

NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20 MARCH 2023 AT 15.30 HRS AT THE TOWN HALL.

Councillors:	p K E Craze – Chairman	B Murrow – Vice Chairman
	G R Blunden	p D N Tungate
	p S J Clarke	
In attendance:	Cllrs D E Hawkins, A D O’Sullivan	
Officers:	G Flexman - Town Clerk	

Chairman welcomed everyone to this second meeting of the year, following youth review last time.

65. APOLOGIES – Cllr B Murrow, G R Blunden

66. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

67. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

68. MINUTES

The Chairman referred to the minutes of the last meeting held on 17 February 2023.

It was,

RESOLVED: That the minutes of 17 February 2023 be signed as a correct record.

The minutes were duly signed.

69. MATTERS ARISING – None, other than updates on various youth matters on the agenda.

70. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) An email from Harriett Budgett of NFDC Parking Office offering one day’s free parking in NFDC car parks over the Coronation weekend. Members were unanimous in suggesting Saturday 6th May, and this will be relayed to the parking office by **Friday 14 April 2023**.
- b) An email from Bethan Edwards of HCC Community Transport Team following an on-line meeting of interested parties (including New Milton, Sway and Hordle) regarding how the Community First ***New Forest Call & Go*** service may be able to support some of the threatened CANGO routes on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, with CANGO running Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays subject to further discussions with bus operators. A further on-line meeting has been arranged for Monday 27 March 2023 at 3.30pm.
- c) An email from John Evans of the Lions Club querying proposed third party insurance cover for car boot events. The Town Clerk spoke briefly to Bournemouth & Christchurch Lions on the telephone earlier today, and it seems insurance requirements have recently increased at Stanpit Recreation Ground owned by BCP Council. There, the Lions Club have a responsibility, and work closely with BCP. They charge £7 entry per car being the same figure that John Evans was quoted for 3rd Party car boot liability insurance. The Clerk was asked to point this out to John Evans of New Milton Lions Club.

71. YOUTH CO-ORDINATOR

The Town Clerk confirmed that Louise Beardmore, a local resident had recently been appointed Youth Co-ordinator with a start date of Monday 17 April 2023.

72. YOUTH OPTIONS

The Chairman confirmed a meeting took place last Friday afternoon between some Execs (Keith Craze, Neil Tungate, Steve Clarke) and two representatives of Youth Options, being Becky Pollard, Director of Services and Ria Price, Head of Learning and Progression. Also in attendance were Gordon Davies & Julie Weston from New Milton Youth Trust (NMYT), Silma Ramsaywack who previously advised Execs of the services Youth Options provide.

As previously reported, the Town Clerk had been in touch with 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 to them is £100k pa, split £80k Youth Options to run the facility 4 nights per week, plus £20k incurred by the town council to maintain the premises. Youth Options also run facilities in Lordshill, Itchen, Eastleigh, Hamble and Southampton.

Youth Options provide targeted youth solutions where required, sometimes in conjunction with local councils, and/or supporting charities. If they were to operate in this vicinity, they would have to recruit youth workers locally, but having listened to how youth services are currently run, and how they might be run in conjunction with NMYT in the future, with a new Youth Co-ordinator appointed, they believed NMTC was on target in tackling the issue.

The Chairman thanked representatives of Youth Options for attending and offering training.

73. YOUTH UPDATE

The Town Clerk reported on the situation of the Wednesday evening youth sessions that Silma Ramsaywack runs at the Memorial Hall on behalf of the Council. Use of the Memorial Centre facilities has abruptly ceased, and so we are looking to use the ASBOC café on the Recreation Ground instead, subject to discussions with Elaine Ramsdale who runs evening sessions there on Tues & Fridays. (Post Meeting Note: Now Wednesdays & Fridays) It was,

RECOMMENDED: That the Town Council use the café on the Rec for Youth Sessions.

In 2019/20, just before Covid, ASBOC was awarded £12k Youth Grant Aid towards 14 to 17 year old youth sessions (£10,360), and 11 to 13 year old sessions (£1,640), noting they are still operating from the residue post-Covid. It was generally agreed that some Outreach work was required, and the Town Clerk was asked to earmark unused funds of £12k from this year’s current Youth Grant Aid budget to help fund Outreach work from Easter. It was,

RECOMMENDED: That £12k be earmarked from 2022-2023 budget for Outreach Work.

74. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TBA

Cllr Hawkins asked if the Town Council could be involved in Poppy Sales next year. While we may be willing to help individually as volunteers, we cannot undertake this as a Council.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 4.05 pm.

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____

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