

NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 JULY 2025 AT 15.00 HRS AT THE TOWN HALL.

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| Councillors: | p | R A Reid – Chairman | p | S J Clarke |
| | p | G R Blunden | p | D N Tungate |
| | | D Rice-Mundy – Vice Chair | | |

In attendance:

Councillor: D E Hawkins

Officers: G Flexman - Town Clerk
L Beardmore – Youth Services Manager

The Chairman welcomed members and officers to this first meeting of the year.

1. APOLOGIES – Cllr D Rice-Mundy
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None
3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None
4. MINUTES

The Chairman referred to minutes of the last meeting held on 6 December 2024. It was

RESOLVED: That minutes 41-50 of the meeting held on 6 December 2024 be signed as a correct record.

The minutes were duly signed.

5. MATTERS ARISING - None
6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Town Clerk referred to an alert from Southern Water about an impending hosepipe ban from 9am on Monday 21 July for customers in Hampshire and the IOW. It was noted South-West Water Limited (trading as Bournemouth Water) supplies New Milton and the majority of the New Forest, and that area remains unaffected, per map attached.
- b) The Town Clerk had received an email earlier this afternoon from Alan Watson, President of the local Lions Club, attaching a Grant Aid request which he hoped would be considered at the next F&GP meeting on Monday 21 July. Cllr Tungate pointed out the requirement for 3 clear working days' notice, so it cannot be considered on 21 July.
- c) Charles Cole Funfair had just contacted the Estates Manager asking permission to use the Moore Close site from 10 – 17 August (operating from 14-17 August) noting the next Amenities Committee is not scheduled to take place until 1 September. Cllr Blunden was happy for this to go ahead, subject to deposit and our usual terms and conditions.
- d) The Town Clerk circulated NFNPA Agenda paper for their Authority Meeting on 24 July (Agenda Item 10 - Update on Devolution & Local Govt Reorganisation) recommending Option1 whereby NFDC forms part of a new Mid-Hampshire Unitary Authority consisting of New Forest, Test Valley, Winchester & East Hampshire rural authorities, as attached.

7. GORE ROAD

The Chairman referred to Appendix 1 - Business Plan for proposed Youth & Family HUB. This draft plan has been worked up by Steering Group representatives of NMTC & NMYT.

- The Town Clerk said an NFDC CIL officer had recently queried the “family” element as another local HUB CIL bid application had used a similar term. NFDC were referred to the Objectives as listed on page 3, and this seemed to satisfy their unexpected enquiry.
- A CIL bid from NMYT supported by NMTC should cover the £1.85m estimated Construction Cost on page 5, but the Town Clerk referred to estimated costs of Furnishings & Equipment £500k and Operational Setup £200k, wondering which Funding Sources might cover these.
- Re page 6 Projected Income & Expenses providing a Net Operating Surplus of £50k pa, members wondered how any deficit would be covered, and whether this Community Asset as a whole would revert back to the Town Council under the terms of any lease to NMYT.

RESOLVED: That Town Clerk seeks further advice from the Solicitor to the Council.

8. YOUTH VOICE - NEW MILTON

The Chairman referred to Appendix 2 – YSM Grant Aid request on behalf of Youth Voice New Milton, noting funding is sought via a £9k application to UK Rural England Prosperity Fund administered by NFDC, with just £1k sought from New Milton Town Council. In view of the amount involved Cllr Tungate suggested this be funded from existing funds /reserves.

RECOMMENDED: That the request from YSM for £1k be paid from Council resources.

9. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

Cllr Blunden confirmed the New Milton MUGA CCTV will be installed Friday week, 25 July.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TBA

The Chairman sought agreement from members to go into private session. YSM left the meeting.

PRIVATE SESSION - PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS OT MEETINGS) ACT 1960

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:

11. PERSONNEL ISSUE

Proposed increase in staff numbers would need to be considered by the F&GP Committee.

12. ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

It was suggested NMYT be alerted to possible Arnewood spare accommodation availability.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked Execs and closed the meeting at 3.55 pm.

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____

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