



Padiham Town Council

Minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting Held on Monday 18th May 2026 at 7:00pm

Present

Town Councillors: Councillor A. Lewis (in the Chair), D. Alexander, M. Duckworth, P. Haigh, M. Harrison, P. McCann, D. O'Neill, C. Pilkington, V. Pridden, C. Smith, C. Turner, P. Turner and M. Whittaker.

Others: Steve Watson (Town Clerk), Andy Perry (Ballroom Manager) plus 60 guests.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

TC/26/27/001 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Keith Barsby.

TC/26/27/002 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of interest.

TC/26/27/003 Minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting and Mayor Making on 19th May 2025

The Minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting and Mayor Making held on 19th May 2025 were considered.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting and Mayor making held on 19th May are approved as a correct record.

TC/26/27/004 To elect a Chair of the Council, who shall also be the Town Mayor for 2026-2027

It was proposed to elect Cllr Phil Turner as Chair and Town Mayor for 2026-2027.

Proposed by Cllr Maurice Duckworth

Seconded by Cllr Dianne O'Neill

Resolved: That Councillor Phil Turner is elected as Chair and Town Mayor for 2026-2027

Councillor Phil Turner completed the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

TC/26/27/005 To move a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Alun Lewis for his service during the past Municipal Year

It was proposed to move a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor.

Proposed by Cllr Claire Pilkington

Seconded by Cllr Chris Turner

Resolved: That a vote of thanks is given to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Alun Lewis for his service during the past Municipal Year

TC/26/27/006 To elect a Vice Chair of the Council, who shall also be the Deputy Town Mayor for 2026-2027

It was proposed to elect Cllr Peter McCann as Vice Chair and Deputy Town Mayor for 2026-2027.

Proposed by Cllr Maureen Whittaker

Seconded by Cllr Vince Pridden

Resolved: That Councillor Peter McCann is elected as Vice-Chair and Deputy Town Mayor for 2026-2027

Councillor McCann completed the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

TC/26/27/007 Date of the next Annual Town Council Meeting

The next Annual Town Council meeting will be held on Monday 17th May 2027.