

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, MARKET PLACE, NEWBURY  
ON MONDAY 29 OCTOBER 2018 AT 7.30 PM.**

**PRESENT**

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

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Hugh Peacocke – CEO  
Tony Hiller - Corporate Services Officer

**25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors: John Gardner, James Fredrickson and David Fish

Absent: Councillors Arthur Johnson, Mike Johnston and Andrew Steel

**26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chief Executive Officer declared that Councillors Howard Bairstow, Jeff Beck, Jeanette Clifford, Lynne Doherty, Adrian Edwards, 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.

Councillor Elizabeth O’Keeffe declared she is a Citizens Advice West Berkshire Volunteer.

Councillor Margo Payne declared she is a Citizens Advice West Berkshire Trustee.

**27. MINUTES**

**PROPOSED:** Councillor Anthony Pick

**SECONDED:** Councillor Howard Bairstow

**RESOLVED:** That subject to one minor amendment the minutes of a meeting of Newbury Town Council held on Monday 25 June 2018, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

**28. QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

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

## 29. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

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

## 30. CITIZENS' ADVICE WEST BERKSHIRE

Ms. Sue Mackie, the Chief Executive of Citizen's Advice West Berkshire gave a presentation on the work of the CAWB. The presentation highlighted the work done in Newbury and she thanked the Council for their continued support. After answering several questions from the Councillors the Mayor of Newbury, Councillor Margo Payne thanked Ms. Mackie for her time and presentation

## 31. TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor's report was received and noted by the Council .

## 32. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader's report was received and noted by the Council.

## 33. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

## 34. COMMITTEES

The Minutes of the following meetings were received:

Policy & Resources	16 July 2018
Planning & Highways	30 July 2018
Planning & Highways	20 Aug 2018
Civic Pride, Arts & Leisure	03 Sept 2018
Planning & Highways	10 Sept 2018
Community Services	24 Sept 2018
Planning & Highways	01 Oct 2018
Policy & Resources (Draft)	15 Oct 2018

## 35. THE TOWN COUNCIL STRATEGY

After some discussion Councillor Martha Vickers proposed the following amendments to the Town Council Strategy:

**The Town Council should look to reduce its carbon footprint with the ultimate goal of becoming carbon neutral.**

**PROPOSED:** Councillor Martha Vickers

**SECONDED:** Councillor Julian Swift-Hook

**RESOLVED:** The motion was not carried.

Councillors Jo Day, Elizabeth O’Keeffe, Julian Swift-Hook and Martha Vickers voted for the motion. The remaining Councillors voted against the motion.

Councillor Vickers then proposed:

**The Town Council should look to reduce its grass cutting in certain open spaces as these provide food for the insect and bug populations.**

**PROPOSED:** Councillor Martha Vickers  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Julian Swift-Hook

**RESOLVED:** The motion was not carried.

Councillors Jo Day, Elizabeth O’Keeffe, Julian Swift-Hook and Martha Vickers voted for the motion. Councillor Jeanette Clifford abstained from the vote, the remaining Councillors voted against the motion.

**PROPOSED:** Councillor Miles Evans  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Adrian Edwards

**RESOLVED:** That the Review of the Town Council Strategy 2018-2020 as attached at Agenda Appendix 5b be approved and adopted.

Councillors Jo Day, Elizabeth O’Keeffe, Julian Swift-Hook and Martha Vickers abstained from the vote.

### **36. LOCAL DEMOCRACY WORKING GROUP**

Local Democracy Working Group Chairperson, Councillor James Fredrickson gave his apologies for not attending the meeting and asked Chief Executive Officer, Hugh Peacocke to present his report. Members received the verbal update and discussed issues arising from this year’s programme. The CEO said that he would take these views back to the Working Group for consideration

### **37. BUDGET FOR 2019/20**

Councillors considered the responses to the public consultation on the Council’s budget for 2019/20.

Members noted the schedule for the preparation of the Council’s budget for 2019/20 and were invited to make the Leader of the Council, the Chief Executive Officer and the Responsible Financial Officer aware of any particular projects that they would like included in the budget for 2019/20.

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

The Council noted the Forward Work Programme.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE TOWN MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING  
CLOSED AT 21:09 PM**

**TOWN MAYOR**

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