

NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 8 MAY 2018 AT 6.30PM IN THE TOWN HALL, ASHLEY ROAD, NEW MILTON

Councillors:	p	G C Beck	p	R A Reid
	p	G R Blunden	p	A W Rice
	p	S J Clarke	p	D A Rice-Mundy
	p	K E Craze	p	A D O'Sullivan
	p	R B Dagnall	p	Mrs V E Schooling
	p	S P Davies	p	S P Short
		W Davies	p	D N Tungate
	p	D E Hawkins		J G Ward
	p	B Murrow	p	C Hexter

In Attendance: Officers: Graham Flexman - Town Clerk
Theresa Elliott - Assistant Town Clerk
Mark Jeffries – Estates & Facilities Manager
Joanna Hayward – Administrator
Suna King – Town Development Manager
Silma Ramsaywack – Youth Co-ordinator

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Chairman reported on his recent engagements.

29 April 2018 Attended the NFDC Chairman's Annual Civic Service at St Thomas church in Lymington.

1 May 2018 Interviewed by Arnewood students as part of the Minecraft project.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs W Davies and J Ward

2. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR / CHAIRMAN FOR 2018/19

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 2018/2019.

Cllr D A Rice-Mundy was proposed by Cllr Mrs V Schooling and seconded by Cllr R Murrow. Cllrs Schooling and Murrow spoke in support of Cllr Rice-Mundy.

There being no other nominations

It was then

RESOLVED:

That Cllr D A Rice-Mundy be appointed Chairman / Mayor of the Council to remain in office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council in 2019

Cllr D A Rice-Mundy duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Mayor.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR / VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2018/19

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

The Chairman called for nominations for Vice Chairman/Deputy Mayor of the Council for 2018/2019.

The Town Clerk read out a nomination for Vice-Chairman for 2018/19.

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

There being no other nominations

It was then

RESOLVED:

That Cllr R A Reid be appointed Vice-Chairman / Deputy Mayor of the Council to remain in office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council in 2019.

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

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

4. TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 2017/2018

The Chairman advised that the appointment of Standing Committees would be dealt with Committee by Committee, commencing with the F&GP Committee.

The Town Clerk read out the names of each Committee and its existing members.

a) Finance & General Purposes Committee

That membership of the F&GP Committee for 2018/2019 is as follows:

S J Clarke
R A Reid
J G Ward

K Craze
A D O'Sullivan
G Blunden

S Davies
D N Tungate
S Short

b) Amenities Committee

That membership of the Amenities Committee for 2018/2019 is as follows:

G C Beck	G Blunden	D E Hawkins
B Murrow	V Schooling	A D O'Sullivan
A W Rice	D A Rice-Mundy	W Davies

c) Planning Committee

That membership of the Planning Committee for 2018/2019 is as follows:

G C Beck	S J Clarke	D E Hawkins
B Murrow	R A Reid	K Craze
S Short	R Dagnall	C Hexter

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 2018/2019

The Chairman referred to Appendix 1, a schedule of existing appointments to external organisations and noted a change to the NM Twinning Association representative being the new Deputy Mayor, Cllr R A Reid.

Cllr G Blunden proposed Cllr A O'Sullivan to be the new representative for Memorial Centre Redevelopment and members agreed.

Members then agreed to the revised schedule of representatives to external bodies for 2018/19, as attached.

6. TO APPROVE THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2018/2019

The Chairman moved that the proposed Calendar of Meetings (Appendix 2) having been circulated to all members prior to the meeting be adopted.

It was noted that the F&GP Committee meeting scheduled to take place on 11 June 2018 is now changed to 18 June 2018.

It was then

RESOLVED:

That the revised Calendar of Meetings for 2018/2019 be approved and adopted, as attached.

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

7. TO CONFIRM AUTHORISED CHEQUE SIGNATORIES FOR THE COMING YEAR

It was agreed Executives would be cheque signatories, plus Cllr R A Reid. There are normally 6 signatories (5 Executives plus 1 other).

8. MINUTES

The Chairman referred to the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3 April 2018.
It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3 April 2018, 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 Town Clerk read out the terms for 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

The Town Clerk referred to the announcement that Drew Construction were in administration. The Chairman said it was sad news when a company like that goes from our town.

Cllr Beck mentioned he had spoken to a representative of Drew Construction and they confirmed they would still donate £1,000 as previously promised for the Indian Memorial Information Board.

11. QUESTIONS

None

12. REPORTS BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

HCC Cllr Fran Carpenter informed members that there was to be a study undertaken for Project Integra looking at recycling across the county. She was also pleased to report that HCC were working to get rid of one-use plastics across the council. The

Children & Young People Panel were looking at recommendations to revised arrangements for school transport across the county.

District Cllrs N Tungate and S Davies had nothing to report.

District Cllr S Clarke referred to the Coastal Protection Task and Finish Group and explained that NFDC had received £200k funding towards an experimental test to alleviate cliff erosion. He had also attended the Health & Leisure Services Task & Finish Group which was looking at the services being delivered.

District Cllr Blunden had also attended the Coastal Protection T&F Group.
District Cllr A O'Sullivan had nothing to report.

District Cllr G Beck reported attending the Coastal Protection T&F Group as well.

13. COMMITTEE MINUTES

a) Planning Committee

Cllr S Clarke submitted the minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 12 and 26 April 2018 and moved their adoption.

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes 256 to 275 inclusive be received.

Cllr Clarke referred to minute 262 and provided an update on the public meetings which had been well attended so far and thanked Councillors for their support.

b) Amenities Committee

Cllr G R Blunden, Chairman of the Amenities Committee, submitted the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 17 and 25 April 2018 and moved their adoption.

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes 127 to 151 inclusive be received.

Cllr Blunden referred to minute 148 and provided an update on the proposed new play park at Doe Copse Way and that a public consultation will be carried out in order to receive feedback from children and residents.

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 2018 and moved their adoption.

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes 119 to 132 inclusive be received.

Cllr Davies referred to minute 129 informing members of the proposal to set up a working group to review the Grant Aid process.

Cllr Clarke referred to minute 130 and confirmed he had been talking to young people at the Neighbourhood Plan, and was pleased to see young people enjoying the ASBOC sports and activities session at the Memorial Centre.

14. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The Schedule of Payments endorsed by the F&GP Committee on 30 April 2018 was submitted for Council approval.

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Schedule of Payments S/No 09/17/18 totalling £66,764.29 for the period 1 – 28 February be approved.

The Schedule was duly signed.

15. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council will take place on Monday 25 June 2018 in the Town Hall, 2 Ashley Road, New Milton at 6.30 pm.

It was noted that there were no changes to Standing Committees and the Chairman suggested that the mini meetings of Standing Committees of F&GP, Amenities and Planning Committees be accepted which councillors supported.

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 7.15 pm.

Chairman _____ Date _____

Distribution:

Town Councillors
District Councillors Mrs C V Ward, Mrs J L Cleary
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