



Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee of the New Milton Town Council held on Monday 3 June 2019 at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall, Ashley Road, New Milton.

Chairman	p	G R Blunden
Vice Chairman	p	D E Hawkins

<u>Councillors</u>	p	M Craze	p	C V Ward
	p	D A Rice-Mundy	p	A D O'Sullivan
	p	A W Rice	p	R Murrow
	p	V E Schooling		

In Attendance

Councillors:	R A Reid	K Craze
	S P Davies	

Officers:	G Flexman	Town Clerk
	J Hayward	Administrator
	M Jeffries	Estates & Facilities Manager

The Chairman opened the meeting, noting this was the first Amenities Committee meeting of the new administration, and welcomed councillors, two members of the public and a press representative.

Mr Alan Watson spoke on behalf of NMRA and informed the meeting of the initial discussions held regarding the VE75 commemorations being held from 1-10 May 2020, which is part of a national programme taking place. A series of events including a tea-party, exhibition, cliff-top parade, concert and concluding with a multi-denominational town service.

Michael Angus spoke of his concerns about the surfacing for disabled access from the path to the Performance Pavilion and asked for the Amenities Committee to address this. Also, requesting that all councillors and officers be aware of DDA requirements.

(Post Meeting Note: The Disability Discrimination Act was replaced by the Equality Act in 2010. A summary of the requirements of the Equality Act was circulated at the 26 November 2018 Amenities Committee meeting and is attached again to the minutes of this meeting.)

4. APOLOGIES

None

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr A O'Sullivan being a member of the Milton Heritage Society in respect of No. 1 New Milton.



6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) The Chairman thanked Alan Watson for the update and welcomed the plans for the VE75 commemorations, looking forward to the commemorative events next year.
- b) The Chairman noted the comments made by Michael Angus and confirmed that the additional surfacing works referred to would be carried out this week and also assured the meeting that access to the Performance Pavilion is compliant.

7. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Chairman referred to the Terms of Reference for the Amenities Committee which the Town Clerk read out and distributed.

Members noted the Terms of Reference.

8. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meetings held on 16 April and 13 May 2019, 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

The Town Clerk confirmed that all items have been or are being addressed, noting that minutes 137 BMX Area and 141 b) Access to Milford Cemetery, would be discussed as separate agenda items at this meeting.

Minute	Action Points	Action by date	To be actioned by
137	Identify suitable BMX area	After 2 May	Amenities Committee
138 a)	Seek HCC advice Doe Copse Way	3 June	Estates Manager
138 c)	Closed sign for bus-stop	24 April	Estates Manager



139	Respond to Land Use Requests	24 April	Administrator
139	Circulate details of Afternoons of Music	24 April	Administrator
139 d)	Respond to letter from Connells	24 April	Town Clerk
141 b)	Contact HCC re wheelchair access	3 June	Town Clerk
143	NFDC proposals Barton Cliff Top	3 June	Town Clerk

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk referred to an email from Nick Saunders of Milton Heritage Society who asked what plans were being considered for the centenary anniversary of the War Memorial in September 2019.

(Post Meeting Note: The date of the centenary is actually 26 September 2020.)

11. LAND USE REQUESTS

a) **New Milton Rugby Club Family Fun Day**

A request to use the Rugby Club grounds and facilities for the Family Fun Day on Saturday 8 June 2019.

RESOLVED:

That New Milton Rugby Club Family Fun Day be permitted to take place on the Rugby Club grounds on Saturday 8 June 2019.

It was noted Cllr Hawkins would represent the Town Council at this event.

b) **Coles Fun Fair**

A request from Tonia Cole to bring the Coles Fun Fair to the Moore Close site from 15 – 22 July 2019.

RESOLVED:

That Coles Fun Fair be permitted to use the Moore Close site from 15 – 22 July 2019.

The above event will be subject to our normal conditions of use, including £500 refundable deposit.

12. WORKING PARTY MEMBERSHIPS

The Chairman referred to Appendix 1, Working Party Memberships, previously circulated. The list was noted, and the Chairman asked members to let the Town Clerk know if they were interested in participating in any of the working parties.

