

**KIDDERMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL  
CIVIC AND EVENTS COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 Hiliary 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 – 50<sup>TH</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – October 2026
- The St George's Park Centenary celebration – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2027
- Flag Flying – June 2028

The committee recommended an additional meeting date of 29<sup>th</sup> 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: .....