

NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 31 MARCH 2023 AT 15.30 HRS AT THE TOWN HALL.

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

In attendance: Cllrs S P Davies, A D O’Sullivan

Officers: G Flexman - Town Clerk

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, covering youth update / car boot sales over Easter.

75. APOLOGIES – Cllr B Murrow

76. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

77. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

78. MINUTES

The Chairman referred to the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 March 2023.

It was,

RESOLVED: That the minutes of 20 March 2023 be signed as a correct record.

The minutes were duly signed.

79. MATTERS ARISING – None.

80. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) An open invitation from the Churchwardens of St Mary Magdalene Parish Church to attend on Saturday 13 May 2023 from 3 – 5 pm at the Church Hall to say farewell to Rev Andrew Bailey who will shortly be retiring, per letter attached that the Mayor is sending today, as requested at the last Town Council meeting held on 27 March at Minute 111.
- b) A letter from Andrew Smith, NFDC Estates & Valuation Manager about the issue of giving animals and pets as prizes, including via fairgrounds and social media. NFDC has recently reviewed its policies on permitting such practices within the district and on 27th February 2023 NFDC adopted a recommendation to include conditions in agreements prior to giving consent to use of its land that preclude the giving of pets as prizes. NFDC asks Town and Parish Councils to also take steps to ban the giving of pets as prizes from all land it owns or controls, including land which it leases from NFDC. Members agreed to prohibit such practices at any Town Council events from 1 April 2023.
- c) A request from Community First that provides transport to people locally, enquiring whether their minibus, currently parked at Ashley Lodge, could be parked on Council land somewhere (eg. Fawcetts Field) as they have been asked to find a new home for the minibus when not in use, noting it is used on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays per minute 70 b) of the last Execs meeting held on 20 March 2023. The Town Clerk will include this in ongoing discussions with Community First / HCC Community Transport Team regarding the future of Cango services that are likely to continue as a scheduled service from 1 June 2023 on Mondays, Wednesday and Saturdays.

81. YOUTH SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR

The Town Clerk confirmed Louise Beardmore will be starting on Monday 24 April 2023, having received satisfactory references and Occupational Health clearance today.

82. YOUTH CLUB

Elaine Ramsdale recently confirmed the following opening times for Asboc youth sessions.

- Wednesdays 6pm-8.30pm
- Fridays 6pm-8.30pm

ASBOC may also look to do some sessions in the Easter holidays and there are some discussions about doing outreach once the weather gets a bit better. They will update us further following a meeting they are holding this evening, but they are not using the Empire Skate Building café on Tuesday evenings, so the Town Council can continue to provide a youth club on Tuesday evenings as they did this week. Members were pleased to note this.

83. CAR BOOT SALES

Further to the correspondence received from John Evans of New Milton Lions, referred to at the last Execs meeting under Minute 70 c), our Insurers Zurich confirmed the following:

“If the council are the organising party of the activity or event, then I can confirm that cover would be in place adequately under the Public Liability insurance. This extension of the cover would however not apply onto business stalls or individuals who are selling items that makes up their main source of income, this is because they are expected to have their own insurance cover in place. This is provided that you are responsible for identifying the potential risks and controlling them where possible in order to fulfil your duty of care.”

Having taken legal advice from our solicitor, Anthony Harris, the Town Clerk replied:

“Thanks for confirming details regarding cover under the Public Liability insurance. We intend using our Street Trading / Market Supervisor to organise car boot sales on Sunday mornings along similar lines, starting 2 April to September, from 6.00am to 1.00pm. We understand this extension of cover will not apply to business stalls or individuals selling items that make up their main source of income. It is purely for domestic car booters. With the Market Supervisor identifying potential risks and controlling them where possible in order to fulfil our duty of care, in conjunction with our Estates & Facilities Manager.”

Members agreed to proceed on this basis pending any review by the Standing Committees.

84. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TBA

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 4.00 pm.

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____

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