**MINUTES** of the meeting of **ROYSTON TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Heritage Hall, Town Hall, Royston at 7.30pm on Monday 21 July 2025.

PRESENT: Councillor Harrison in the Chair

Councillors Adams, Antony, Beardwell, Brown, Harrison, Jani, Langdon, Johnson, Lockett and Squire-Smith

In attendance: Paul Arnill MBE (Chief Officer)

 John Rees (Office Manager)

As neither Mayor nor Deputy Mayor were in attendance, Cllr Harrison was elected chair for the meeting.

Rev Dr Steven Sivyer of Royston Parish Church, St John the Baptist, led the meeting in prayer.

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

# 29/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was none.

# 30/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received in advance on behalf of Councillors Inwood, Freeman and Beardwell. Cllr Harrison stated that Cllr Haugh had sent him a message earlier saying that he was away on holiday and could not attend the meeting

**31/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:**

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

# 32/26 MINUTES:

As minutes of the previous Full Council meeting had not been circulated prior to the meeting it was agreed that approval of the minutes be deferred until the next meeting of the Full Council.

# 33/26 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:

It was **RESOLVED** that the following minutes, which have not already been adopted as a correct record, be adopted into the workings of the Council: The meeting of the Finance Committee held on:23 June 2025 (minutes 01/26 to 15/26)

**34/26 NOTES OF WORKING PARTY MEETINGS**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Events Working Party held on 8 June 2025, which have not already been adopted as a correct record, be adopted into the workings of the Council

# 35/26 ROYSTON MUSEUM

Director of Royston Museum, Emma Canterbury, reported on developments at Royston Museum.

**36/26 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT**

 It was **AGREED** that this item would be deferred to an extraordinary meeting of the Full Council to be held on Monday 28 July 2025

**37/26 ACCOUNTS 2024-2025**

 Members reviewed and accepted the accounts for year-end 31 March 2025.

**38/26 ANNUAL RETURN 2024-2025**

 It was **AGREED** that this item would be deferred to an extraordinary meeting of the Full Council to be held on Monday 28 July 2025

**39/26 ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025**

Members asked that the report to be edited to address some errors and anomalies

**40/26 HAPTC DATE**

Cllr Harrison reported on discussions held by the HAPTC Executive Committee including concerns about the impact of plans for unitary councils

**41/26 CHIEF OFFICER’S REPORT**

**MEETING CLOSED AT 8.52 PM**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING : 28 JULY 2025**

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Chairman