

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, MARKET PLACE,  
NEWBURY ON MONDAY 25 JUNE 2018 AT 7.30 PM.**

**PRESENT**

Councillors Howard Bairstow; Jeff Beck; Jeanette Clifford; Jo Day; Lynne Doherty; Adrian Edwards; Miles Evans; David Fenn; James Frederickson; John Gardner; Dave Goff; Sarah Greenall; Arthur Johnson; Elizabeth O’Keeffe; Margo Payne (Town Mayor); Anthony Pick; Kuldip Singh Kang; Julian Swift-Hook and Martha Vickers.

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Hugh Peacocke – CEO  
Tony Hiller - Corporate Services Officer

**7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors David Fish and Tony Stretton.

Absent: Councillors Mike Johnston and Andrew Steel

**8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chief Executive Officer declared that Councillors Howard Bairstow, Jeff Beck, Jeanette Clifford, Lynne Doherty, Adrian Edwards, James Frederickson, Dave Goff and Anthony Pick 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.

**9. MINUTES**

**PROPOSED:** Councillor David Fenn

**SECONDED:** Councillor Jeff Beck

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of a meeting of Newbury Town Council held on Wednesday 16 May 2018, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

Councillors Jo Day, John Gardner, Arthur Johnson, Elizabeth O’Keeffe, Julian Swift-Hook and Martha Vickers voted against the motion.

**PROPOSED:** Councillor Anthony Pick

**SECONDED:** Councillor Jeff Beck

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Annual meeting of Newbury Town Council held on Sunday 20 May 2018, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

## 10. QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions or petitions from members of the public.

## 11. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

Question asked by Councillor Adrian Edwards on behalf of Councillor Tony Stretton:

**“Could the CEO update us on the BID’s plans for Christmas lights, this year?”**

The CEO replied as follows:

**“The Council has provided £12,000 in this year’s budget as a contribution towards the Christmas lights. This is the same as last year’s provision, which attracted further funding of £5,000 through The Good Exchange.**

**This offer is under consideration by the Board of the BID and we expect to hear back in the near future. We will advise all the Council members of the position as soon as we hear further from the BID.”**

## 12. END OF YEAR STATUTORY ACCOUNTS 2017/18

**12.1** The Annual Return (subject to external audit) for the financial year 2017/2018 as attached to the agenda was received and noted by the Council. .

**12.2 PROPOSED:** Councillor Anthony Pick  
**SECONDED:** Councillor David Fenn

**RESOLVED:** That each individual paragraph (1-9) of the Annual Governance Statement as defined at Section 2 of the Annual Return be approved.

**12.3 PROPOSED:** Councillor Kuldip Singh Kang  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Adrian Edwards

**RESOLVED: to authorise** the signing of the Annual Return (subject to external audit) by The Town Mayor in line with the regulatory requirement to sign the accounts by 30 June 2018.

**12.4** The information regarding the external audit was received and noted by the Council.

## 13. TOWN MAYOR’S REPORT

The Town Mayor’s report was received and noted by the Committee.

## 14. LEADER’S REPORT

The Leader’s report was received and noted by the Committee.

## 15. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Chief Executive Officer's report was received and noted by the Council.

The Council noted that the Community Services Manager would retire on 31 August 2018 and thanked Mr. Granville Taylor for the outstanding service he had given to the Council over the past 11 years.

## 16. NEWBURY YOUTH COUNCIL

The Town Mayor invited the Junior Mayor, Daniel Parnell, the Deputy Junior Mayor, Charlotte Beaven and the Youth council's Treasurer, Ellouise Greenall to make a presentation to the meeting. Matters covered included:

- Work experience for under 16's
- The cost of public transport for youths
- The proposed Sensory Garden in Victoria Park
- Fundraising and
- The next meeting of the Youth Council at which the Right Honorable Richard Benyon, MP, would be attending.

The Council expressed their appreciation and support for the work of the Youth Council and thanked them for their presentation.

## 17. NOTICE OF MOTION

**PROPOSED:** Councillor Martha Vickers

**SECONDED:** Councillor John Gardner

**RESOLVED:** That the motion be approved subject to the following amendment:

Having approached BT on this matter this Council is not satisfied with the response it has received and will continue to urge **all related parties** to reconsider what action they can take to improve this eyesore which dominates the Newbury skyline including giving serious consideration **all options**.

## 18. TO APPROVE THE NEWBURY TOWN PLAN 2019-2036

**PROPOSED:** Councillor Howard Bairstow

**SECONDED:** Councillor Adrian Edwards

**RESOLVED:** That the Newbury Town Plan 2019-2036, as recommended by the Planning and Highways Committee on 18 June 2018 be adopted.

## 19. COMMITTEES

The Minutes of the following meetings were received:

Policy & Resources	30 April 2018
Planning & Highways	09 May 2018
Planning & Highways	

(Special meeting re Sandleford)	14 May 2018
Community Services	04 June 2018
Planning & Highways	30 May 2018
Civic Pride, Arts & Leisure (Draft)	11 June 2018

**20. BRITAIN IN BLOOM**

The report from the Community Services Manager and the recommendation from the Newbury in Bloom Working Group was received and noted by the Committee.

**PROPOSED:** Councillor Sarah Greenall

**SECONDED:** Councillor Martha Vickers

**RESOLVED:** That Newbury Town Council enter the Britain in Bloom Campaign from 2019.

**21. COUNCILLOR SURGERY ROTA**

The time table for the Councillor Surgery rota for the municipal year 2018/2019 was received and noted by the Committee.

**22. AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS**

**PROPOSED:** Councillor Jeanette Clifford

**SECONDED:** Councillor Sarah Greenall

**RESOLVED:** That the variations to Standing Orders as adjourned without discussion from the Full Council meeting on 16 May 2018 be approved.

**23. LOCAL DEMOCRACY WORKING GROUP**

Members received a verbal update on progress of the Local Democracy Working Group from the Chairperson, Councillor James Fredrickson. It was agreed that the members of the Youth Council be invited to attend future meetings of the Local Democracy Working Group.

**24. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME FOR FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS 2018/19**

**The Council noted** the Forward Work Programme. It was agreed to explore options to combine the Work Programmes of the Council and its 4 main committees in order to illustrate the level of work carried out by the Council and to show where the various matters are determined.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE TOWN MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20:48 PM**

**TOWN MAYOR**