

Macclesfield Town Council Services Committee Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd March 2026
at 7pm at Macclesfield Town Council Offices, 32 Park Green.

The Macclesfield Town Council Strategy for 2023-27 can be found on the website here: macclesfield-tc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Macclesfield-Town-Council-Strategy-2023-2027.pdf. Where appropriate each agenda item is linked to the strategic aims highlight in blue.

In Attendance:

Cllr Chris Wilcock
Cllr Fiona Wilson
Cllr James Barber- Chadwick
Cllr Sarah Bennett-Wake
Cllr Sandy Livingstone

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mick Warren

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Sarah Bennett-Wake declared an interest in item 6.1.1 as she knows many members and committee members on a personal basis and also as her wife runs Rainbow brews.

Public Questions

Sue and Rachael attended on behalf of Pride to present their proposal, agenda item 6.1.1. They thanked the Council for its funding support in previous years and provided an update on their ongoing activities.

They highlighted initiatives including Rainbow Brews, various fundraising events, Pride, and Picnic in the Park. They emphasised that MaccPride is not solely focused on delivering a single annual event but operates throughout the year to support and engage the community.

Cllr Sarah Bennett-Wake asked how Pride would manage issues relating to political parties attending their events, noting that there had been difficulties last year.

Representatives from Pride confirmed that they had reflected on the previous experience, learned lessons, and amended their constitution to ensure that the organisation does not align itself with any political party.

Cllr Bennett-Wake welcomed this approach, stating she was pleased that lessons had been learned and emphasised that all allies, regardless of their political views, should feel welcome at Pride events.

3. Minutes of the Services Committee Meeting held 1st December 2025

Resolved: The minutes were approved.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Resolved: There were no matters arising.

5. Community

5.1 Community Engagement Update

Strategic aim: Healthy Communities

The report was noted.

5.2 CVSCE

Strategic aim: Healthy Communities

The report was noted.

6. Local Service Delivery

6.1 Events update

6.1.1 Macclesfield Pride

Resolved: – The proposal to support Pride with funding was approved.

Strategic aim: Town Centre Regeneration

The report was noted.

6.2 Festoons

Strategic aims: Town Centre Regeneration and Environment and Public Realm

The report was noted.

6.3 Christmas lights

Strategic aim: Public realm

Resolved: – The cost of £3,448 to provide lighting design services for the Mill Street festive lighting improvement works was approved.

7. Leisure and Outdoor Activities

7.1 Parks and Play Areas

Strategic aim: Healthy Communities

The updated report was noted.

7.2 South Park Pavilion

Strategic aim: South Park Pavilion

The report was noted.

7.3 Playing Out

Strategic aim: Healthy Communities

The report was noted.

7.4 Allotments

Strategic aim: Healthy Communities, Environment and Public Realm

The report was noted.

7.5 Street Sports

Strategic aim: Healthy Communities

Resolved: The proposal in the report to extend the contract for a year was approved.

7.6 Park Fit

Strategic aim: Healthy Communities

The updated report was noted.

7.7 Fitness for the Future

Strategic aim: Healthy Communities

The updated report was noted.

7.8 Visitor Guide

Strategic aim: Healthy Communities

Resolved: The proposal for a Visitor Guide for Macclesfield was approved.

8. Street Scene

8.1 Public Realm

Strategic aim: Environment, Public Realm, Heritage and Tourism, Town Centre Regeneration and Healthy Communities

The report was noted.

8.2 Town Ranger

Strategic aim: Environment and Public Realm

The report was noted.

8.3 01625 Gallery

Strategic aim: Heritage and Tourism

The report was noted..

8.4 Elmer Trail

Strategic aim: Heritage and Tourism

8.4.1 The Elmer Final Report

8.4.2 Footfall analysis

Resolved: The proposal for a trail next festive period was approved for Full Council.

9. Town Centre Re-generation

9.1 Town Centre Free Wi-Fi Data

Strategic aim: Town Centre Regeneration and Heritage and Tourism

The report was noted.

9.2 Town Centre Signage

Strategic aim: Town Centre Regeneration and Heritage and Tourism

The updated report was noted.

9.3 Town Centre Regeneration Working Group

Strategic aim: Town Centre Regeneration

The report was noted.

9.4 Community Transport

Strategic aim: Community Transport and Active Travel and Healthy Communities

Resolved: The proposals in the report was approved.

10. Council Identity and Communications

Strategic aim: Council and Comms

The report was noted.

11. Date/Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Services Committee will be held on 27th April 2026 at 7pm at Macclesfield Town Council Offices, 32 Park Green, Macclesfield.