



Saxmundham Town Council

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting of Saxmundham Town Council held on
Thursday 22nd May 2025 at the Market Hall, High Street, Saxmundham at 6:00 pm.

Minutes

1. Attendees

Cllr John Findlay (Chair)
Cllr Geraldine Barker (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Laura Purina
Cllr John Fisher
Cllr Jeremy Smith
Cllr Elizabeth Clark
Cllr Nick Jackson
Cllr Tim Lock
Cllr Georgina Burns
Cllr David Humphreys

Apologies

Cllr James Sandbach
Cllr Marianne Kiff
County Cllr Richard Smith
Jenny Riddell-Carpenter MP

Also Present

Sharon Smith (Town Clerk)
District Cllr John Fisher
57 members of the public

2. Welcome from the Chair

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

3. Minutes of Annual Town Meeting 2024

The minutes were not available for consideration and approval and will be brought to a future meeting.

4. Civic Year 2024-2025

- a) Cllr John Findlay, the Chair of Saxmundham Town Council, delivered his Annual Report.
- b) Cllr Richard Smith, the Division Member for Suffolk County Council, sent his apologies.
- c) Cllr John Fisher, the Ward Member for East Suffolk Council, delivered his Annual Report.

5. Public Participation Session

- a) Jenny Riddell-Carpenter, MP for Suffolk Coastal, delivered a report via video message.
- b) Dr Charlotte Fox presented a report about the proposed energy projects.
- c) Laura Bonnett presented a report about the Empowering Nature community consultation.
- d) The Chair, assisted by Dr Charlotte Fox and Laura Bonnett, received and responded to questions from members of the public.

The formal part of the meeting concluded at 7:55 pm and was followed by light refreshments provided by the Town Council.

Sharon Smith
Town Clerk/RFO

Signed _____ Date _____