

NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

S U M M O N S

To All Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a MEETING of NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL to be held on TUESDAY 2 JANUARY 2024 at 6.30 pm at the Town Hall, New Milton.

G P Flexman
Town Clerk

15 December 2023

Town Hall, 2 Ashley Road, New Milton, BH25 6BZ (Tel: 01425-619120)

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES
2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Members have a dispensation to discuss and set a Budget & Precept for 2024-25.
4. MINUTES: To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 November 2023.
5. CORRESPONDENCE
To consider any correspondence the Chairman wishes to lay before the Council.
6. QUESTIONS: To consider any questions submitted under SO 24.
7. REPORTS BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
To receive information reports from County & District Councillors representing the Wards of New Milton on matters of interest to Town Cllrs and the local community.
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
To receive the minutes of the Standing Committees detailed below and consider the recommendations contained therein.
 - a) Planning Committee: Minutes 140 to 160 inclusive of the meetings held on 23 November and 5 December 2023.
 - b) Amenities Committee: Minutes 72 to 86 inclusive of the meetings held on 27 November 2023.
 - c) Finance and General Purposes Committee: Minutes 51 to 82 inclusive of the meetings held on 30 October and 12 December 2023.
 - d) Executive Committee: Minutes 11 to 30 inclusive of the meetings held on 17 November and 1 December 2023.
9. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS
To approve the Schedule of Payments No 05/23/24 in the sum of £354,249.14 for the period 1 October - 30 November 2023, as endorsed by F&GP on 12 December.

10. COUNCIL BUDGET / PRECEPT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/2025
To approve next year's Budget of £1,358,929 and revised Precept of £1,325,429 as endorsed by the F&GP Committee on Tuesday 12 December 2023. (Appendix 1).
11. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT: To formally adopt the First Interim Audit report for 2023-24 previously circulated and approve recommended responses. (Appendix 2).
12. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS - 2024
To adopt the Calendar of Meetings for whole Calendar Year of 2024. (Appendix 3).
13. CHARITY COMMISSION – ANNUAL RETURN
To approve Report and sign off the Annual Return for 2022/2023 for the War Memorial Recreation Ground Charity for year ending 31 March 2023. (Appendix 4).
14. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS SERVING ON EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS
To receive information reports from Town Councillors serving on outside bodies.
15. NEXT MEETING
The next meeting of the Council will be held on **Monday 12 February 2024**.

DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

A period of public participation known as the DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR will, at the Chairman's discretion, take place at the end of the Public Session at meetings of the full Council. Members of the public who wish to speak must provide their name and address and details of the subject or item they wish to speak on. The Chairman will advise the member of the public that no speech will exceed 3 minutes except by consent of the Chairman. Normally, only one member of the public may speak in support of, and one against each issue, subject to the Chairman's discretion (Standing Orders – Page 15).

PRIVATE SESSION

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

The Chairman will move that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item 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.

16. AWARDS FOR COUNCILLORS
To consider any nominations received and make recommendations or resolutions.
17. BALLARD WARD CO-OPTION
To interview candidates who have expressed interest in the Ballard Ward vacancy.

Distribution:

Town Councillors (Agenda and Appendices)
District Councillors Mrs J L Cleary (Agenda only)
County Councillor M Kendal, K Mans, F Carpenter (Agenda only)
Press (Agenda only)
New Milton Police (Agenda only)
New Milton Residents' Association (Agenda only)