

**NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee of the New Milton Town Council held on Tuesday 30 May 2017 at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall, Ashley Road, New Milton.

Chairman	p	G R Blunden
Vice Chairman	p	D E Hawkins

Councillors:	G C Beck	p	W B Davies
p	D A Rice Mundy	p	A D O'Sullivan
p	A W Rice	p	R Murrow
p	V E Schooling		

In Attendance:	Officers:	G P Flexman	Town Clerk
		J Hayward	Administrator
		Cllr S Clarke	
		Cllr A Reid	

The Chairman opened the meeting welcoming councillors, members of the public, a press representative and NFDC Officer Jamie Burton.

Mr Keith Bloodworth, a resident of Bashley, spoke on behalf of Bashley residents reference item 12 Bashley Village gateway signs. Expressing their proposal for traffic calming measures in Bashley that could also extend the 30mph speed limit to the farm shop and Stem Lane, they sought NMTC support.

**Presentation**

Mr Jamie Burton, Physical Activity and Partnership Manager at New Forest District Council, gave a presentation on the National Ping Project, Activity Road Show and use of Adult Gym Equipment.

- a. The Ping Project being a festival of table tennis running from June to September across various New Forest locations with New Milton considered an ideal location because it is accessible and has a very good table tennis club already established in the town. NFDC would provide the static weather proof tables with rigid nets and bats and balls that NMTC would take responsibility for as hosts.
- b. The Activity Road Show would travel around the district on weekdays in the summer holidays in a touring van complete with equipment, Frisbees, balls etc to encourage physical activity. It is not a coaching session but a get together to use the available equipment in a social setting.
- c. The Active Lifestyles Programme is a NFDC initiative to encourage gym inductions, using gym equipment safely etc. NFDC could provide taster sessions on our outdoor gym equipment to get users confident. This could be arranged for pre-arranged times and for a limited period on the Recreation Ground.

Members expressed interest in all these initiatives acknowledging the benefit of physical activity and exercise for all New Milton residents.

4. APOLOGIES

Cllr G Beck

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

6. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Acknowledging the new municipal year the Town Clerk reminded members of the Terms of Reference for the Amenities Committee, reciting Standing Orders page 25, 2 (a) – 2 (h).

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman advised members that the Bashley Gateway Signs would be considered at Agenda item 12.

8. MINUTES

It was

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2017 previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.**

The Minutes were duly signed.

9. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

The Town Clerk confirmed that all items have been or are being addressed.

The new public toilet block was now open for use.

Funding for the festive lights and red telephone box are still outstanding.

Minute	Action Points	Action by date	To be actioned by
141 a)	Contact Richard Kempton	18 April 2017	Cllr V Schooling
141 b)	Contact HCC Engineer	18 April 2017	Town Clerk
142	Contact users of Recreation Ground	18 April 2017	Administrator
143	Liaise with Proludic	18 April 2017	Town Clerk
144	New Public Toilets Opening	1 May 2017	Amenities Committee
145	Dementia Friendly Allotments	1 May 2017	Estates Manager
146	Xmas Lights support	30 May 2017	Town Clerk
147	Big Spring Clean	6-7 May 2017	Estates Manager
149	Be Involved weekend	8 May 2017	Town Development Manager
151	Red Telephone Box	30 May 2017	TESG
152 d)	Floral displays for cliff top	30 May 2017	Estates Manager

Cllr Alan Rice referred to minute 151 expressing concern about the costs involved and asked if this matter had been debated previously and the Chairman confirmed it had, noting that a £1 nominal fee had been paid to reserve the box but the project would only go ahead if funding was forthcoming from sponsorship.

#### 10. SKATEPARK COMPETITION

The Chairman brought forward item 13 Skatepark Competition to include input from Jamie Burton, NFDC Physical Activity Participation Manager.

The Chairman referred to Appendix 3 and informed members that £2k was required to stage the competition on 19 August 2017. Jamie Burton advised that though there was no particular grant available he is willing to discuss the opportunity further believing the event involved promoting youth and physical activity.

Cllr S Clarke mentioned that previous events had been successful and our local youth are keen for the skate competition to happen.

Cllr Clarke also referred to the youth art board created at the Youth Festival on the Recreation Ground on 29 May and the request to display it on the Asboc Café outside wall. Members agreed to this suggestion.

The Chairman suggested that the Youth and Play Forum could discuss this further and referred the matter to F&GP for top up funding as necessary.

It was

**RECOMMENDED:**

***That a sum of £2k from the events budget be put aside for the Skatepark Competition on 19 August 2017.***

11. BASHLEY GATEWAY SIGNS

The Chairman brought forward item 12 - Bashley Gateway Signs to include the comments from the Bashley residents.

The Chairman referred to Appendix 2 and consideration of the Bashley gateway signs that are within our jurisdiction. It was noted that vehicular speed is HCC Highways authority responsibility and that the ward councillors have been speaking to HCC Highways and the police regarding the 30mph speed limit in Bashley.

The Chairman suggested that it may not be within the remit of NMTC to install 30mph signs on the gateway signs.

Cllr Clarke expressed his view that it is essential that 30mph signs are installed across the town, as well as reducing the Bashley Cross Road speed limit from 40mph to 30mph and he is currently awaiting reply from HCC Councillor Keith Mans on these matters

Cllr Clarke also mentioned that foliage growth is affecting visibility of signs and said that highway posts have been damaged by HCC verge maintenance contractors.

