

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TOWN MEETING 2025

Date of meeting Wednesday 21st May 2025 at 7.15 p.m.

Place of Meeting NWBC Meeting Chamber, Civic Suite
South Street, Atherstone CV9 1DE

Present:

Atherstone Town Council (ATC) Councillors: S Bishop (Chair), J Chambers, C Evans, C Jones, G Short, M Short, D Wilkinson & D Wright, Barnett, Collins.

North Warwickshire Borough Council (NWBC) Mayor, Councillor D Bates and Consort, Miss C Bates.

Warwickshire Community & Voluntary Action (WCAVA): Ellen Alcock

Public: 55 members of the public were in attendance.

Chair: Town Mayor, Councillor Sara Bishop

Clerk: Deputy Town Clerk, Sally Oldham -Minutes

The Town Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

1. To receive the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 22nd May 2024.

It was noted that copies of the minutes have been on the Town Council website and are circulated at the meeting.

The minutes of the 22nd of May 2024 were presented and approved.

2. Honorary Citizen 2025

A short film was shown about Dawn Teagles the Honorary Citizen 2025 courtesy of One Media Shed.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Mr Brian Henney gave a speech about the reasons he had nominated Dawn Teagles for the award.

The Town Mayor presented Dawn with her certificate and Honorary Citizen Badge.

Dawn Teagles thanked the Town Council for this award and those who had nominated her and supported her over the years.

3. Ruby Chambers Young Person's Sports Award 2024-25

Cllr Jacky Chambers said a few words about the award and her late mother Ruby - in whose name the award is given.

A short film was shown courtesy of One Media Shed.

The Mayor invited Mr Harding, headteacher of TQEA to say a few words in support of the nomination of Harper Reay.

The Town Mayor presented Harper Reay with the award and he thanked the Council.

4. Atherstone Town Council's Annual Report

The Town Mayor presented the Annual Report of the Town Council 2024-5 (appendix 1). The Mayor asked those present to consider ideas for the new Mayor's Charity for 2025-26.

5. River Anker Access and Nature Project

Cllr Martin Short – Chair of Open Spaces Group for the Town Council gave a short presentation about this important project for Atherstone which the Town Council were working on.

6. Any other Business.

Nothing to report.

The meeting closed at 20:15pm

Date of the next meeting: 20th May 2026