



Bracknell Town Council

Annual Town Meeting Tuesday, May 14, 2024

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| Date | Tuesday, May 14, 2024 |
| Time | 19:00 - 19:30 |
| Location | Great Hollands Pavilion, South Road, RG40 3EE |
| Present | Cllrs Adutwum-Quaye, Bailey, Baker, Bidwell, Carter, Cochrane, Egglestone, Ejaz, Firth, G Gillbe, Jefferies, Keen, MacHale, Neil, Nugent, Penfold, Temperton, Thompson, Watts, Webb, M Wright |
| Apologies | Cllrs Frost, J Gillbe, Purnell, Sidebotham, Welch, I Wright, Young. |
| Present | 20+members of the public in attendance |
| Officer | Jackie Burgess – Town Clerk |

Minutes

FC21/24 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting held on 16th May 2023 were proposed as a correct record by Councillor Carter and seconded by Councillor Temperton. The Minutes were APPROVED

FC22/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the Minutes

FC23/24 MAYOR'S REPORT

The Bracknell Town Mayor Councillor Simon Carter gave a report on his year as town Mayor. During his time as Town Mayor, he attended over 45 events held by local Charities and organisations in Bracknell. Councillor Carter said the wearing of the chain gave him access to parts of Bracknell he had never seen before. Seeing and meeting all the different groups showed how special Bracknell is. Councillor Carter invited his wife Christine to accept a bunch of flowers as a thank you for all of her support during the year, the Mayor also thanked all the Town Council staff who had supported him at various events throughout the year.

The Town Mayor was delighted to have supported POP (Power of Parenting) during his year as Mayor and was delighted to report that he had managed to raise £2,828 for the charity. Paul Adams the CEO was invited up to receive the Cheque and say a few words on behalf of the Charity.

Mr. Adams thanked the Town Mayor for choosing to support POP and thanked the Mayor for running the virtual London Marathon on behalf of the Charity.

FC24/24 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The Town Mayor invited anyone present to put forward a question to the Council. No questions were put forward. The Town Mayor stated that a question had been put to him by a resident who could not be present: "I would like to raise a concern over the number of times the Park Run at Great Hollands has been cancelled." I followed this up with Officers and am happy to report that on a Friday Town Council staff meet with the Park Run Organisers to walk the route. Following this, a decision is jointly made between the two parties as to whether it is safe to run. This takes into consideration the condition of the ground, weather and the safety of the runners. Since Park Run began in 2015 there have been 388 events, 14,699 finishers and 199 volunteers. I am happy following my investigation that a balanced decision is made on whether to run or cancel and having investigated the matter other Park Runs are normally cancelled at the same time as the Great Hollands one. NOTED

FC25/24 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

- The next Annual Town Meeting is being held on Tuesday 13th May 2025 at Great Hollands Pavilion

This meeting is now Closed.

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