

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF ELECTORS OF
ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA HELD ON 14th MARCH 2023 AT 6.30PM**

The meeting was held in the Assembly Room, Royal Pump Rooms, Leamington Spa, CV32 4AA.

Approximately 65 – 70 people were in attendance.

1. WELCOME

The Mayor (Cllr Nick Wilkins) opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Annual Town Assembly held on 12th May 2022 are confirmed as a true record.

3. TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

The Town Clerk of Royal Leamington Spa Town Council delivered a short presentation providing an overview of the Town Council's activities during the past year.

4. LEAMINGTON SPA TRANSFORMATION BOARD AND FRAMEWORK

Mark Lee, chair of the Leamington Spa Transformation Board gave a presentation on the Transformation Board and its work. The key role of the board is to work in partnership to:

Co-ordinate work across the three tiers of local government and its partners.
Co-ordinate the range of projects taking place in the town.

Aims of the Board:

- Establish a vision and transformation framework for the town.
- Co-ordinate and develop major projects in the town.
- Secure funding opportunities for the town.

A website has been set up to aid communication ref the work of the board and the various projects / initiatives taking place in the town.

www.transformingleamington.co.uk

A number of current town centre projects were identified and summarised.

There followed a session of questions and answers.

The Mayor thanked Mark Lee for his presentation.

5. **OPEN FORUM**

The Mayor invited attendees to identify any issues that they wished to raise. A number of questions were raised:

Newbold Comyn – identifying concerns about cycling facilities. Cycle trails are due to be opened shortly.

The issue of Purpose Built Student Accommodation was raised – and concerns about the impact in the town.

Climate change and the desire / ability to reduce carbon emissions when use of buildings is changed.

Homelessness – concerns about support for homelessness.

Covent garden site – nature of its future use.

The Mayor thanked people for their attendance and closed the meeting at approximately 19:58.