

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
HELD AT CHASE TERRACE COMMUNITY CENTRE, PRINCESS STREET, BURNTWOOD ON
WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2026 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor L Ennis (in the Chair)
S Lightfoot, Town Clerk
Ms J Minor, Deputy Clerk
Ms A James, Finance Officer
Ms A Gower, Hospital Manager, The British Wildlife Rescue

17 Town Councillors

Councillor L Ennis welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 22 May 2025 (Minute Nos. 1-4) were taken as read and approved as a correct record.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor L Ennis made the following statement:

This will be my last chair's report to you as Chair of Burntwood Town Council as my time is now at an end.

It has been a wonderful year, and I have learned a lot about our town and the fantastic things that happen here. I have gone to many different events from a school picnic, church fetes to the installation of a defibrillator, as well as our own Play in the Park events throughout the summer, the Burntwood Wakes Festival and many more.

I must say that one of my happiest moments this year was being able to be there at the opening of Chase Terrace Community Centre. This fantastic centre took months of hard work for everyone involved, and it has turned out to be an amazing space and venue for our town to use and enjoy.

I also want to thank everyone who donated to my charity this year, The British Wildlife Rescue Centre. Thanks to your donations, together we have raised £1,385.90 which will make such a difference to the work they do, thank you all so much.

So as my time as Chair draws to an end, I just want to say thank you to everyone for a wonderful year, to all the staff who have guided me, booked events in, and reminded me about minutes and Chair reports, and to helping me with newsletters. To my Vice Chair Sue, for attending meetings and events I couldn't and to the Leader (my husband) who has also attended events with me, thank you so much.

I couldn't be prouder to have represented Burntwood as Chair for the year.

Now we move on to the next Chair of Burntwood Town Council, I wish them all the best for the coming year.

Ms A Gower, Hospital Manager from The British Wildlife Rescue explained that they were a non-profit charity that cares for sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife in and around Staffordshire. Established in 1991 and admitting over 2,000 wild animals each year, Ms Gower stated that their mission was to provide vital and lifesaving care for all sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife to rehabilitate and return each animal into the wild. Ms Gower explained that The British Wildlife Rescue receive no government funding and relies entirely on donations and fundraising events to be able to carry out their vital work.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT/PRECEPT

RESOLVED That the Summary Budget for 2025-26 as circulated, was received, and noted.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor L Ennis informed Members that there had been no notifications received/questions raised from registered electors within the Town Council boundaries on any matter which affects the Town.

(The Meeting closed at 6.05 pm)

Signed

Date