

## Meeting Schedule 2025-26

**PLEASE NOTE:** This schedule contains the dates for the Town Council meetings, statutory meetings and Standing Committees. At the beginning of 2025-26, the following Working Groups exist:

- \* Neighbourhood Plan Implementation (Planning Committee)
- \* Biddulph Works Together (Town and Community Committee)
- \* Transport (Recreation and Amenities Committee)
- \* Events (Town and Community Committee)
- \* Garden of Remembrance Development (Recreation and Amenities Committee)
- \* Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution (Town Council)
- \* Town Hall frontage (Finance Strategy and Management Committee)

Ad hoc events/ projects may require time-limited project groups- at the discretion of a Standing Committee.

Meeting dates will be agreed by the members of each Working Group.

As per the Standing Orders, each Committee can approve the formation (or dissolution) of a Working Group for a particular purpose.

Week	Date	Committee Name	Start time	Note
1	06-May			
2	13-May	<b>Annual Meeting of the Town Council (Mayor Making)</b>	6.00pm	Mayor Making ceremony; governance arrangements- constitution, committee membership and financial mandate
3	20-May	<b>Annual Town Meeting</b>	6.00pm	This is not a Council meeting. It is a meeting of the town electors and often involves the Town Council's partners. At the Annual Town Meeting, the Mayor presents the Annual report and Committee Chairs present an update on the previous year.
		<b>Planning Committee</b>	6.30pm	Review of planning applications received by Staffordshire Moorlands District Council. Consideration of Neighbourhood Plan issues. Responses to footpath orders and local heritage protection.
4	27-May	<b>Finance Strategy and Management Committee</b>	5.30pm	Considers the strategic direction of the Council: All contracts and procurement; budgets; grants; human resource considerations; data protection.
1	03-Jun			
2	10-Jun	<b>Town Council</b>	6.00pm	Respond to consultations; receive and approve recommendations from Committees; SMDC/ SCC considerations.
		<b>Recreation and Amenities Committee</b>	7.00pm	Considers operational decision-making and effective management of risk: Allotments; Footpaths; Burial Grounds; Bemersley Waste Centre; '999' service relationships; Open Spaces (e.g. Springfield Road, Butterfly Garden); Transport/ Highways considerations.
3	17-Jun	<b>Planning Committee</b>	5.30pm	
		<b>Town and Community Committee</b>	6.30pm	To consider: Town Centre management; Events e.g. Artisan Market, Christmas Lights; Partnerships with stakeholders; Town Hall management; Tourism; Young People; Heritage restoration; Ceremonial occasions e.g. Remembrance Sunday; Projects e.g. Dementia Awareness, Festival.
4	24-Jun	<b>Finance Strategy Management Committee</b>	5.30pm	

1	01-Jul			
2	08-Jul	<b>Town Council</b>	6.00pm	
		<b>Recreation and Amenities Committee</b>	7.00pm	
3	15-Jul	<b>Planning Committee</b>	5.30pm	
		<b>Town and Community Committee</b>	6.30pm	
4	22-Jul			
5	29-Jul			
<b>NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST</b>				
1	02-Sep			
2	09-Sep	<b>Town Council</b>	6.00pm	
		<b>Recreation and Amenities Committee</b>	7.00pm	
3	16-Sep	<b>Planning Committee</b>	5.30pm	
		<b>Town and Community Committee</b>	6.30pm	
4	23-Sep	<b>Finance Strategy Management Committee</b>	5.30 pm	
5	30-Sep			
1	07-Oct			
2	14-Oct	<b>Town Council</b>	6.00pm	
		<b>Recreation and Amenities Committee</b>	7.00pm	
3	21-Oct	<b>Planning Committee</b>	5.30pm	
		<b>Town and Community Committee</b>	6.30pm	
4	28-Oct	<b>Finance Strategy Management Committee</b>	5.30pm	
1	04-Nov			
2	11-Nov	<b>Town Council</b>	6.00pm	
		<b>Recreation and Amenities Committee</b>	7.00pm	
3	18-Nov	<b>Planning Committee</b>	5.30pm	
		<b>Town and Community Committee</b>	6.30pm	
4	25-Nov	<b>Finance Strategy Management Committee</b>	5.30pm	

NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER				
1	06-Jan			
2	13-Jan	<b>Town Council</b>	6.00pm	
		<b>Recreation and Amenities Committee</b>	7.00pm	
3	20-Jan	<b>Planning Committee</b>	5.30pm	
		<b>Town and Community Committee</b>	6.30pm	
4	27-Jan	<b>Finance Strategy Management Committee</b>	5.30pm	
1	03-Feb			
2	10-Feb	<b>Town Council</b>	6.00pm	
		<b>Recreation and Amenities Committee</b>	7.00pm	
3	17-Feb	<b>Planning Committee</b>	5.30pm	
		<b>Town and Community Committee</b>	6.30pm	
4	24-Feb	<b>Finance Strategy Management Committee</b>	5.30pm	
1	03-Mar			
2	10-Mar	<b>Town Council</b>	6.00pm	
		<b>Recreation and Amenities Committee</b>	7.00pm	
3	17-Mar	<b>Planning Committee</b>	5.30pm	
		<b>Town and Community Committee</b>	6.30pm	
4	24-Mar	<b>Finance Strategy Management Committee</b>	5.30pm	
5	31-Mar			
1	07-Apr			
2	14-Apr	<b>Town Council</b>	6.00pm	
		<b>Recreation and Amenities Committee</b>	7.00pm	
3	21-Apr	<b>Planning Committee</b>	5.30pm	
		<b>Town and Community Committee</b>	6.30pm	
4	28-Apr	<b>Finance Strategy Management Committee</b>	5.30pm	