



WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL
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Minutes of The Promotions, Communications & Events Committee meeting held on
 17 November 2025 at 7.30pm in The Beacon, Portway, Wantage, OX12 9BX
The minutes are draft until approved at the next meeting

Committee Members Present:

Councillors T Gilhome (Chair) & P Kirby-Harris

Substitute Committee Members Present: Cllr S Third (for Cllr V Wright)

Other Councillors Present: None

In Attendance:

Deputy Clerk: S Sanders

		Action
53	Apologies for Absence Cllrs A Dunford & V Wright	
54	Declarations of disclosable interests None	
55	Minutes of the meeting held 29 September PROPOSED: Cllr Gilhome SECONDED: Cllr Kirby-Harris RESOLVED: that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were signed.	
56	Statements and questions from members of the public None.	
57	Income & expenditure Members noted the report that had been circulated prior to the meeting.	
58	AlfredFest Survey Members received and noted the feedback. 21 members of the public, 18 traders and 6 town centre businesses had responded.	
59	It was agreed that the next event will be held in spring 2027, timed to coincide with the anniversary of the Battle of Edington. It was hoped the weather would be warmer than in October. It was acknowledged that a new name will be required, as the current name (AlfredFest) belongs to the church.	
60	Use of VC Forecourt during events It was confirmed that the VC Forecourt usage policy is not applicable when the forecourt forms part of a wider town council event (eg food festival).	

61	Town Map – Portway Car Park The changes required to the map had not yet been progressed.	Gilhome
62	Events Working Group – To appoint a councillor It was agreed to carry this item forward to the next meeting.	Deputy Clerk
63	2026 Event Dates Dates for 2026 events were confirmed as follows: 26 April – St George’s 5 July – Food Festival 29 November – Christmas market It was noted that the Ray Collins Charitable Trust event would be held on 13 June in Grove.	
64	2026 Newsletter Dates Members received and noted the dates for the printed and e-newsletters.	
65	Agenda items for next meeting Town Map. Councillors needed to join event working group	Deputy Clerk
66	Date of next meeting: 2 February 2026	

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed -----

Date -----