

NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2023

Month & Year	Town Council	Amenities Committee	F & GP Committee	Planning Committee
	Monday	Monday	Monday	Alternate Thursdays
January 2023	3 (Tues)	23	30	19 & 31
February 2023 5 Civic Service	13	28 (Tues)	-	16
March 2023 6 Annual Towns	27	-	13	2, 16 & 30
April 2023 PURDAH PERIOD	-	-	-	13 & 27
May 2023 4 ELECTIONS	15 Annual Meeting	30 (Tues)	-	11 & 25
June 2023	26	-	12	8 & 22
July 2023 10 Indian Obelisk	-	11 (Tues)	24	4 (Tue) & 20
August 2023 23 WWII - Clock	7	-	-	3, 17 & 31
September 2023	-	4	18	14 & 28
October 2023 23 Allotments AGM	2	16	30	12 & 26
November 2023 12 Remembrance	13	27	-	9 & 23
December 2023 2 Carol Service	-	-	12 (Tues)	5 (Tue) & 21

**All meetings are normally held at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, 2 Ashley Road, BH25 6AS
Members of the Public are welcome to attend any meeting and may speak as follows:**

- a) If time permits, Town Council meetings will be adjourned at the end for a '**DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR**' during which members of the Public, with the approval of the Chairman, may initiate discussion on matters of community interest and which fall within the responsibility of the Town Council.
- b) Prior to the commencement of other meetings, and at the discretion of the Chairman, a short period of Public Participation may take place. Members of the public may speak on any item(s) appearing on the public agenda, or on any other matter that falls within the Committee's terms of reference.

Note: The Annual Town's Meeting is a public meeting normally required by statute to be held in the period between 1 March and 1 June (inclusive) each year (not 2020) at which any elector for the town area then present may speak at any time at the discretion of the Chairman, on matters arising or on matters of direct concern in the said area.

But it is not a Town Council meeting

Town Development Manager Report For Town Council Meeting 27th March 2023

1. *Building relationships*

A key part of my role is to build relationships and create links between businesses and the community of New Milton. My recent meets include Marks and Spenser, Bradbeers, New Milton Historian – Nick Saunders, Mornington Court Care Home, Kingfishers Care Home, Drew Family Estate, Coastal Medical Partnership and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board.

2. *Broadband*

The Town Council recently received an email from a New Milton business owner regarding the lack of sufficient broadband speed to their premises. Reading through the detail of the email and further researching broadband in the area, unfortunately particular roads and wards within New Milton are lacking sufficient broadband speeds to accommodate business needs.

Virgin Media rolled out faster broadband within the town in 2016/17 as part of their ‘Project Lightning’, yet this didn’t reach all parts of the town and with no clear indication of New Milton being considered within Open-Reach’s 5-year plan to roll out Super-fast broadband over the country, I contacted the super-fast broadband department at Hampshire County Council. The following reply was received:

“New Milton has not been over-looked; suppliers have included the town in their plans but have not published dates yet for the upgrade to full fibre”.

It has yet to be confirmed by Hampshire Superfast Broadband, which suppliers have included New Milton in their plans.

3. *Town Council Strategy Document*

The need was identified for a revised written strategy document to represent and include Town Council projects and our objectives – a review of the original strategy document 2012 – 2014 written by the Town Partnership.

It was favoured that the Town Council write the strategy document rather than a third party. It was agreed that the New Milton Town Council Strategy 2023 be reviewed quarterly by members at Town Council meetings.

4. *Website*

New Milton Town Council are looking to revamp and update the current (expired) structure of the Town Council website to make it more user friendly and inclusive of our local businesses. The new design will be fresher, easier to navigate, with the essential features visible on the home page.

The home page will warmly greet the user, with easy-to-use menus to direct the user to their desired information. The website will also include a tourist feel, clearly directing visitors to our businesses; retail, hospitality, museum, car parks, walking and cycling routes and our key green areas and seaside.

5. *Neighbourhood Plan - Health and Wellbeing Hub*

Discussions with representatives from West Hants CCG, the NHS and other interested parties continues.