

NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13 MAY 2019 AT 6.30PM IN THE TOWN HALL, ASHLEY ROAD, NEW MILTON

Councillors:	p	R A Reid	p	K E Craze
	p	M Brownsea	p	D A Rice-Mundy
	p	G R Blunden	p	A W Rice
	p	S J Clarke		A D O'Sullivan
	p	M Craze	p	V E Schooling
	p	S P Davies		D N Tungate
	p	D E Hawkins	p	C V Ward
	p	M Levitt	p	J G Ward
	p	R Murrow	p	H Wallis-Dowling

In Attendance: Officers: Graham Flexman - Town Clerk
Theresa Elliott - Assistant Town Clerk
Mark Jeffries – Estates & Facilities Manager
Joanna Hayward – Administrator
Emma Towler – Administrative Assistant
Silma Ramsaywack – Youth Services Manager

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed members, 2 members of the public and a press representative to the annual meeting and thanked councillors for their support during his Mayoral year.

The Chairman reported on his most recent, and last engagements as Mayor for 2018/19.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr A D O'Sullivan & Cllr D N Tungate.

2. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR / CHAIRMAN FOR 2019/20

The Chairman of the Council, Cllr D Rice-Mundy in the Chair.

The Town Clerk read out a nomination for Chairman of the Council for 2019/2020. Cllr R A Reid was proposed by Cllr R Murrow and seconded by Cllr S J Clarke. Cllrs Murrow and Clarke spoke in support of Cllr R A Reid.

There being no other nominations

It was then

RESOLVED:

That Cllr R A Reid be appointed Chairman / Mayor of the Council to remain in office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council in 2020

Cllr R A Reid duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Mayor.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR / VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2019/20

The Chairman of the Council, Cllr R A Reid in the Chair.

The Chairman called for nominations for Vice Chairman/Deputy Mayor of the Council for 2019/2020. The Town Clerk read out a nomination for Vice-Chairman for 2019/20.

Cllr K E Craze was proposed by Cllr R A Reid and seconded by Cllr G R Blunden. Cllrs Reid and Blunden spoke in support of Cllr K E Craze.

There being no other nominations

It was then

RESOLVED:

That Cllr K E Craze be appointed Vice-Chairman / Deputy Mayor of the Council to remain in office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council in 2020.

Cllr R A Reid then presented Cllr K E Craze with the Vice-Chairman's Badge of Office.

Cllr K E Craze then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Deputy Mayor.

4. TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 2019/2020

The Chairman advised that the appointment of Standing Committees comprising 9 Councillors each would be dealt with Committee by Committee, starting with F&GP.

The Town Clerk read out the names of Cllrs proposed for each Committee, as follows:

a) Finance & General Purposes Committee

That membership of the F&GP Committee for 2019/2020 is as follows:

S J Clarke	K Craze	S Davies
R A Reid	A D O'Sullivan	D N Tungate
J G Ward	G Blunden	M Brownsea

b) Amenities Committee

That membership of the Amenities Committee for 2019/2020 is as follows:

G Blunden	D E Hawkins	A D O'Sullivan
R Murrow	V E Schooling	M Craze
A W Rice	D A Rice-Mundy	C V Ward

c) Planning Committee

That membership of the Planning Committee for 2019/2020 is as follows:

S J Clarke	D E Hawkins	S P Davies
R A Reid	K E Craze	D N Tungate
R Murrow	M Levitt	H Wallis-Dowling

d) Executive Committee

The Executive Committee automatically includes the Mayor and Chairs of Standing Committees plus the Deputy Mayor.

5. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO EXTERNAL BODIES FOR 2019/2020

The Chairman referred to Appendix 1, a schedule of existing appointments to external organisations, noting vacancies on HALC and NFALC that were held by Cllr Beck.

Cllr Rice noted that Dial - a - ride is now Cango.

Members then agreed the revised schedule of representatives to external bodies for 2019/20, as attached.

6. TO APPROVE THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2019/2020

The Town Clerk handed out an amended version of Appendix 2.

