APPLEBY-IN-WESTMORLAND TOWN COUNCIL

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Appleby Annual Council Minutes
52nd Annual Meeting held in the Moot Hall
Wednesday 6th May 2026 at 12 noon

Councillors Present:

Cllr Davidson (Chair)
Cllr Anderton
Cllr Heap
Cllr Rooke
Cllr Smith
Cllr Turnbull

Also in attendance:

Town Clerk and Clerk's Assistant
David Johnson – Mace Bearer
Lydia Thwaites – Sword Bearer
4 Members of the Public

AM1/06/26 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Chalmers, Cllr Connell, Cllr Curley, Cllr Potts and Cllr Railton.

AM2/06/26 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

AM3/06/26 Election of Chair

Following nomination at the Full Council meeting on Wednesday, 18th March 2026, Cllr Pamela Davidson was re-elected to serve another term as the Chair of Appleby Town Council and Mayor of Appleby-in-Westmorland.

Cllr Davidson accepted the role and took her position as Chair of Appleby Town Council and Mayor of Appleby-in-Westmorland.

AM4/06/26 Mayor's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Mayor signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, duly witnessed and signed by the Town Clerk.

AM5/06/26 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Davidson confirmed Cllr Curley will be serving another year as Deputy Chair of Appleby Town Council and Deputy Mayor of Appleby-in-Westmorland.

AM6/06/26 Deputy Mayor's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Deputy Mayor will sign his Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the Full Council Meeting on 20th May 2026.

AM7/06/26 Announcement of the Mayor's Chaplain, Mace Bearer, Sword Bearer

Cllr Davidson confirmed David Johnson will continue in his role as Mace Bearer and Rev Andrew Burrell will continue in his role as Mayor's Chaplain.

The Mayor's Cadet, who will act as Sword Bearer at civic events, was announced as Harry Avondale. Unfortunately, he was not able to attend, so the Mayor's Cadet for 2025 stepped in.

AM8/06/26 Committee and Working Party Membership

The Committee and Working Party Membership was deferred until the Full Council Meeting in May.

AM9/06/26 Meeting Dates 2027

The Meeting Dates for 2027 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillors were asked to review the dates, ready for them to be accepted at the Full Council meeting in May.

AM10/06/26 Outside Bodies

The Outside Bodies Membership was deferred until the Full Council Meeting in May. The Clerk reminded Councillors that if any of their memberships have changed, please let the office know.

AM11/06/26 Date of the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Council

It was noted the proposed date of the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Council will be on Wednesday 5th May 2027.

Additional dates were also noted as follows:

- The **Civic Service** will be held at St Lawrence's Church on **Sunday, 17th May 2026.**
- The next **Committee Meetings** will be held on **Monday, 11th May 2026.**
- The next **Ordinary Meeting of the Council** will be held on **Wednesday, 20th May 2026.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.06pm.

At the Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 20th May 2026,** the Chairman of this meeting was authorised by the Council to sign these minutes, to confirm they are a true and accurate record:

Cllr Davidson

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