



Minutes of the Annual Town's Meeting held on Wednesday.
30th April 2025 at 7.00pm in Market Hall, The Square

Present: Councillors; N. Kenneally, D. De ste Croix, J. Hutchings, H. Parker,
J. Allen, J. Tadman, I. Edwards, G. Mardle.

In attendance: Town Clerk (TC), Assistant to the Town Clerk (ATTC),
Members of public: Mr R. Brown

Absentees: D. Cole, P. Brown

Apologies Cllrs: L. Piper, S. Preston

3223. Welcome by the Mayor

Councillor N. Kenneally welcomed and thanked the Public and Councillors for attending.

3224. Minutes of the 2024 Town's Meeting, having been read out, are recommended for approval.

Councillor D. De ste Croix, proposed that the Minutes of the Town's meeting held on 24th April 2024 be approved. This was seconded by Councillor H. Parker and agreed (4 For, 0 Against, 4 Abstentions)

3225. Annual Report presented by the Mayor, Councillor Nigel Kenneally

I would first of like to thank our new Town Clerk, Allison in addition to George and Tegan and all the councillors.

In May, I wrote a letter in support of the Agribusiness Centre for funding from the Devon & Torbay Devolution Fund.

I had the pleasure of taking part in a Twinning trip, which was an amazing experience. During the visit, I went to the Normandy War Memorial – a moving and emotional experience. The site features approximately 1,070 metal silhouettes representing each of the British soldiers who lost their lives. I also attended a civic service with the Mayor of Les Monts d'Aunay, Councillor Christine Salmon.

As part of the visit, I presented a gift on behalf of Holsworthy Town and delivered a speech. In return, the people of Holsworthy were presented with two books about Normandy, which I have loaned to the Museum for residents to view.

On 5th June, I laid a wreath at the War Memorial outside St Peter & St Paul's Church to mark the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. This event was held in conjunction with the Royal British Legion.

The following day, I attended the D-Day Proclamation, which was read aloud by our Town Crier, Mr Roger Dunstan. Children from local schools recited poems by the tree carving in Stanhope Park – a truly fantastic contribution. That evening, we held a fish and chips supper, which went exceptionally well. The event had a warm and positive atmosphere, with only one portion of chips remaining by the end! Again, thank you Cllr J. Hutchings for all your efforts.

In July, I attended the Court Leet, which was led by the new Portreeve, Mr Richard Brown. I also attended St Peter's Fair – although sadly, the fair itself was unable to take place. However, the Holsworthy 44 weekend event in July, commemorating D-Day, was a great success.

I hosted a Garden Party on 10th August in Badock Gardens, and on 22nd August, I had the honour of opening the Holsworthy & Stratton Show.

In October, I attended the civic services in Bideford and Torrington, where I had the opportunity to meet fellow mayors, councillors, and community members. In November, the Town Clerk and I met with Chris M. (TDC), which was a positive and productive meeting. As a result, Full Council meetings are now once again being held in the Market Chambers.

I took part in the Remembrance Day parade, which was a lovely and well-attended service. I also laid a wreath in Stanhope Park. The CCTV at the skateboard park was then installed and operational.

On 8th January 2025, I held my Annual Coffee Morning. HATS had a stall selling home-baked cakes, and I presented three cheques of £100 each – as agreed at the December Full Council meeting – to thank Holsworthy Lions, Holsworthy Town Band and Holsworthy Youth Club for their valued support at our Christmas Switch-On event.

In December we held our Christmas Lights Switch on which was a resounding success. I was unfortunately unable to attend but I hear the real Santa was there!

I attended the Holsworthy Area Advisory meeting, where discussions included location plans, housing, and other key matters impacting the town.

On 27th January, I attended the presentation of a hand-carved otter donated to Holsworthy by local woodcarver Mr Chris Osborne. On 29th January, I took part in a photo opportunity at Station Close alongside the Chair of Parks, Councillor Helen Parker, and contractor Mr Scott Cholwill, who completed the recent works.

The new Mayoral photographs of former mayors have been finalised and printed.

The Levelling Up project is now known as the Torridge Community Partnership. I'm proud to announce that Holsworthy have been awarded

I'm also pleased to share that the Town Clerk has passed her probation period, has completed her FiLCA qualification, and will now begin her CiLCA training.

The works to the Sun Lounge in Badock Gardens have started and progressed well.

We also installed a new piece of play equipment at Stanhope Park which has been

There were also some personnel changes during the year:

Resignations:

Cllr P. Shepherd resigned in Oct 24

Cllr K. Stone resigned in Sept 24

Cllr H. Dentlinger resigned in Jan 25.

Co-options:

Cllr J. Tadman was co-opted Jul 24

Cllr I. Edwards was co-opted in Dec 24

Cllr J. Allen was co-opted in Mar 25

Cllr. G. Mardle was co-opted in Apr 25

3226. To receive any questions and consider any matters raised by Registered Electors within the Town of Holsworthy.

Mr R. Brown asked whether HTC are considering planting a tree in the Park for the missing name. The Town Clerk responded that the tree is already in place, but the name will be added in due course. Resident also requested Holsworthy Town Council to write to the *Holsworthy Post* to ask when they will be publishing coverage from Holsworthy.

R. Brown – Are HTC considering putting in a tree in the Park for the missing name. TC responded that the tree was already in place but name is being added in due time. I would like you to write to Holsworthy Post to ask when they will be writing coverage from of Holsworthy.

3227. Ideas brought forward from the public for Town Projects.

A new 'great' tree. Discussion ensued.

3228. Close.

The mayor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 19:14

Signed.....Dated.....