

**MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF SHEPTON MALLET HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY 2022
The Art Bank**

Present: Councillors Matt Harrison as Chairman of Shepton Mallet Town Council, Edric Hobbs, Tom Makin, Abi McGuire, James Brittain, Martin Lovell and eight members of the public.

In attendance: C Commons, Town Clerk

1. Welcome from the Chairman of Shepton Mallet Town Council

The Chairman of the Town Council, Matt Harrison, thanked people for attending and gave the background and format of the meeting.

2. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from absent councillors.

3. To receive and approve the minutes from the Annual Town Meeting held on Tuesday 27th May 2021

The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting with a correction to the date held and will be signed by the Chairman of the Town Council.

4. To receive presentation from Representatives from the community

i. The Chairman of the Town Council spoke about

- **EXTERNAL CHALLENGES:**
Health pandemic
Economic challenges
Local government changes
Housing growth
Climate change
- **BUILDING TOWN COUNCIL RESILIENCE:**
A clear strategic priority: Investing in Shepton's Future
A 'fit for purpose' budget
An aligned structure
People in place
- **PROJECT DELIVERY**
Detailing 17 projects recently completed or underway
- **LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION**

ii. Becky on behalf of park run spoke about

- The personal importance and benefit of parkrun
- The achievements and family feel of the runs

iii. Christine on behalf of Shepton Mallet Snowdrops spoke about

- Celebrating the life of James Allen
- Challenges faced by Shepton Snowdrops
- The Snowdrop Festival

iv. Ian on behalf of Citizen's Advice spoke about

- The charity status
- Variety of help provided
- Cost and financial value of help provided

5. To receive any written questions submitted by the electorate (those who reside within the parish of Shepton Mallet)

There were none

6. Questions from those present

Questions had been put to each presenter. There were no additional questions to the Council.

7. Closing remarks

Thanks were extended to all who attended and hopes for a bigger Town Meeting next year.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

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