

**LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL
HELD ON 16 APRIL 2026**

PRESENT: Eakin, Harvey (Chair), Hughes, Kettle, Morris & Troy.

ALSO PRESENT:

Angela Price – Town Clerk
Sophie Jarvis – Minute Taker

C1261. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bradford, Browning and Chowns.

C1262. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

C1263. TO NOTE THE NOLAN PRINCIPLES

RESOLVED:

That the Nolan Principles were received and noted.

C1264. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES MEETINGS OF COUNCIL HELD ON 2 APRIL 2026

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of Council held on 2 April 2026 were approved and signed as a correct record.

C1265. TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF STANDING ORDERS 3(E) AND 3(F)

None received.

C1266. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM CO-OPTION CANDIDATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCILS CO-OPTION POLICY

- I. Lesley Wilkinson – Ledbury South
- II. Joseph Hamblin – Ledbury North
- III. Jonathon Browning – Ledbury West – not in attendance.
- IV. David Kettle – Ledbury West
- V. Gary Troy – Ledbury West

Lesley Fleur Wilkinson and Joseph Hamblin were invited to give a presentation about themselves and why they feel they are a good

candidate for the role of Town Councillor, following which Members were invited to ask questions.

C1267. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

In accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public are excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the meeting be closed to public session.

Lesley Wilkinson and Joseph Hamblin left the meeting at 7:19pm.

C1268. TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR CO-OPTION

Members considered each candidate's application form, presentation and responses to the questions asked, following which candidates were invited to rejoin the meeting.

C1269. REOPENING OF PUBLIC SESSION

RESOLVED:

That the meeting be re-opened to public session.

Lesley Wilkinson and Joseph Hamblin returned to the meeting at 7:24pm.

C1270. TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR CO-OPTION

Councillor Hughes nominated both Lesley Wilkinson and Joseph Hamblin for Co-option to Ledbury Town Council, seconded by Councillor Eakin.

RESOLVED:

That Lesley Wilkinson Joseph Hamblin be co-opted as Councillors at Ledbury Town Council.

The Chairman welcomed both new Councillors to the Council and they signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office accordingly.

Councillors Hamblin and Wilkinson joined members to officially take part in the remainder of the meeting.

Members agreed to formally co-opt Councillors Kettle and Troy onto Ledbury Town Council, ending their six-month appointments by Herefordshire Council made under Section 91(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillor Harvey nominated David Kettle for Co-option to Ledbury Town Council, seconded by Councillor Troy.

Councillor Harvey nominated Gary Troy for Co-option to Ledbury Town Council, seconded by Councillor Morris.

RESOLVED:

That David Kettle and Gary Troy be co-opted as Councillors at Ledbury Town Council.

C1271. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

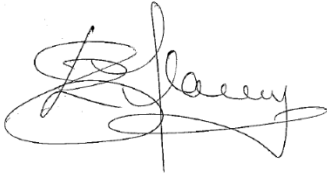
RESOLVED:

That the date of the next meeting of council is to be held on Thursday, 23 April 2026 at 7:00pm in the Town Council Offices.

The meeting ended at 7:32pm.

Signed

Dated 7 May 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Troy', with a stylized flourish at the end.