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Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting/Assembly of Electors

Held in the Council Chamber, Emersons Green Town Council,

1830hrs on Wednesday 29th of April 2026.

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

In attendance: Deputy Town Clerk - Jane Wray, Emma Yu – Assistant Clerk, Bonnie Beverley-Stone – Assistant Clerk, and Shea Stew – Youth Liaison Officer.

Apologies: Town Clerk – Jo Bryant, Environmental Services Manager – Paul Kearsley, Cllr Lynne Paraskeva and Andy Cowie.

Absent: Cllrs Eli Akatwijuka, and Daryl Hembrough.

Public: Fifteen members of the public attended the meeting.

Notes: The meeting began at 1830hrs. All resolutions were passed with a majority vote, by a show of hands, unless otherwise stated.

Welcome and introductions.

Deputy Clerk – Jane Wray welcomed everyone present at the meeting and explained the emergency procedures.

ATM_2026.001 Appointment of Chair.

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

ATM_2026.002 Minutes.

Resolved: The Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on the 30th April 2025, copies having been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record.

ATM_2026.03 To address questions from Local Government Electors of the Town.

None received.

ATM_2026.04 To receive any other presentations.

Presentations were received from community organisations sharing their news, successes, community support, activities and plans.

Great Western Air Ambulance Charity were unable to attend but provided valuable information that was presented by Jane Wray – Deputy Clerk.

Jane Wray – Deputy Clerk provided an annual summary on behalf of the Clerk and herself reflecting on the year behind us and looking ahead to the coming year.

ATM_2026.05 To receive reports from Councillors

Cllr Simon Budd provided an update from the Planning Committee.

Cllr Bobbie Sunderland provided an update on The Open Spaces Committee, CAN, and the Community Caretaking Team who work together to look after the open spaces, green areas, and community facilities, combining formal oversight with hands-on maintenance and volunteer-supported action to keep public spaces clean, safe, attractive, and welcoming for residents.

Cllr Abi Cohen provided a summary from the Youth Working Committee outlining the success of the Community Hub on Wheels (CHOW) from blueprint to a fully operations centre, highlighting the success of the detached youth work now operating in 5 areas from zero outreach to 106 young people engaged. Cllr Cohen also advised on the growing network of partners including the funding secured from SNG Housing Association which is funding a 2 year Lyde Green Social Action Project, and going from a new committee to a recognised partner across South Gloucestershire.

ATM_2026.06 To present the Community Awards 2026

Emersons Green Town Council was proud to launch a new initiative for 2026 celebrating the remarkable people who make our community a better, kinder, and more vibrant place to live. The **Community Champions Awards** recognised those who go above and beyond - both quietly and publicly - to support neighbours, strengthen local groups, and contribute to the overall wellbeing of the parish.

The winners were as followed:-

Young Volunteers – Olli and Lenni Langreiter

Volunteer of the Year – Liz Gray – Music Train

Community Group – The Lyde Green Chatty Café Team

Outstanding Contribution to the Community - Janet McBride – CAB

Mayors Special Recognition Award – Friends of Emersons Green Park

The meeting concluded at 19.30hrs.

All attendees were invited to network and enjoy refreshments after the meeting.

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