

## NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2023-24

Month & Year	Town Council	Amenities Committee	F & GP Committee	Planning Committee
	Monday	Monday	Monday	Alternate Thursdays
January 2024	2 (Tues)	15	29	4 & 16 (Tues)
February 2024	12	27 (Tues)	-	1, 15 & 29 (Leap Year)
March 2024	25	-	11	12 (Tues) & 28
April 2024 29 Annual Towns	-	9 (Tues)	22	11 & 25
May 2024	14 (Tues) Annual Meeting	28 (Tues)	-	7 (Tues) & 23
June 2024				6 & 20
July 2024				2 (Tues) & 18
August 2024				1, 13 (Tues) & 29
September 2024				10 (Tues) & 26
October 2024				8 (Tues) & 24
November 2024				7 & 21
December 2024				3 (Tues) & 19

**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.

**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. Note: It is not a Town Council meeting.  
Annual Meeting of the Council - In a year of ordinary elections of parish councillors, the annual meeting shall be held within 14 days of the councillors elected at that election taking office.**

## Town Development Manager Report For Town Council Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Appendix 2

#### 1. *Building Relationships*

As I continue to build relationships within the area, my recent meets include Forest Arts Centre, Hampshire's mental health charity Solent Mind and recovery charity Inclusion New Milton, Yellow Brick Road Projects – a charity that works with people age 35 and under, and Community First. Another aspect is to build relationship to benefit the New Milton community, my recent focus has been on the health and wellbeing for the youth and adults. This has included linking individuals, groups and organisations with one another to best enhance the support networks and inspire the youth within our town.

#### 2. *New Milton's Heritage*

I would like to look at ways to promote and enjoy the heritage of New Milton. Very recently I met with New Milton Heritage Society's Nick Saunders, Mandy Hayes from Friends of Ballard Water Meadow and John Creedy General Manager at Forest Arts Centre. The idea is to brainstorm ways to allow the heritage of New Milton to come alive. This will benefit tourism and the wider community who have an interest in New Milton's Heritage.

#### 3. *Review of Neighbourhood Plan*

We have had our first Neighbourhood Plan review meeting, a fruitful meeting with lots to discuss and approach. Although only an initial meeting, it has allowed the working party to strongly focus on how to approach the review, as well as proposing what we would like to achieve from a review. The next stage is to meet with a consultant to lay out a professional plan, which will approach evolving policies and movement relevant to further improving the vision for the town. We are looking to hold our next NP review meeting in December.

#### 4. *Forest Arts Centre*

New Milton Town Council is passionate to do what it can to help support the Forest Arts Centre. The centre is an essential part of our town and one we do not want to lose. Having recently met with Forest Arts, talks focused on HCC proposed funding cuts by nearly 50% to Hampshire Cultural Trust. Talks revealed that although this will affect centres under Hampshire Cultural Trust, any potential cuts will be around 15%. Hampshire Cultural Trust currently receive around 30% of income from HCC, meaning a 50% cut will reflect 15%. HCC proposed cuts are for the 2025/26 financial year. On the positive side, Hampshire Cultural Trust was recently offered £500,000 per annum for the next three years from Arts Council England as a National Portfolio Organisation (NPO).

#### 5. *Story Quest on Ballard Water Meadow*

Story Quest was held on Ballard Water Meadow on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and was an outstanding success! Story Quest – The Hidden Secrets of Ballard Water Meadow, saw children and their families follow a free magical interactive trail through Ballard Water Meadow as they participated in physical and written challenges along the way. Written and illustrated by Charlotte Moore, and supported by New Milton Youth Trust, National Literacy Trust and Culture in Common - an Arts Council project, funded for three years to focus on providing arts in the New Forest. The special launch event was aimed at families with primary school-aged children, with story-telling sessions, fairy door making and storytelling from New Milton library.