



# Saxmundham Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Market Hall Trust held on Monday  
14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at the Market Hall, High Street Saxmundham at 8:45 pm.

## Minutes

**27/24MHT**

### Attendees

CLlr John Findlay (Chair)  
CLlr Tim Lock  
CLlr David Humphreys  
CLlr Elizabeth Clark  
CLlr James Sandbach  
CLlr John Fisher  
CLlr Geraldine Barker

### Apologies

CLlr Jeremy Smith  
CLlr Marianne Kiff  
CLlr Benjamin Gulliford  
CLlr Nick Jackson

### Also Present

Sharon Smith (Town Clerk)  
No members of the public

**28/24MHT**

### Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, other registerable interest, or non-registerable interest.

**29/24MHT**

### Open Forum

None.

**30/24MHT**

### Minutes

- a) It was **unanimously resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 as a true and accurate record.
- b) The Council received and noted the draft minutes of the Market Hall Management Committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.

**31/24MHT**

### Market Hall Redevelopment Working Group

The Council received a report from the Chair about the first meeting of the Working Group. The Chair explained that the Working Group will take a fresh look at the purpose of the Market Hall to meet community needs and ways to renovate the Council's star asset which currently feel old-fashioned and slightly shabby. The Working Group met with the architect, who had previously worked on the proposals on a pro bono basis. The Chair noted that the previous plans were approved by majority by the Council some years ago, but the plans may need to be reconsidered due to changing times, the aspirations of the Neighbourhood Plan, and the changes to the town. The Working Group intends to investigate possibilities and research funding opportunities for the Council's further consideration. The Town Clerk advised the Council that the current planning consent expires in July 2025.

**32/24MHT**

### Finance

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- a) The Council noted the payments and receipts for August 2024.
- b) The Council noted the bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.
- c) The Council received the budgeted versus actual income and expenditure report as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.
- d) The Council noted the submission of the Annual Return for 2023-2024 to the Charities Commission.

**33/24MHT Next Meeting**

The Council noted the date and time of the next meeting which is scheduled for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 9:00 pm

The meeting closed at 9:00 pm.

**Sharon Smith**  
**Town Clerk**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_