The Chairman moved that the proposed Calendar of Meetings, having been circulated to all members, be adopted.

It was then

RESOLVED:

That the attached amended Calendar of Meetings for 2019/2020 be approved and adopted.

The Chairman requested that members ensure these dates are in the diary and that every effort is made by members to attend Civic events and Town Council Meetings throughout the year.

7. TO CONFIRM AUTHORISED CHEQUE SIGNATORIES FOR THE COMING YEAR

The number of approved signatories is restricted to a maximum of six members who are either Executive members or regular visitors to the Council Offices or able to visit the Council Office at short notice.

8. MINUTES

The Chairman referred to the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 April 2019.

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 April 2019, having been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes were duly signed.

9. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

The Chairman referred to Appendix 3, and the General Power of Competence.

It was then

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council still meets the criteria to take on the General Power of Competence and resolves to continue to do so, subject to the guidance notes previously approved and adopted by the Town Council.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Two thank you letters from Scarf New Forest and New Forest Young Carers thanking the former Mayor, Cllr Rice - Mundy, for the £600 per charity raised during events that have taken place throughout the Mayoral year.

11. QUESTIONS - None

12. REPORTS BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

HCC & NFDC Cllr F Carpenter congratulated the elected and re-elected Town Councillors and thanked the former Mayor for his detailed updates every meeting and wished the Chairman, Cllr Reid, all the best for the next year.

Cllr Mans will be sworn in as new leader of HCC and Cllr Kendal as Vice-Chairman.

Monday 13th May marks the start of Foster Care Fortnight with more information being found at <https://www.changeafuture.co.uk/>.

This week is also Mental Health Awareness Week with HCC libraries providing books and further information on the subject. New Milton Library will be open again on the 12th June 2019.

There is a Mencap Forum at Minstead with HCC Officers in attendance on the 16th May. Cllr Carpenter will provide feedback at the next meeting.

Cllr Carpenter wished to thank Cllr C Ward for helping secure funding for First Opportunities.

District Cllrs G R Blunden, S J Clarke, K E Craze, S P Davies, C V Ward and J G Ward had nothing to report.

13. COMMITTEE MINUTES

a) Planning Committee

Cllr S Clarke submitted the minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 10 and 25 April 2019 and moved their adoption.

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes 222 to 240 inclusive be received.

b) Amenities Committee

Cllr G R Blunden, Chairman of the Amenities Committee, submitted the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 16 April 2019 and moved their adoption.

Cllr Blunden referred to minute 137, noting New Milton's Men Shed was going forward at Fernhill Cricket Club.

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes 133 to 143 inclusive be received.

c) Finance and General Purposes Committee

Cllr S Davies, Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee submitted the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 30 April 2019 and moved their adoption.

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes 120 to 133 inclusive be received.

14. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The Schedule of Payments endorsed by the F&GP Committee on 30 April 2019 was submitted for Council approval.

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Schedule of Payments S/No 08/18/19 totalling £264,329.86 for the period 1 February to 31 March 2019 be approved.

The Schedule was duly signed.

15. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman referred to Appendix 4, and after some discussion

It was

RESOLVED:

That the final submission plan be approved and forwarded to NFDC.

16. TOWN DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The Chairman referred to Appendix 5, which was noted by members.

17. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council will take place on Monday 24 June 2019 in the Town Hall, 2 Ashley Road, New Milton at 6.45 pm.

The Chairman referred to several changes to Standing Committees following the recent elections, and the mini meetings of F&GP, Amenities and Planning Committees will follow immediately after this meeting, to elect Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen.

There being no members of public wishing to speak in the Democratic Half Hour, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Annual Meeting at 7.50pm.

Chairman _____ Date _____

Distribution:

Town Councillors

District Councillors Mrs C V Ward, Mrs J L Cleary

County Councillors M Kendal, F Carpenter, K Mans

New Milton Library

New Milton Police

Press

Alan Watson – Focus & NMRA