

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CIVIC PRIDE, ARTS & LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, MARKET PLACE, NEWBURY ON
MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT

Councillors Howard Bairstow; Jeanette Clifford; Adrian Edwards; Miles Evans; Arthur Johnson; Kuldip Singh Kang (Acting Chairperson); Julian Swift-Hook.

In Attendance

Councillors David Fenn and Elizabeth O’Keeffe

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Joyce Lewis, Civic Manager
Margaret Gore, Corporate Services Officer.

19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Jo Day, David Fish, Sarah Greenall, Margo Payne and Mike Johnston.

PROPOSED: Councillor Adrian Edwards
SECONDED: Councillor Howard Bairstow

RESOLVED: That Councillors David Fenn and Elizabeth O’Keeffe have full rights to discuss the business put before the Committee but will not be able to vote.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

The Civic Manager declared that Councillors Howard Bairstow, Jeanette Clifford and Adrian Edwards declared that they are also Members of West Berkshire Council, which is declared as a general interest on their behalf and a dispensation is in place to allow them to partake in discussions relating to West Berkshire Council business.

21. MINUTES

PROPOSED: Councillor Howard Bairstow
SECONDED: Councillor Miles Evans

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Civic Pride, Arts & Leisure Committee held on Monday 12 June 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairperson.

22. QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were none.

23. MEMBERS’ QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

There were none.

24. NEWBURY ART TRAIL STEERING GROUP

The minutes of the Newbury Art Trail Steering Group for 11 July 2017 were received and noted by the Committee.

25. NEWBURY IN BLOOM

The minutes of the Newbury in Bloom Working Group meetings held on 28 June, 25 July and 23 August 2017 were received and noted by the Committee.

The following amendment was suggested:

Newbury In Bloom Minutes 25 July 2015, Minute 7 (Sensory Garden Victoria Park), Paragraph 4, the word "interesting" be changed to "interested". The paragraph should now read:

"Margo said she would contact The Castle School and see whether they would be interested in helping if the project was agreed."

The Vice-Chairperson thanked Councillor Sarah Greenall for all the hard work she had done towards this year's awards.

26. PRESENTATION – NEWBURY UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION

Mr Graeme Panting of the UN Association for Newbury presented the Mayor, Cllr David Fenn with a copy of the UNA Charter.

Members then received a brief history of the U N Association, Newbury Branch. The Vice-Chairperson, Councillor Kuldip Singh Kang thanked Mr Panting for his presentation.

27. REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S STRATEGY

Members noted the review of the Council's Strategy and were asked to forward any comments / suggested amendments to the Leader, Councillor Adrian Edwards and the CEO, Mr Hugh Peacocke by Tuesday 17 October 2017.

It was requested by Cllr Julian Swift-Hook and agreed that a copy of the former CPA&L Strategy document be forwarded to all Members for information. Any comments relating to the Council's Strategy be forwarded to the Chairperson of the Strategy Working Group for discussion / consideration.

The Vice-Chairperson thanked Councillor Julian Swift-Hook for bringing this to the Committees attention.

Councillor Jeanette Clifford suggested that this council should strive towards Newbury becoming a Dementia Friendly Town or alternatively a Makaton Friendly Town (Makaton is a language programme using signs and symbols to help people to communicate). Councillor Clifford has agreed to submit a short report to the Strategy Working Group for consideration.

28. HERITAGE OPEN DAY AND 20TH ANNIVERSARY DISPLAY IN THE TOWN HALL, 9 SEPTEMBER

Members noted the information regarding the Heritage Open day event. It was noted that there was still a need for volunteers to be on duty on the day for the following slots:

- 1 volunteer needed between 11.30 and 1.00pm
- 2 volunteers needed between 1.00 and 2.30pm

Members were asked to contact Civic Manager, Joyce Lewis if they were able to help during these hours.

29. LETTING OF SUITE 2, TOWN HALL

PROPOSED: Councillor Howard Bairstow
SECONDED: Councillor Julian Swift-Hook

RESOLVED: That letting of Suite 2 of the Town Hall at a discounted rate be approved.

30. SATURDAY SURGERIES WORKING GROUP

Members agreed that there were already too many working groups at this moment in time. However, due to the importance of the subject it was agreed that this be considered by the Council's Strategy Working Group under Section 3, PA 2, Communication and Consultation. If Members have any comments or ideas on how to improve Saturday Surgeries please could they forward them to the Chairperson of the Strategy Working Group and the CEO, Hugh Peacocke by Tuesday 17 October 2017.

31. Civic Events

- a) The information provided by the Civic Manager was received and noted by the Committee.
- b) The information relating to future Civic Events as detailed on the agenda was received and noted by the Committee.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRPERSON DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.13PM.

CHAIRPERSON