Cllr A Rice expressed his opinion that the proposals seem unnecessary and premature and suggested the matter be deferred further pending advice from Cllr K Mans.

Councillors voiced their concerns about the lack of 30 mph roundels within the gateway signs and possible nugatory cost of the signage without them.

Cllr A O'Sullivan proposed the matter be referred to F&GP with a recommendation for sign funding to come from the CIL fund.

It was

**RECOMMENDED:**

***That the cost of Bashley gateway signs be considered by the F&GP Committee.***

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Town Clerk referred to an email from New Milton Jubilee Fund advising on an extension date of 9 June for applications to enter the New Milton Grand Prix.
- b) A thank you message via Twitter had been received from Forest Arts Centre and Coda for supporting the Street @ The Skatepark event.

13. LAND USE REQUESTS

- a) The Town Clerk referred to correspondence from Circus Ginnett who had requested amended dates 7-27 August to coincide with the school summer holidays.

It was

**RESOLVED:**

***That Circus Ginnett be granted permission to use the Moore Close site from 7-27 August.***

14. RECREATION GROUND – VISION PLAN

The Chairman referred to a photo slide show of the Recreation Ground featuring all the improvements to date, acknowledging the public consultation as well as funding from lottery, community and developers contributions.

Feedback was extremely positive and the Recreation Ground is a hive of activity with residents accessing the tennis courts, MUGA, playpark, performance pavilion, new public toilets and refurbished war memorial.

Cllr D Rice-Mundy said the amenity was excellent and looked forward to the hedge being replanted in the autumn and to consider maintenance of the performance pavilion.

Cllr V Schooling referred to the vision for the Memorial Centre and asked for feedback from HCC. Cllr O'Sullivan said that HCC Cllr M Kendall will be doing a presentation to NMRA shortly and an update will follow thereafter.

15. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ALLOTMENTS

Cllr R Murrow provided an update on the allotment project informing members that plants were in the raised beds and the allotment group are working hard in readiness for the official opening on 29 June 2017. The shed and shelter will be installed beforehand.

16. ELECTRIC VEHICLE

The Chairman referred to Appendix 1, previously distributed, with a revision circulated at the meeting showing a picture of subsequent test driving of an electric vehicle.

The proposal for the replacement vehicle from Nissan suited the Town Council in terms of mileage and setting an example about caring for the environment. The vehicle had been recently test driven and costs were within budget.

Cllr Schooling asked about the electric charging point which will be at Fawcetts Field and this will put the pressure on for further charging points in New Milton.

Cllr W Davies asked about the noise and if the lack of noise would be dangerous to the deaf and elderly residents.

The Town Clerk would progress the hire arrangements with the Estates Manager.

17. YOUTH SHELTER

The Chairman deferred this item to the next Amenities Committee meeting, requesting further information about location and funding.

18. TEENAGE MARKET

The Chairman referred to Appendix 5, previously distributed.

Silma Ramsaywack, Youth Coordinator, summarised the event taking place on Wednesday 31 May, with four stalls offering bath bombs, cakes, crafts and computer games with musical busking as well.

The Chairman said this was a brilliant initiative for the youth of the town and for the weekly market generally, thanking Silma for her hard work and encouraging councillors to go along and support the market.

19. COASTAL PATH

The Chairman referred to Appendix 6, previously circulated.

The Town Clerk said this has already been discussed at the Planning Committee.

Cllr Rice informed members that there was a stakeholders meeting at Milford on Sea parish offices on 6 June 2017 looking at the various options. The Assistant Town Clerk will attend on behalf of NMTC.

20. HABITAT POLES

The Chairman referred to Appendix 7, previously circulated.

This proposal was considered to be good practice in appropriate places and would be implemented accordingly.

21. DONATED SEATS

The Chairman referred to Appendix 8, previously circulated.

The Chairman said that a small working party needs to be formed to review and look at policy. Cllrs Blunden and O’Sullivan volunteered, with advice from the Estates Manager and Town Clerk.

22. ANY ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

Members wished happy birthday to Cllr V Schooling and presented her with a small bouquet of flowers, wishing her husband Claude a speedy recovery.

Cllr O’Sullivan reminded members of the Milton Heritage Society Opening Event on Saturday 10 June at 10 am – 12 pm at the New Milton Memorial Centre.

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Next meeting Tuesday 11 July 2017 at 6.30 pm** in the Town Hall, Ashley Road, New Milton

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the public session of the meeting at 8.20 pm.

CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution:

Town Councillors  
Estates & Facilities Manager  
District Councillors C V Ward, J L Cleary  
County Councillors M Kendal, F Carpenter and K Mans  
New Milton Library  
Press

<b>Minute</b>	<b>Action Points</b>	<b>Action by date</b>	<b>To be actioned by</b>
10	Skate-park Competition	12 June 2017	F&GP
11	Bashley Gateway Signs	12 June 2017	F&GP
13	Circus Ginnett	12 June 2017	Administrator
15	Dementia Allotments	29 June 2017	Administrator
16	Electric Vehicle	12 June 2017	Town Clerk
17	Youth Shelter	11 July 2017	Amenities
18	Teenage Market	31 May 2017	Youth Coordinator
19	Coastal Path	6 June 2017	Assistant Town Clerk
20	Habitat Poles	6 June 2017	Assistant Town Clerk
21	Donated Seats	11 July 2017	Working Party
22	Milton Heritage Society	10 June 2017	Cllr A O'Sullivan