

Yateley Town Council

Community Committee Meeting

Date: 2nd February 2026, 7pm

Venue: Oak Room, Council Offices, GU46 7RP

Present:

Cllr Mark Griffin (Chairman)

Cllr Alex Drage

Cllr Mark Higgins

Cllr Phelps-Jones

In attendance:

Julie Routley - Town Clerk

Absent Councillors (committee members)

Cllr Graham Cockarill

Cllr Gerry Crisp

Cllr Nicky Jones

Cllr Phelps-Jones

1. Welcome & Apologies

Cllr Griffin opened the meeting.

Apologies had been received from Cllr Crisp.

2. Notes of Last Meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 16th June 2025 were accepted and approved.

The Clerk gave an update on research into how other councils raise funds for Mayor's charities. Common approaches include dinners, raffles, silent auctions, races and tombolas. Other frequently used fundraising ideas include events such as scavenger hunts, quiz nights, music evenings, murder mystery nights or similar themed social events.

3. Mayor's Charities

- i) It was noted that the amount raised for the Mayor's Charities in the Civic Year 2025/26 was £1,160.82 which meant £386.94 so far for each of the 3 charities (Vision 4 Youth, Cornerstone Counselling and Daisy Chain Café). The Mayor is planning some further events before the end of the Civic Year.
- ii) The Mayor is planning to hold the following Charity Activities for 2025/26
 - *Ramble Rally – date proposed 9th or 10th May to take place in the Frogmore, Darby Green Area – details to be confirmed*
 - *Gala Dinner – date to be confirmed but late March early April*

4. **Mayor's Civic Activities 2025/26**

The Mayor provided an update on the Civic events he had been invited to, highlighting those that had recently taken place and outlining the upcoming events scheduled for 2025/26.

Events Attended recently:

- 08.11.25 Civic Fireworks
- 09.11.25 Remembrance Services - at St Barnabas and St Swithun's
- 15.11.25 Yateley Choral Society
- 11.11.25 Armistice Day - at the War Memorial
- 21.11.25 Official Opening of the new Public Toilets
- 28.11.25 Christmas Lights and Fair - St Barnabas, Darby Green
- 29.11.25 Christmas Lights and Market - Church End Green
- 04.11.25 Westfield Juniors' Nativity
- 19.12.25 Pub carolling
- 21.12.25 St Peters Carol service
- 25.12.25 Christmas Lunch - Hosted by Yateley Industries
- 22.01.26 Tree Planting with the Yateley Lions

Upcoming events that the Mayor will attend:

- 14.02.26 Repair Café Launch Day – Yateley Industries
- 29.03.26 Yateley Industries Spring Fair

A full list of the Mayor's engagements is documented in the Full Council minutes.

5. **Community Events**

The following community events and councillor support required were noted:

- May Fayre - Monday 4th May 2026 10.30-5pm
To note this event and that members are needed to help set up and man the stall 8am-6pm.
ACTION: Town Clerk to circulate a sign up sheet at the next Full Council Meeting.
- Frogmore and Darby Green Fete – Sunday 14th June, 1-4pm on Frogmore green
To note this event and that members are needed to help set up and man the stall 11am-5pm.
It was noted that Frogmore Play Area fencing has been identified as a new banner site, and this information should be passed on to the organisers
ACTION: Town Clerk to circulate a sign up sheet at the next Full Council Meeting.
- Craft Fair / Sustainability Event
It was noted that Yateley Town Council held a Craft Fair in 2025, and Members were asked to consider whether there was potential to link any future Craft Fair with a Sustainability-themed event.

The Town Clerk was asked whether a Craft Fair was planned for the current year. The Clerk advised that a Craft Fair could be arranged if the Council wished.

Following discussion, Members agreed that it would be more beneficial for the Town Council to support existing community events—such as the May Fayre and the Frogmore Fete—rather than organising its own events at this time. It was further noted that the former Eco-Sustainability Working Group had a particularly busy programme this year and may not be in a position to organise an additional event.

The Town Clerk will reiterate to the organisers of the Frogmore Fete that grant funding may be available and that the Town Council is able to assist with publicity and general support for their event.

Members were advised that a grant application for the May Fayre had already been received.

6. Recommendations to Full Council (if any)

It was agreed to report to Full Council to note:

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7. Information

To note information items

Annual Town Meeting of Electors – 16 March 2026

The meeting will take place at the Yateley FC Community Centre (Sean Devereaux). The meeting starts at 7:00pm, and it is recommended to arrive earlier to speak with residents. The Mayor's Community Awards will also be presented during the event.

Visiting Local Businesses The Mayor noted that he would be visiting local businesses in his capacity as Mayor to help support them.

Date of the next meeting: To be scheduled once meeting dates are set at the Annual Council Meeting on 11th May 2026.

The meeting ended at 8.22pm.