

NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 5 DECEMBER 2022 AT 14.30 HRS AT THE TOWN HALL.

Councillors:	p K E Craze – Chairman	p B Murrow – Vice Chairman	
	p G R Blunden	D N Tungate	
	p S J Clarke		

In attendance: Cllrs D Hawkins, A D O'Sullivan

Officers: G Flexman - Town Clerk Silma Ramsaywack (3 to 3.30)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to this meeting about Youth Services and Council Projects.

45. APOLOGIES – Cllr D N Tungate

46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members have a general dispensation to discuss budgets and set a precept for 2023/2024.

47. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

48. MINUTES

The Chairman referred to the minutes of the last meeting held on 11 November 2022.

It was

RESOLVED: That the minutes of 11 November 2022 be signed as a correct record.

The minutes were duly signed.

49. MATTERS ARISING

In regard to the Gore Road Youth / Family HUB, the Clerk updated the meeting as follows:

The architect has done 90% of the changes required by NFDC and Highways but has a query with Highways that needs to be resolved before submitting the amended plans.

We have supplied a large amount of text for the Design & Access Statement amendments, to include further justification on Green Belt policy, why we cannot use any other premises including those in the Neighbourhood Plan, and Silma Ramsaywack provided stats and a link to social deprivation for the area which helps with justification.

There are just 2 objections currently, concerned about access, noise and ASB. Only access is a planning issue, and we are answering Highways direct questions on that by way of the amended plan.

50. CORRESPONDENCE

a) A further email from Jane Abbott of HCC confirming indicative pricing from 01.04.23 for our LASER utility contract supplies for electricity and gas, confirming 3% - 4% increases next year (around £150 per site) until March 2025. Therefore, during this period we will continue to pay around 30%-40% less than current market rates.

- b) An email from Lisa Cook of HCC Passenger Transport Services forwarding a draft route map and timetable for a reduced CANGO service from June next year, as a scheduled service noting late start and early finish (9.30am to 2.45pm). Before going any further, Morebus will need to check this is sensible with their local operations team.

51. YOUTH STRATEGY

Initial discussion of this topic was about what is appropriate for the Council strategically and what's realistic from a funding point of view once land off Gore Road is secured for a Family & Youth Centre of some description. Cllr Clarke suggested we look at other such facilities, at Winchester (SPUD), Lordshill, Totton (Garage) and Hythe (Handy Trust) and Dorchester that Silma and the Town Clerk originally visited.

Silma Ramsaywack joined the meeting at this stage, the time being 2.50pm and discussion turned to operational matters, including the role of ASBOC, New Life Church and Ashley youth facilities and other organisations providing youth activities, as they did pre-Covid. It was agreed the Council needed to appoint a Youth Co-ordinator as it used to, before Covid. During Covid, it became more of a Youth Services Managerial role out of necessity. It was

RESOLVED: That an advert and Job Description for a suitably qualified / experienced Youth Co-ordinator be prepared initially for one-year, part-time contract of 20 hrs pw.

Chairman thanked Silma Ramsaywack, who then left the meeting, the time being 3.30pm.

52. COUNCIL PROJECTS

Town Clerk distributed proposed Council Projects and Working Parties lists, prioritising projects in order of priority, transferring Xmas lights from Projects to WP (attached). It was

RESOLVED: That these lists be circulated and endorsed for Town Council approval.

Town Clerk distributed information contained in the last two pages of Committee Budgets, one showing narrative and the other Summary Results, including Earmarked Reserves. Members considered funding of projects via Reserves, CIL, and s.106 monies.

With the Chairman's permission, Cllr Bob Murrow left the meeting at 3.40pm.

53. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS:

Cllr Clarke referred to the need for a written Strategy document, looking at longer-term funding of Neighbourhood Plan projects including strategic and operational implementation, suggesting New Year involvement of Chiara Rabbito Town Development Manager. Agreed.

54. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TBA

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 3.55 pm.

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____

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