The Chairman opened the meeting welcoming councillors, and a member of the public and a press representative.

136. APOLOGIES

Cllrs G Beck and W Davies

137. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

138. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

139. MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2017 previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes were duly signed.
140. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

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

Referring to Minute 127 Railway Station Update, Cllr V Schooling read out a letter received from Richard Kempton, SWT Community Liaison Officer, the content being positive despite First Group recently winning the franchise.

The Chairman asked that contact be made with the new franchise and Cllr D Hawkins said that the town would like to retain a manned ticket office.

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141. CORRESPONDENCE

a) The Town Clerk referred to the email received from Richard Kempton of SWT, regarding First Group taking over the franchise subject to a lock-down period of 10 days as there may be an appeal.

b) The Town Clerk made reference to an email from the HCC Engineer seeking confirmation of RAL 6005 Moss Green colour for the new pedestrian bridge. Members expressed their agreement to this.

142. LAND USE REQUESTS

a) The Town Clerk referred to an email from Mike Horswell of Eaglewood School who would like to hold a litter pick and picnic on the Recreation Ground.

Cllr A O’Sullivan declared an interest being CEO of the Gryphon Trust.

**RESOLVED:**

*That Eaglewood School be granted permission to hold a picnic on the Recreation Ground, subject to further details being received.*
b) Forest Arts Centre would like to organise two free music events in August one on 3rd and one on 31st August. These would be evening events from 7 – 9.30 pm and the Chairman reminded members that the normal terms and conditions of use would apply.

**RESOLVED:**

*That the Forest Arts Centre be granted permission to hold free music events on 3 August and 31 August 2017.*

c) The Town Development Manager is organising a Be Involved New Milton Event with community groups on 16-17 September, requesting use of the Recreation Ground and Performance Pavilion.

**RESOLVED:**

*That permission be granted to hold the “Be Involved” event on the Recreation Ground on 16-17 September.*

d) The Town Clerk referred to a request from Common Ground to hold a free music event on 12 August 2017 on the Recreation Ground and Performance Pavilion. The Chairman asked for more details about the event.

**RESOLVED:**

*That permission be granted to Common Ground to hold their free music event on the Recreation Ground on 12 August 2017 subject to relevant applications and licencing being in place for events on the Recreation Ground.*

e) Making a Difference Cancer Research UK would like to hold their annual fund raising fayre and barbeque on the Recreation Ground on Sunday 16 July 2017.

**RESOLVED:**

*That MAD CRUK be granted permission to hold their fun day on 16 July 2017 on the Recreation Ground subject to relevant application and licencing being made.*

f) New Life Church would like to run a Skate Competition on Saturday 5 August 2017.

**RESOLVED:**

*That New Life Church be granted permission to hold a skate completion on Saturday 5 August 2017.*
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Cllr Schooling expressed her delight that more community use of the Performance Pavilion is happening.

An updated calendar of events taking place on NMTC land was circulated at the meeting.

143. RECREATION GROUND – PLAY AREA

The Chairman informed members of the current situation regarding the play park and the remedial works needed to resolve the surfacing soft spots and drainage issues. We are discussing with Proludic and Jill Colclough the best way forward and hope they will undertake works later in the month. In the meantime, funds are being retained until satisfactory completion of remedial works.

The Chairman confirmed that the playpark is okay to use.

144. RECREATION GROUND – PUBLIC TOILETS

The Chairman referred to construction of the new public toilets and that NFDC had announced they would be completed for 1 May 2017.

Cllr Schooling is delighted at the architecture and impressed with the clock.

145. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ALLOTMENTS

Cllr R Murrow provided an update on the allotment project. A dementia friendly allotment group has been set up with a recent site visit taking place at Becton Lane Allotment Site. NMTC expect to complete the construction of the planters, shed, shelter and paths by end April and the group hope to be growing from mid-May.

The Chairman was pleased to announce that NMTC will be planting another wild flower area adjacent to the dementia friendly allotment.

146. FESTIVE LIGHTS

The Chairman referred to Appendix 1, previously distributed.

The lack of financial support from local businesses that benefit from the festive lighting was noted. More financial support is required to allow the lighting to continue and we need to persuade businesses to sponsor. The plan to link the fire station to the high street by illuminating the trees along the road will be put on hold pending further sponsorship.

Cllr O’Sullivan made a suggestion that each retail unit in the town centre be asked to contribute a set amount, say £10 each.

The Town Clerk will draft a letter to all local businesses asking for a donation.
147. **NEW MILTON BIG SPRING CLEAN**

The Chairman referred to Appendix 2, previously distributed, and the plan for a community litter pick around the town on 6-7 May 2017, encouraging members to sign up and take part.

148. **LIONS CLUB CENTENARY**

The Chairman referred to Appendix 3, previously circulated.

The updated schedule of Lions events was duly noted.

149. **“BE INVOLVED” WEEKEND FESTIVAL**

The Chairman referred to Appendix 4, previously circulated.

The Town Development Manager will give a presentation on the event at the Annual Council Meeting on 8 May 2017; members thought this was an excellent idea.

150. **LOWER FIELD ASHLEY**

The Chairman referred to Appendix 5, previously circulated.

This is a simple plan for looking after the area working with the Andrew Lane Neighbourhood Group.

The Town Clerk said this is very similar to the Long Meadow Management Plan.

151. **RED TELEPHONE BOX**

The Town Clerk circulated Appendix 6, Red Telephone Box Relocation Report.

The Chairman informed members that the phone box had been purchased for a £1 and the estimated costs of decommissioning, relocating, and refurbishment amounted to £9070, and asked for views.

Cllr D Rice-Mundy asked about advertising on the box and the Chairman replied the box had to stay as it is.

Cllr O’Sullivan suggested that businesses sponsor the telephone box because NMTC will not be able to fund it.

Cllr D Hawkins admitted that it is his idea to have the telephone box as an iconic feature in the town centre containing a community info hub. Cllr Schooling supported Cllr Hawkins saying that it is a small price to pay for a tourist attraction that the town needs.
It was noted that although we have paid a £1, we haven’t signed a contract and nor are we responsible for the phone box at this stage.

**RECOMMENDED:**

*That sponsorship deals be discussed with local businesses and Virgin Media as well.*

152. **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

   a) The Chairman informed members of the upcoming Afternoon of Music events taking place at the Performance Pavilion on the following dates:

   - Sunday 7 May featuring Chicago Jazz Aces
   - Sunday 2 July featuring New Forest Brass Band
   - Sunday 6 August featuring the Prairie Dogs
   - Sunday 3 September featuring Empty Frets

   Members were encouraged to attend.

   b) Cllr S Clarke asked if the graziers could be contacted and for the Dexter cattle to be reintroduced to the Ballard Water Meadow. The Chairman acknowledged the request and informed members of the intention to return the ponies to Barton Common.

   c) Cllrs O’Sullivan and Rice-Mundy mentioned a damaged railing and corner post at Chaucombe Green.

   d) The Chairman circulated a map showing locations of proposed floral displays in Barton on Sea, in particular in the vicinity of Pebble Beach and the public toilets. Although the cliff top is a harsh environment for floral displays, costings for baskets and planters had been prepared and were within budget.

   Cllr Schooling suggested that Pebble Beach and the Beachcomber Café may provide sponsorship. Members agreed it was a good idea to progress, subject to agreement with NFDC/HCC.

153. **ANY ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

None

132. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

   **Next meeting Tuesday 30 May 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 7.20 pm.

At the request of Cllr S Clarke an informal discussion then took place between members.

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