

Minutes of the Bridport Town Council, as trustees to the Bridport Communities Trust held at Mountfield, Bridport on Tuesday 20 January 2026 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT Cllr Anne Rickard – (Chair and Town Mayor)

Cllrs	Ian Bark	Patrick Mooney
	Jonathan Bourbon	Nigel Rawlings
	Kelvin Clayton	Bev Thornton
	Sarah Carney	Dave Rickard
	Rob Casey	Sarah Williams
	Anna Killick	Steve Williams
	Ann Langridge	

ALSO PRESENT: Sally Freemantle (Town Clerk), Lisa Pinch (Finance & Officer Manager) and Claire Peters-Way (Property Manager).

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

66. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Nigel Amor, Bridget Bolwell and Andrew Holdridge.

67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

68. CONSTITUTION

The Town Clerk confirmed that Bridport Town Council as sole trustee of Bridport Communities Trust is required to meet two times in every year.

The Town Clerk reported that at this meeting it was not necessary to reaffirm the constitution at this stage.

69. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk asked members to nominate and confirm three Town Council members of the Management Committee and to agree the list of stakeholders.

Cllrs Anna Killick and Sarah Carney declared an interest as directors of Bridport Area Community Housing (BACH).

After a brief discussion members agreed the following:

RESOLVED: that (i) The re-affirmation of the Trust Management Committee as a standing committee of the Town Council including three Town Council members and five stakeholder members is to include representatives from, Bridport & District Citizen's Advice, Bridport Area Community Housing Trust, Bridport Food Bank, Bridport Youth & Community Centre and Harmony Centre.

It was agreed that Bridport Business Chamber, Bridport Area Development Trust, and Wessex Community Assets be removed from the list of stakeholders.

(ii) That Cllrs Sarah Williams, Ian Bark and Ann Langridge be elected as members of the Management Committee;

(iii) That the stakeholder bodies shall be afforded the right to each elect a representative to be a member of the Management Committee;

(iv) To confirm that there is no reserve list of stakeholders.

(v) Further advice to be sought by the Town Clerk in relation to opening a bank account in the name of the Trust.

70. COMMUNICATIONS

No items raised by members.

71. FUTURE MEETINGS

The Town Clerk recommended that Bridport Communities Trust meet again in March or as soon as possible thereafter subject to advice being sought.

The meeting closed at 6.29pm.

The next meeting of this committee is to be confirmed