

NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 15.30 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 E Hawkins, A D O’Sullivan and S P Davies		
Officers:	G Flexman - Town Clerk		Silma Ramsaywack (3.30 to 4)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to this first meeting of this year, after youth review last time.

55. APOLOGIES – Cllr D N Tungate

56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

57. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

58. MINUTES

The Chairman referred to the minutes of the last meeting held on 5 December 2022.

It was

RESOLVED: That the minutes of 5 December 2022 be signed as a correct record.

The minutes were duly signed.

59. MATTERS ARISING - None

60. CORRESPONDENCE

a) An email from Anthony Harris confirming that the ASBOC lease in respect of the Empire Skate Building (café on the Rec) is due to finish at the end of March 2023, and further there are no rights under the 1954 Act because their occupation is for defined hours – therefore, they do not have exclusive possession, or sole use of the premises.

b) An email from Lisa Hall, Youth Worker Lead - Breakout Youth West being an LGBTQ+ charity that run youth clubs across Hampshire, online and the IOW for young people from the ages of 11 - 25. They operate in a safe environment for young people to come along and make friends. They also offer training for staff and pupils.

The Clerk was asked to make contact with both of the above organisations, as appropriate.

61. YOUTH STRATEGY

Silma Ramsaywack joined the meeting at this stage, the time being 3.45 pm and explained she had made contact with Ria Price who manages Youth Options. Ria is someone Silma worked with in the past and years ago was very much involved in Its Your Choice. Silma talked with her because about the concerns that the council have with managing a youth service when it hadn't previously been their remit.

New Milton Youth Trust are not of the stage of sufficient growth and knowledge to take over the management and employment of staff for the current youth club and going forward the Family Hub. Youth Options could take over all of that. They currently run a situation where a charity is funded partly by the local council and Children in Need.

Youth Options take care of all aspects from providing staff who they pay and have contracts for. They invoice the charity who pay with money from the council and their grant from Children in Need. Youth options take care of everything else. Youth workers who sign up with them can increase their hours by working at other projects that Youth Options organise. The fact that we already have staff and volunteers would be even more attractive to Youth Options.

It was suggested it might be the time to just talk with the directors of Youth Options along with New Milton Youth Trust. Silma thought this could be a solution for all of us to ease the strain. Silma also passed on the ad for the Youth co Ordinator to Ria as she said they had staff who could be interested. (**Post Meeting Note**: Two applications were received for this)

The Town Clerk had been in touch with both Neil Garfoot and Derek Biggs at Totton & Eling Town Council as they currently use the services of Youth Options to help run the “Garage” youth facilities in Totton. The overall cost is £100k, split £80k for Youth Options to run the facility 4 nights per week, plus £20k to maintain the premises. Youth Options report to Totton Town Council every 6 months and have run the service successfully several years.

The Town Clerk was asked to make arrangements for Youth Options to attend a future meeting here to discuss how they may be able to assist this Town Council. The Chairman thanked Silma Ramsaywack, who then left the meeting, the time being just after 4.00pm.

62. COUNCIL PROJECTS

The Town Clerk distributed a revised list of Council Projects as approved by Town Council at its last meeting. This list excludes Working Parties, instead prioritising council projects in order of priority. After some discussion it was

RESOLVED: That Council Projects be reviewed regularly and updated accordingly.

63. STRATEGY DOCUMENT

The Town Clerk distributed a revised Strategy Document that had been updated by the Town Development Manager. After some discussion it was

RESOLVED: That Town Council reviews this revised document on a quarterly basis.

64. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TBA

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 4.30 pm.

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____

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