

Madeley Town Council

Minutes of the Leisure and Community Committee of Madeley Town Council held on Monday 5 January 2026, commencing at 6.00 pm at Jubilee House, High Street, Madeley.

PRESENT **Councillors:** **Sue Taylor, Peter Cogins, Anthony Morgan, Ruth Meadows, Helena Morgan and Sarah Harrison.**

Alison Hinks, Charlotte Dade, Sam Wincott and Zoe Broome from staff team

Sam Middleton Deputy Town Clerk taking minutes

L26/028 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr S Heighway (due to weather), Committee accepted apologies.

Resolved:

Councillors unanimously resolved to accept the apologies and reasons presented to the Leisure & Community Committee.

L26/029 **Remarks from the Chair**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting particularly the staff team and wished everyone happy new year.

L26/030 **Public Discussion**

No residents attended.

L26/031 **Declarations of Interest**

No declaration made.

L26/032 **Minutes**

Resolved:

Councillors unanimously resolved that the minutes of the Leisure & Community Committee meeting held on Monday 3 November to be confirmed and approved for signature (Appendix A).

L26/033 **Events Programmer 2025/26**

The Town Clerk presented the event programme for the next year. There is a standard format for school half terms: Monday film (JH), Tuesday craft (JH), Wednesday theme activity (JH), Thursday and Friday sports (HOTH). Also, at HOTH crafts and disco for family. At Easter the annual Egg Hunt for businesses is to continue with sweets been given as a reward in the library.

During the main 6-week school holidays events for families will take place on the middle 4 weeks with the following format, Monday film (JH), Tuesday craft (JH), Wednesday and Thursday (HOTH) sports, Friday Family picnic and seaside trip as the final trip. The pensioners will go on a trip with the regular Thursday Senior Social group.

The library will also have a programme of events on a regular basis, first Saturday of the month crafts, third Saturday Storytelling and promotional events such as Children in Need.

Prom pop ups last year were hard due to moving the dresses round. It was decided that this year the dresses would remain at Jubilee House in the meeting room and that all the town and parish councils would be asked to promote the events and encourage students to come to Jubilee House for dresses.

This year we will also continue to run the Mayors Community Awards; the presentation will take place at the annual meeting and nomination are open until end of march.

We are hoping to work with the British Legion on Fish and Chip lunches around Armed Forces Day.

The main High Street event is taking place on 6th June, as it is near to the World Cup this will be the theme for the event. This will take place in Russell Square and the Anstice ballroom.

Helena Morgan said that we should maximise Pride Grants to enhance events such as ice creams for the summer picnics. Pride logos need to go on all promotions.

We then discussed promotion of events and are we capturing everyone we can, people still say they don't know what is happening. Madeley Matters is a large part of how we communicate with our residents, and it was decided that we would look at producing a leaflet with dates of events for the upcoming year to give out.

Councillor H Morgan would like to do something different for the Mayors Christmas event this year. It was suggested that a Carol Concert be held on Russell Green. The team are going to contact Rev Andy and Rev Dawn to see if this is something that could be organised.

Christmas Light switch on is held the same dates as lots of other Town and Parish Councils, we discussed if it should be changed or continue with the same date. It was agreed the date would remain the same however the timings would be shortened. The event will now take place from midday till 6pm. Santa visits will be for our residents only and people will be asked to show proof of address when booking tickets, this should shorten the time Santa gives out presents. The ballroom in the Anstice will be booked for the whole day without the bar open. The space will be used for crafts and activities for families before the light switch on.

Christmas light display will be extended in Woodside and Sutton Hill; we will meet with the contractor to discuss extra lights in Madeley and Hills Lane.

Live Well will now also be in Sutton Hill and Woodside bimonthly with the Madeley one also changing to monthly. Let's Talk will continue with guest services in the library.

Madeley Social continues to run well and is popular with new residents joining the group all the time. The group is cost effective and on target to run self-sufficiently.

The chair thanked the staff team for attending and they left the meeting.

L26/034 Grass cutting service 2026

The Deputy Town Clerk presented the committee with a list of contractors who had applied for the contract to run the grass cutting service for the over 75's in the parish. The companies had all quoted for the same job, 60 properties to be cut 7 times a year between April and October. The committee agreed to meet 3 of the companies to discuss further their applications and then a decision would go to Full Council on 2 February for them to decide who the contract would be awarded to. Councillors S Taylor and S Harrison (if available) to meet the contractors with the Deputy Town Clerk.

L26/035 Information

No information.

L26/036 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Leisure and Community Committee of Madeley Town Council is scheduled to take place on Monday 2 March 2026 at 6.30 pm at Jubilee House, High Street, Madeley.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed

Dated: