

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
held at Tetbury Library, Close Gardens, Tetbury
7pm Monday 15th December 2025**

Present:

Town Councillors: Steve Scott (Mayor) Mark Baker (Deputy Mayor), Ian Watson, Nikki Ind, Patricia Burrell, Colin Pearce, Zowie Baker, Rodney Smith, Adam Thilthorpe, Suzanne Sanderson, Judith Taylor, A Figueiredo, X Macutay-Malloch, K Painter.

Officer: T Niblett (CEO (Chief Executive Officer))

Public: District Councillor L Hall-Wilson and 7 members of public

TC01. 12/25 To receive an update from Tetbury Area Youth and Community Trust (TAYCT):

TAYCT has received confirmation of significant three-year funding to launch a new Ageing Well programme from January 2026. The Ageing Well project will expand activities and support networks, helping a greater proportion of older residents stay connected, active and engaged.

Currently no agreement has been reached with the Dolphins Recreation Centre to lease the entire 'old Dolphins Hall' to secure a safe, sustainable and vibrant community facility for Tetbury.

The Council acknowledges that TAYCT needs a permanent home and hope that both organisations can work together for this to happen and to contact TTC if we can help in anyway.

TC02. 12/25 To receive and accept any apologies for absence:

Councillor L Farnham.

TC03. 12/25 To receive declarations of interest in connection with agenda items as shown and not already stated on Register of Interests:

None.

TC04. 12/25 Public Consultation:

District Cllr L Hall-Wilson advised after talking to residents regarding the play areas the CIL funds which have been allocated to the Suffolk Close play area could be targeted in other play areas. Is this the best value for money utilising the CIL funds at this play area?

A resident asked if there is a spend commitment for burial ground? Advised that it will be put to a town meeting and then a public vote on whether residents which to see an increase in their precept to purchase burial land.

A business owner advised that although they are holding market stalls on their premises, they would welcome the opportunity to assist with promoting Tetbury due to the number of followers they have on social media. Asked if they could give the local businesses an opportunity to hold market stalls to increase footfall.

TC05. 12/25 To receive an update from the Dolphins Recreation Centre (DRC) regarding Project 1:

Report received following meeting between Tetbury Town Council and the DRC. There are still several outstanding items that have been identified from Building Control and the DRC are working through these requirements, until these works have been complete and signed off the new building will not be open. The DRC has confirmed that they have enough funds to purchase the materials required to complete the remaining items.

TC06. 11/25 To approve the Full Council minutes – Monday 17th November 2025:

It was proposed by Cllr J Taylor seconded by Cllr P Burrell to approve the Full Council minutes held on Monday 17th November 2025.

Voting record	For 10	Against 1	Abstain 3	Absent 1
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TC07. 12/25 To note action points:

Business Plan – This will become an agenda item in January
All other items noted.

TC08. 12/25 To discuss 2026/2027 budget in preparation for public consultation on 14th January 2026:

The Tax Base for 2026/27 has been set at 2,803.8 which is an increase of 50 from the 2025/26 tax base.

It was proposed by Councillor S Scott, seconded by Councillor J Taylor to agree the expenditure for 2026/27 at £528,000.

Voting record	For 12	Against 0	Abstain 2	Absent 1
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It was proposed by Councillor S Scott, seconded by Councillor J Taylor to remove £7,682 from general reserves and place into emergency reserves bringing the total for emergency reserves £100,000 which provides us 18.9% of the precept.

Voting record	For 14	Against 0	Abstain 0	Absent 1
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Various scenarios were discussed regarding the increase in precept for 2026/2027, this year will be the first time we will have a balanced budget. It was proposed by Councillor I Watson, seconded by Councillor J Taylor to set the precept at £532,946 which is an 8% increase.

Voting record	For 13	Against 1	Abstain 0	Absent 1
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TC09. 12/25 To discuss and approve Tetbury Town Council response to the Cotswold District Council Local Plan:

It was proposed by Councillor N Ind, seconded by Councillor I Watson that Tetbury Town Council approves the 6 responses recommended by the Town Council Local Plan Consultation Working Group to the questions in the Cotswold District Council Local Plan Consultation and instructs the Chief Executive Officer to submit these responses on behalf of the Council.

It is important that the Town Council's voice is represented in this consultation to ensure that future development in the district and particularly Tetbury is proportionate, supported by infrastructure and protects our environment.

Voting record	For 14	Against 0	Abstain 0	Absent 1
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Council thanked District Councillor Laura Hall-Wilson for organising the Local Plan meeting between Cotswold District Council and residents at the beginning of December.

TC10. 12/25 To discuss updates on the Business Plan:

This item has been deferred to January.

TC11. 12/25 To note Cotswold District Council correspondence regarding Crowdfund Cotswold for Suffolk Close Play Area and to promote this campaign to enable the project to succeed:

At the Heritage, Environment and Community (HEC) Committee meeting held on Monday 7th July, members resolved to rejuvenate Suffolk Close Play area which is one of three play areas that are owned by Tetbury Town Council. This park can be accessed by many housing estates within the Tetbury Town District Ward without having to cross a main road. Tetbury Town Council have been advised that they need to recruit at least 30 supporters, raise 20% of the total funds for CDC to support this campaign with the deadline being 6th January. It was agreed to raise awareness for this campaign with the use of social media, website which was used in July, and to contact the schools to ask them to promote this campaign in their weekly newsletter.