Cllr Murrow expressed an interest in participating in a BMX working party.

13. MILFORD ROAD CEMETERY

The Chairman referred to Appendix 2, a copy email from Mandy Ware of HCC, and invited Cllr Schooling to give an overview of the access issues at Milford Road Cemetery.

The Chairman asked members to note the content of the email and suggested arranging a meeting with Mandy Ware to consider funding and possible options to resolve access issues which councillors supported.

RECOMMENDATION:

That a meeting be arranged with Mandy Ware of HCC to discuss cemetery access further.

14. No.1 NEW MILTON

The Chairman referred to Appendix 3, Notes from a Working Party Meeting held on 12 April 2019, and asked Cllr Craze to provide an update on the project. Cllr Craze gave a comprehensive report on activity to date noting that Anthony Harris Solicitors had approved the Heads of Terms ready for the next stage of signing a 12-year lease and anticipated opening date of the Heritage Centre April 2020.

Cllr O'Sullivan asked about the pre-planning stage and the availability of parking which Cllr Craze said was not a major stumbling block.

15. YOUTH TRUST

The Chairman referred to Appendix 4, being the Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

The Town Clerk talked through the contents and the options that were available.



The name of the proposed charity was discussed with New Milton Youth Services originally suggested but New Milton Youth Trust was favoured by members.

Cllr Hawkins suggested that the young people should agree the name for the charity.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the CIO Constitution for New Milton Youth Trust be progressed via a further working party meeting.

16. MEN'S SHED

The Chairman provided an update regarding Men's Shed use of the Fernhill Cricket Ground store, creating a space for them to start from with the various projects they were involved in within the community.

17. BMX TRACK

The Chairman referred to the recent situation involving a "DIY" BMX track and associated vandalism at Long Meadow Copse. This had prompted a suggestion for a formal BMX track to be made available in New Milton and the Chairman asked councillors if they agreed in principle to progressing this idea.

Councillors agreed in principle and the Chairman proposed a new Working Party be formed and asked that councillors register their interest with the Town Clerk.

RECOMMENDATION:

That a Working Party be assembled to discuss the options for a BMX track in New Milton.

18. FERNHILL LANE

The Chairman referred to Appendix 5, being the proposed grazing licence for the Northern Field, and councillors supported the extension of the licence to 30 October 2019.

RECOMMENDED:

That the grazing licence for the newly-acquired Northern Field at Fernhill Lane be extended by five months to 30 October 2019.

19. ANY OTHER UPDATES

The Chairman referred to photos circulated at the meeting and in particular the members of Barton Bees WI and New Milton Sands WI carrying out gardening works at the Indian Memorial and Old Milton Shopping Parade and thanked the community for their involvement and support of New Milton in Bloom.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 15 July 2019 at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall, Ashley Road, New Milton.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked members and the public for attending and closed the public session of the meeting at 7.27pm.

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

The Chairman moved that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business pursuant to section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reasons of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

21. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Referring to reported incidences of anti-social behaviour in New Milton, members discussed options in order to take appropriate control of the situation working with the Police and other associated agencies towards implementing a PSPO.

Members agreed.

It was

RECOMMENDED:

That the Town Council works with NFDC to implement a Public Space Protection Order for the Recreation Ground and Town Centre.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the private session of the meeting at 7.54pm.



CHAIRMAN _____

DATE _____

Minute	Action Points	Action by date	To be actioned by
6 a)	VE Commemorations	1-10 May 2020	Alan Watson, NMRA
6 b)	Accessibility to Performance Pavilion	6 June 2019	Mark Jeffries, NMTC
10	Recreation Ground 100 th Anniversary	26 September 2020	Joanna Hayward, NMTC
11 a)	Rugby Club Fun Day	8 June 2019	Cllr Hawkins, NMTC
11 b)	Coles Fun Fair	15-22 July 2019	Joanna Hayward, NMTC
12	Working Party Memberships	30 June 2019	Town Clerk/Cllrs
13	Milford Road Cemetery	15 July 2019	Mandy Ware, HCC
17	BMX Track	15 July 2019	Town Clerk/Cllrs

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