

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council (Council decisions shown in bold text)

14 May 2026

-: Present :-

**The Worshipful The Mayor of Torbay (Councillor Barbara Lewis) (In the Chair)
Deputy Civic Mayor of Torbay (Councillor Foster)**

Councillors Amil, Atiya-Alla, Billings, Brook, Bryant, Bye, Carter, Fellows, Fox, Harvey, Hutchings, Johns, Law, Chris Lewis, Long, Maddison, Nicolaou, Penny, Pentney, Spacagna, Stevens, Strang, David Thomas, Jacqueline Thomas, Tolchard, Tranter, Twelves and Tyerman

1 Opening of meeting

The meeting was opened with a prayer.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cowell, George Darling, Mandy Darling, Steve Darling, Douglas-Dunbar and Virdee.

3 Election of The Worshipful The Mayor of Torbay

Councillor Bye proposed and Councillor Brook seconded a motion, which was agreed by the Council as follows:

**that Councillor Foster be elected The Worshipful The Mayor of Torbay
for the Municipal Year 2026/2027.**

(The Worshipful the Mayor of Torbay, Councillor Foster, in the Chair)

The Worshipful The Mayor of Torbay took the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Oath of Allegiance and thanked the Council for the honour bestowed upon her.

The Worshipful The Mayor of Torbay also announced that Mr Kevin Foster would be her Consort during her term of office and her charities would be The Standing Tall Partnership and Co-ordin8. The Worshipful The Mayor of Torbay also advised that she had appointed Father Peter March to be her Chaplain.

4 Retiring Civic Mayor

Councillor Tolchard proposed and Councillor Jaqueline Thomas seconded a motion, which was agreed (unanimously) by the Council as set out below:

that the Council express its sincere thanks and appreciation to Councillor Barbara Lewis and Councillor Chris Lewis for the manner in which they have carried out their duties during their term of office.

5 Election of Deputy Civic Mayor

Councillor Spacagna proposed and Councillor Johns seconded a motion, which was agreed by the Council as follows:

that Councillor Fellows be elected The Deputy Civic Mayor for the Municipal Year 2026/2027.

The Deputy Civic Mayor of the Council took the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the Council for the honour bestowed upon him.

The Deputy Civic Mayor also announced that Mrs Gaynor Fellows would be his Consort during his term of office.

6 Adjournment

At this juncture the meeting was adjourned until 5.30 pm on Tuesday 14 May 2026.

The Worshipful The Mayor of Torbay