

KIDDERMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL CIVIC AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th January at 6pm
in the Council Chamber, Kidderminster Town Hall**

Present:

Councillor M. Rayner (Chair)
Councillor N. Gale (Vice Chair)
Councillor D. Chambers
Councillor S. Miah
Councillor L. Carroll (Sub)

Civic, Communities and Events Manager

Councillor D. Hine

Twinning association representatives: Mrs Jean Talbot and Mrs Hilary Boyle

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor J. Beckingham
Councillor M. Smith
Councillor J. Aston

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the Civic and Events Committee meeting held on 29th October 2025, with the amendment to add Cllr S. Miah to the Kidderminster-Husum Twinning Civic Visit and 50th Anniversary Celebration Working Group.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5. TWINNING CELEBRATION EVENT – 50TH ANNIVERSARY (APPENDIX 3)

The committee agreed to bring forward Item 6 for discussion as Item 5 on the agenda.

Members noted the content of report from the Chair of the working group.

6. EVENTS FEEDBACK (APPENDIX 2)

Members noted feedback of civic events.

- Town Hall Re-Opening
- Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade
- Christmas Lights Switch On
- Santa in the Town Hall
- Christmas Carol Service

Cllr L. Carroll left the meeting at 7.10pm.

7. **VISION 2025-2029 (APPENDIX 4)**

Members noted the recommendation to the Vision, and proposed the following amendments:

3.H Wording amended to:

Support and encourage the understanding of different cultures and peoples through organisations.

3.I wording amended to:

Encourage and support the promotion of Kidderminster's history and heritage, such as the Kidderminster-Husum Twinning Association.

8. **CCE BUDGET (APPENDIX 5A) AND REPORT (APPENDIX 5B)**

RESOLVED: Option A2 - Members noted and recommended amendments to the CCE budget.

The committee recommended an additional:

£2,000 for Christmas Lights Electricity (currently at £800) – in order to improve the infrastructure for the lights in the town.

£4,000 for Twinning (currently at £1,000) – to accommodate the Kidderminster-Husum Twinning Civic Visit and 50th Anniversary Celebration, as per the WG Chair's report.

AND

Deferred decision on delivery options for the Christmas Lights Switch On event.

9. **CIVIC EVENTS PROGRAMME 2026-27 & 2027-28 (APPENDIX 6)**

To note and agree dates for the civic calendar, with additions of:

- The Kidderminster-Husum Twinning Civic Visit and 50th Anniversary Celebration – October 2026
- The St George's Park Centenary celebration – 23rd July 2027
- Flag Flying – June 2028

The committee recommended an additional meeting date of 29th April 2026, subject to availability.

10. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (APPENDIX 7)**

To agree items for discussion at future meetings of the Civic and Events Committee.

- Vision 2025-2029:
 - 3.E Celebrate and recognise individual and community achievements
 - 3G. Promote 'Kidderminster in Bloom'
- Update from Council representative for the Kidderminster Dementia Action Alliance
- Draft Civic Events plans
- Protocol for shared/ joint civic events with other local government organisation
- Committee to observe a minute's silence in memory of Reverend Rose Lawley, of St Mary and All Saints Church

Meeting closed: 8.36pm

Signed: Date: