

**Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Town Council held on
3rd December 2025 in the Council Chamber, The Old Courthouse,
Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea at 6 pm**

Present: Councillors Facey (Chair), P. Clayton, J. Flurry, G. Gudka, A. Hendry, A. Matthews, M. Murphy, S. Perry, C. Searing

In attendance: E. Dutton (Deputy Town Clerk) and 2 members of the public

Public Participation:

A member of the public spoke in support of the proposal, noting that the lamp columns are currently not in use and that the High Street is lacking in Christmas lights. They highlighted that, in previous years, the Chamber of Trade had successfully hired LED solar-powered Christmas trees which were installed on the hanging basket posts, with a battery life of approximately five hours. It was further confirmed that the appointed contractor holds all necessary insurance and risk assessments.

576.0.T25 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Vickers, Mills, Millard and the Town Clerk.

577.0.T25 To receive any declarations of interest on items included on this agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

578.0.T25 To consider request from Burnham Chamber of Trade to cover the cost of solar powered Christmas trees for the High Street

A lengthy discussion took place. The Town Council welcomed the Chamber of Trade's proposal to brighten up the High Street this Christmas through the hire of solar-powered Christmas trees. Members noted that similar installations had worked well in previous years and would provide a festive enhancement for the community.

Resolved That the Burnham Chamber of Trade place the order for the hire of 24 solar-powered Christmas trees for installation on the 12 High Street hanging basket columns, and that the Town Council will pay the Chamber of Trade for the full cost of £1,715 plus VAT, less any donations or contributions received to be paid as an overspend from the Christmas Lights budget.