TC12. 12/25 To receive County Councillor Report:

Local Government Reorganisation - Gloucestershire County Council Cabinet have agreed to submit a proposal for a single unitary authority, this aims to streamline services and improve efficiency across the county.

Draft budget proposals for 2026/2027 have been published. Cabinet will approve funding to continue Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme for school holidays through 2029. Various road works will be completed in the Tetbury Area.

TC13. 13/25 To receive District Councillor Reports:

District Cllr I Watson - CDC Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation launched on 14th November and runs until 2nd January. Government have set the Cotswold with a housing target of 18,650 homes by 2043.

District Cllr N Ind – Attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new GP surgery. Met with representatives from GCC to walk the route along Cirencester Road to outline the lack of street lighting arrangements, issues with pavements and the 40mph speed limit.

District Cllr L Hall-Wilson – Pleased to welcome over 50 residents to the Local Plan meeting held on 1st December. Concerned about the provision of healthcare in the town and the proposed closure of some services in Cirencester.

TC14. 12/25 To consider correspondence received to date:

www.cfeu.org.uk/glassjar (Gloucestershire Against Scams Joint Agency Response) is a new website that has been designed to raise awareness, support victims, and disrupt fraud across Gloucestershire.

Resident raised concerns regarding the proposed rejuvenation of Suffolk Close play area.

Gloucestershire Constabulary launches winter anti-drink and drug campaign – this will run from 1st December – 1st January.

Gloucestershire Constabulary will be holding the next Councillor Advocacy Meeting on Thursday 5th March 2026, it was asked if this was an on-line meeting and can any Councillor attend.

Tetbury Rail Lands Regeneration Trust – The Trustees have identified 10 key initiatives for the next 12-18 months. Trustees have received TTC business plan and identified a few areas where the Goods Shed can support the Council's objectives. Trustees are asking the Council if they can install a temporary storage area for the stage.

It was proposed by Councillor P Burrell, seconded by S Scott to suspend standing orders.

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It was proposed by Councillor N Ind, seconded by Councillor K Painter to allow the installation of the temporary storage area as it is not impacting on losing a car parking space.

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Resident emailed to thank all concerned regarding the switch on event that took place on Friday 5th December.

Letter received from Dr Roz Savage MBE MP, this to be circulated to all members.

Email received regarding Tetbury hosting a 10k event, due to the amount of work needed to organise this event, Tetbury Town Council has declined this offer.

Email received from Cotswold District Council regarding the Community Governance Review and a letter that is being distributed to all households from 18th December regarding the proposal from Tetbury Town Council to introduce warding arrangements for town councillors.

Email received from a business who raised concerns that a social media page is harming the reputation of the town and its businesses and have questioned what the Chamber of Commerce is doing for the local businesses. Although Tetbury Town Council have no jurisdiction over the social media page, it was requested that we write to the Chamber of Commerce through the Heritage, Environment and Community Committee to seek clarification if this still exists, how many members does it have and what support are they giving the businesses of the town. It was also noted that a new website 'Tetbury Times' has begun and the information being advertised is factually incorrect due to several businesses listed on the website are no longer trading within the town.

It was requested by Councillor N Ind, seconded by Councillor A Figueiredo to suspend standing orders.

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District Councillor L Hall-Wilson was asked if a representative from Cotswold District Council is still in the process of promoting the town and assisting businesses. Advised that this is still proceeding.

TC15. 12/25 To receive members report:

Councillor S Scott – Thanked the EO for organising the switch on event. Thank you to Councillor R Smith for organising a meeting with a former Mayor who provided an overview of the mayor's chain.

Councillor M Baker – Thanked Councillor R Smith for raising money for Tetbury Hospital. Advised local eating establishment has been taken over by a local resident.

Councillor A Figueiredo – Good to be back following a few months away from Council business.

Councillor N Ind – Have been in contact with Gloucestershire Highways regarding Cirencester Road proposed bus stop and advised that the current bus timetables will need to be amended.

Councillor I Watson – Will be holding a meeting with Highways

Councillor X Macutay-Malloch – Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas

Councillor R Smith - Thanked District Councillors for keeping us informed



Councillor P Burrell – Raised concerns about recycling and waste bins being left along Chipping Street and causing an obstruction.

TC16. 12/25 Items for inclusion on the January Agenda.

Feedback from budget consultation
Budget and Precept Request
Business Plan

TC17. 12/25 To note the dates and time of the Budget Public Consultation – Wednesday 14th January 2026, starting at 6.30pm at the Goods Shed

TC18. 12/25 To note the dates and time of the Full Council meeting Monday 26th January 2026, 7pm, Tetbury Library

TC19. 12/25 CLOSED SESSION – Resolution to exclude the public and press:

It was proposed by Cllr M Baker, seconded Cllr Z Baker that under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the Public and Press be excluded from the Meeting for the following items of business on the grounds they involved the likely disclosure of confidential information (as defined in paragraphs (1) and (2) of Part I of Schedule 12A to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 [Information relating to an individual and Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person]), and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information concerned.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Chair Dated

TC20. 12/25 To approve the Confidential minutes – Monday 17th November 2025:

It was proposed by Cllr Z Baker seconded by Cllr M Baker to approve the minutes on Monday 17th November 2025.

Voting record	For 10	Against 0	Abstain 4	Absent 1
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Meeting ended 8.47pm

Chair Dated