Centre.
- c. For Members to receive and consider the resolutions and recommendations of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting, held on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025**, this meeting was held at the Rufus Centre.

10. **MATTERS ARISING**

- a. Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024**.
- b. Members to receive any updates from Officers.

11. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies.

## 12. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

### a. **Proposed Budget 2025-26**

Members are asked to consider the Finance & General Purposes Committee's recommendation to approve the proposed budget for 2025-26 circulated.

*It was **recommended** that the Draft Budget 2025-26 be approved with a 3% rise in Precept.*

### b. **Consultation on School Admission Arrangements 2026/27**

Central Bedfordshire Council has launched its consultation on its school admission arrangements for 2026/27. The consultation runs from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December to Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Full details of the consultation and how to respond can be found at: [View our current consultations | Central Bedfordshire Council](#)

Members are asked to consider formally responding.

### c. **Community Services Committee Vacancy**

Following the resignation of Sue Livens, Members are asked to consider electing a Member to the Community Services Committee.

### d. **Business Improvement & Development Board Vacancy**

Cllr Harald has withdrawn membership from this committee; Members are asked to consider electing a Member to the Business Improvement & Development Board.

### e. **Flitwick Scout Group**

Members are asked to consider whether they would allow Flitwick Scout Group's planning application to be submitted in Flitwick Town Council's name. This would enable the project to benefit from the 50% discount on planning fees, which is a common approach within the voluntary and community sectors.

There would be no impact on Officer time. If Members agree on this approach, FTC must fully support the plans before submission.

## 13. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### a. **Finance Reports**

Members are asked to note the following finance reports:

- i) Balance Sheet
- ii) Projects Fund

## 14. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

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15. **EXEMPT ITEMS**

The following resolution will be **moved** that is advisable in the public interest that the public and press are excluded whilst the following exempt item issue is discussed.

**a) Confidential Report** – to note

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the public bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Council **resolve** to exclude the public and press by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.