



Name: Bobbie Sunderland
(Deputy Mayor)

Date: 30.04.2025

Signed: ORIGINAL SIGNED

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting/Assembly of Electors

held in Lyde Green Community Centre

1800hrs on Thursday 16th of May 2024.

Present: Cllrs James Hunt (Mayor), Bobbie Sunderland (Deputy Mayor), Colin Hunt, Graham Hutter, Tina Potter, Kelly Allen, Rachael Hunt, and Simon Budd.

In attendance: Deputy Town Clerk, Jane Wray, Stephanie Bennett, Clerk of Fawley Parish, Paul Kearsley, Environmental Services Manager, and Darryl Bury, Community Caretaker.

Apologies: None.

Public: Twenty-three members of the public attended the meeting.

Notes: The meeting began at 1900hrs. All resolutions are passed with a majority vote, by a show of hands, unless otherwise stated.

Beforehand Welcome and introductions.

Cllr James Hunt (Mayor) welcomed everyone present at the meeting, introduced members of the Council, and explained the emergency procedures.

ATM_2024.001 Election.

Minutes: A single nomination was received for Cllr James Hunt (Mayor) to be elected as Chairman for the meeting.

Motion: It was moved by Cllr Colin Hunt, supported by Cllr Bobbie Sunderland, and resolved that:

Resolved: Cllr James Hunt (Mayor) be the Chairman for the Annual Town Meeting.

ATM_2024.002 Apologies for absence.

Minutes: At the invitation of Cllr James Hunt (Mayor), the Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that no apologies had been received.

ATM_2024.003 Minutes.

- Minutes:** At the invitation of Cllr James Hunt (Mayor), the audience was invited to make comments or suggestions. There were none. After this,
- Motion:** It was moved by Cllr Colin Hunt, supported by Cllr Kelly Allen, and resolved that:
- Resolved:** The Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on the 25th of May 2023, copies having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

ATM_2024.004 To announce the winner of the Christmas Lights Competition

- 2024. Minutes:** Cllr James Hunt (Mayor), announced the winner as Erin Coles from Mangotsfield Primary School, who attended the meeting. After this, the other entrants collected their prizes.

ATM_2023.005 To receive any other presentations.

- Minutes:** At the invitation of Cllr James Hunt (Mayor), Cllr Bobbie Sunderland gave a short presentation on the work that the Open Spaces Committee Members and the Climate and Nature group had been undertaking around the area.
- Next Chris Sunderland gave a presentation on behalf of the Friends of Emerson Green Park and the upcoming EarthFest activities.

ATM_2023.006 To receive reports from Councillors.

- Minutes:** Cllr James Hunt (Mayor), spoke about the challenges of the Town Clerk's sudden departure from the Council and how exciting the future looked with an Environmental Services Manager and Community Caretaker already in post and the pending arrival of a new Town Clerk, who together with the rest of the staff will support the Council to deliver on the vision in its Strategic Plan.
- After that, Cllr James Hunt (Mayor) explained that the Council has commissioned services from CAB, providing weekly drop-in sessions at Lyde Green Community Centre and Emersons Green Village Hall. From 1st July 2024, Creative Youth Network will deliver youth provision within the Emersons Green Parish Boundary, on behalf of Emersons Green Town Council. CYN will engage with young people in the local area by providing safe, fun, creative, and rewarding activities for young people to do whilst being supervised and supported by fully assessed and qualified youth workers.

ATM_2023.007 To address questions from Local Government Electors of the Town.

Minutes: Cllr James Hunt (Mayor), invited members of the public to ask questions. There were none.

ATM_2023.008 To receive the Balance Sheet 2023-2024

Minutes: At the invitation of Cllr James Hunt (Mayor), the Deputy Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer, Jane Wray gave an overview of what the Council's finances.

Minutes: In conclusion, Cllr James Hunt (Mayor) concluded the formal business of the meeting at 1900hrs.