

# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

## Generating Ideas for Budleigh Salterton

Public Hall, Station Road, EX9 6RJ

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026

7.00pm - Doors open

7.00pm - 7.30pm - Refreshment & Informal Chat

7.30pm - Meeting Starts

**6 March 2025**  
**Budleigh Salterton**  
**Annual Town Meeting**

The Annual Town Meeting will take place at the Public Hall, Station Road, on Thursday 12 March 2026.

Please join us from 7.00pm for refreshments. The meeting will start at 7.30pm. We look forward to meeting you.

The order of business is set out below.

Yours faithfully,

**Penny Lewis**  
**Chair and Town Mayor**

### Order of Business

7.30pm	<p><b>Welcome</b> Welcome and opening remarks: Town Mayor, Cllr Penny Lewis</p> <p><b>Minutes</b> To confirm the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on Friday 14 March 2025</p> <p><b>Reports</b> Reports on the work of the Town Council over the past twelve months, together with information on some of the organisations that have been supported through the Council's grant funding. To view the report pack, click: <a href="#">Town page</a></p>
7.40pm	<p><b>Local Government Reorganisation.</b> Highlight on the current consultation regarding of Local Government Reorganisation. More details on the consultation for individuals are available <a href="#">here</a></p> <p>BSTC would welcome your thoughts on the guiding principles that the new organisation should operate under.</p>

7.45pm	<p><b>Let's Listen</b>  Hear more about the work of some of the organisations that have benefited from a BSTC grant in the past 12 months.  Shop Budleigh – Jen Mills  Budleigh Salterton Music Festival - Martyn Evans (Trustee and Acting Sponsorship Lead)</p>
7.50pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Idea Generator*</b></p> <p><b>An opportunity to share your ideas on:</b>  <b>Community Asset Transfer – what could it mean for Budleigh?</b>  Do you think BSTC should take over running the remaining public toilets in the Town? BSTC might be asked to take on the remaining toilets in the town (Brook Road, Esplanade, and Steamer Steps). Currently the Station Road toilets cost around £20k to run, plus considerable staff time. What are your views on taking on the others?  The other assets currently held by EDDC to transfer either to BSTC or the new Unitary Authority are; Workshops and cafes, beach huts, playgrounds, and greenspaces. What would you like to see happen?</p> <p><b>Use of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funds and a recent Legacy</b>  BSTC invites suggestions and ideas on how Community Infrastructure Levy funds, together with a recent legacy, could be used to benefit the community.</p> <p><b>Help Shape the Future of the Public Hall</b>  The costs of the Public Hall need to be offset somehow, after deducting income, it is currently in excess of £40000.00 paid through the precept, ideas please on how to tackle this.</p> <p>What activities, groups, or events would you like to see in the Public Hall that are not currently on offer?</p> <p><b>Walking and Getting Around the Town</b>  What changes or improvements would make it easier, safer, or more enjoyable to walk and get around the town?</p> <p><b>Local Government Reorganisation.</b>  More details on the consultation for individuals are available <a href="#">here</a>. BSTC would welcome your thoughts on the guiding principles that the new organisation should operate under.</p> <p><b>*the idea generator is a round table, interactive session where you can contribute ideas to the five topics above.</b></p>
8.35pm	<p><b>Questions from the floor*</b></p> <p><b>Questions submitted in advance will be prioritised</b>  Please raise your hand and the chair will call you to speak or leave a note on the flip chart. All questions (and answers) will be posted on the BSTC website</p> <p>*please write your question down and add to the box provided. A number will be reviewed today, but all will be answered in full, as outlined above.</p>
8.45pm	<p><b>Closure</b></p>

*Thank you for joining in.  
Enjoy the rest of your evening.*