

MINUTES of the meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE** held in Room 11 at the Town Hall, at 7.30pm on Monday 17th February 2025.

PRESENT: Councillor Rees (Chair)
Councillors Antony, Beardwell, Freeman and Langdon
In attendance: County Councillors Hill and Jarvis
1 member of the public

The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and informed those present that the meeting was being recorded.

The Chair reminded Members of the Climate & Biodiversity Emergency declared by Royston Town Council and asked Members to be mindful of this when making decisions on behalf of the Council.

292/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was none.

293/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Councillors Birch, Brown, Compton, Harrison and Inwood.

294/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

Members were advised to declare any interests at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. No requests for dispensations were received.

295/25 APPROVAL OF GENERAL PURPOSES & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Members **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the General Purposes & Highways Committee held on Monday 16th December 2024 (minutes 236/25 to 246/25). The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

296/25 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTY MEETINGS:

Members received the notes of the Climate and Biodiversity Working Party meeting held on 9th January 2025 into the workings of the Council.

297/25 REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND THE CHAIR OF THE ROYSTON AREA FORUM:

The Chair thanked the County Councillors and the Chair of Royston Area Forum for their reports.

298/25 NHC RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY ROYSTON TOWN COUNCIL ON LITTER BIN RATIONALISATION:

Members expressed their disappointment that apart from their suggestion to increase the size of the bin on Grantham Close, their suggestions had not been taken on board. Members received and noted the response given by NHC.

299/25 UPDATE FROM CHAIRMAN:

There was none.

300/25 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS:

There were none.

Date of next meeting: 14th April 2025.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.42pm.

Signed: _____

Date _____

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