

**Minutes from the**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF MINEHEAD**  
**Held on**  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7:30 p.m. at The Community**  
**Centre, Irnham Road, Minehead TA24 5DW**

**1. Welcome by the Mayor of Minehead.**

The Chair, Cllr C Palmer, opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees and expressing gratitude for their presence. He clarified that the event was not a Town Council meeting, but a public meeting aimed at bringing together residents, community groups and local volunteers to share ideas and contribute to making Minehead the best it can be.

**2. To receive and approve the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025.**

The minutes from the Annual Town Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 were received. Paper copies were available for attendees and they are also accessible online. These Minutes were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**3. Short reports from local organisations/groups.**

The event was very well attend with local groups, with several local organisations and community groups attended the meeting, each displaying promotional materials and distributing handouts with many providing a brief verbal presentation about their work. These included:

- Dementia Action Group
- Twinning Society
- National Coast Watch
- Somerset Active Sports Partnership (SASP)
- Repair Café
- West Somerset Food Cupboard
- Minehead Cricket Club
- Minehead Eye
- Minehead Museum
- Minehead Coast and Development Trust
- Minehead Swimming Pool Project
- St Michaels Pool
- Somerset Councillor Mandy Chilcott
- U3A
- Townswomens Guild

**4. To present the RHS In Your Neighbourhood Awards to local groups.**

The Chair reported that following Minehead's achievement of retaining a Gold award in the 2025 South West in Bloom competition, several local organisations and individuals were recognised for their contributions to the town's upkeep. "It's Your Neighbourhood" awards were presented to:

- Blenheim Gardens Volunteers
- Community Payback – for their work within Minehead
- Keith Hunt for championing environmentally friendly initiatives

An award was also presented to Brian Milligan in recognition of his work monitoring and protecting the Reed Warbler population at Lower Marsh Common, as well as the Wombles group's ongoing efforts throughout the town. No representatives were present at the meeting, and the Clerk will arrange for the certificates to be presented at a later date.

#### **5. Public Question Time**

The Chair invited questions from those in attendance. No matters were raised.

#### **6. Mayor's closing comments.**

The Chair closed the meeting by expressing appreciation to all attendees, as well as to the local organisations and groups for their continued dedication and service to the town. Attendees were reminded that light refreshments were available and encouraged to stay and take advantage of the opportunity to network.

Meeting closed at 21:15

Councillor Craig Palmer  
Mayor of Minehead  
May 2026