

NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 1730 HRS AT THE TOWN HALL.

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

In attendance: Cllrs: D Hawkins, D Samber, H Wallis-Dowling, C Ward, V Schooling

Officers: G Flexman - Town Clerk
 J Hayward - Communications Officer
 M Jeffries – Estates & Facilities Manager

The Chairman welcomed all Cllrs to the meeting, noting there were no members of the public.

The Chairman referred to a recent NMRA General Meeting noting their concerns about lack of communication on Neighbourhood Plan projects, including the Community Hub, and the increased focus on youth facilities.

The Chairman advised that the bus shelter outside the long-awaited new Co-op building along Sea Road was due for renovation.

13. APOLOGIES – Cllr B Murrow
14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None
15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None
16. MINUTES

The Chairman referred to the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 June 2021.

It was

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Meeting held on 28 June 2021, previously circulated, be signed as a correct record.

The minutes would be duly signed by the Chairman as soon as practicable.

17. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising, and all Action Points had been dealt with as listed below.

7	Progress Youth Centre land offer	28 June 2021	Town Council
8	Progress purchase of Mr Fry's Land	28 June 2021	Town Council
12	Community Hub WP meeting	9 August 2021	Working Party

18. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk referred to sad news that former New Milton Town Councillor Tom Merifield passed away on Saturday 28 August 2021 after a week spent in Oakhaven Hospice.

Tom Merifield was first elected a Town Councillor to New Milton Town Council in May 2003, and he served 3 terms of office until May 2015, as an active member of both the Amenities Committee and Planning Committee throughout his 12-year tenure with the Council.

The Funeral Service will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Mount Avenue on Thursday 23 September at 11.00 am followed by interment at Milford Road Cemetery.

19. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Cllr S Clarke voiced his concerns about the low morale of staff at the Coastal Medical Partnership following recent criticism from parts of the community about the poor levels of service provided.

PRIVATE SESSION**PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

The Chairman moved that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business pursuant to section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reasons of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

20. YOUTH CENTRE

The Chairman provided an update on the proposed Youth Centre land off Gore Road.

21. FERNHILL LAND

Cllr G Blunden referred to the availability of land at Fernhill Lane and how this would be a financially sound investment. After some discussion,

It was

RECOMMENDED:

That the Town Clerk be authorised to negotiate the purchase of land and property as required to meet the long-term vision plan for the Fernhill Lane site, including development of sports facilities and greater community use of open space provision.

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - To be advised

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 6.15pm.

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____

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