



Okehampton Town Council

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**Minutes of a meeting of Okehampton Town Council held on
Monday 14th September 2026 at 6.15pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton**

Members Present:

Cllr R Colman (Mayor)
Cllr T Cummings
Cllr A Fisher
Cllr M Ireland
Cllr C Marsh

Cllr T Leech (Chairman, Planning)
Cllr B Tolley (Chairman, Parks)
Cllr M Ricketts
Cllr D McNeill

In Attendance:

Mrs E James (Clerk)

Absent:

Cllr S Weekes

The meeting was livestreamed through the Council's Facebook page.

224. Apologies for Absence

On the proposition Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Cummings, it was **RESOLVED** to approve apologies tendered by Cllr Yelland (prior commitment) and Cllr Holt (illness).

225. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Tolley, Ireland and McNeill declared personal interests in items relating to the Allotments.

226. Public Participation

None

227. Members' Questions

It was commented that a rail passenger had almost been trapped on the train at the Interchange Station when the doors had closed almost not allowing time to get out. Comments were ongoing about the lack of toilet facilities.

228. Full Council Meeting Minutes

On the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded by Cllr Fisher it was **RESOLVED** to receive, approve and sign the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 17th August 2026.

229. Allotments

On the proposition of Cllr Marsh, seconded by Cllr Fisher (3 abstentions) it was **RESOLVED** to approve the Allotment Policy.

On the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded by Cllr Fisher (3 abstentions) it was **RESOLVED** to approve the following documents which had been amended to include the allotments:

- Freedom of Information Act 2000 Publication Scheme
- Information and Data Protection Policy
- Privacy Notice
- Privacy Notice Policy

230. Finance

A query was asked about the purchase of workwear. On the proposition of Cllr Tolley, seconded by Cllr Bird it was **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments, the BACS payments totalling £1,300.33 exclusive of VAT.

PART TWO – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

231. On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Cummings it was **RESOLVED** that under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items which are CONFIDENTIAL by virtue of relating to legal and/or commercial matters, staffing and/or the financial or business affairs of a person or persons other than the Council.

232. Allotments

The leases for the allotments were considered along with a letter from the OUC advising their intention for the arrangement to be long term. On the proposition of Cllr Marsh, seconded by Cllr Leech (3 abstentions) it was **RESOLVED** to approve the leases for allotments at the following locations to be executed and sealed in accordance with Standing Orders. Amendment to be requested for the renaming of leases for consistency.

- Castle Road, Okehampton
- Fatherford Road, Okehampton
- North Street, Okehampton

On the proposition of Cllr Fisher, seconded by Cllr Marsh (3 abstentions) it was **RESOLVED** to replace the padlocks, 5 in number, with digital padlocks.

On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Leech it was **RESOLVED** to exit Part 2 and ratify decisions made therein. The meeting was closed at 6.45pm.

Councillor Colman, Mayor