

NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

S U M M O N S

To All Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the MEETING of NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL to be held at The Town Hall, 2 Ashley Road, NEW MILTON BH25 6AS on MONDAY 30 MARCH 2026 at 6.30 pm.

G P Flexman
Town Clerk

20 March 2026

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

DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

A period of public participation known as the DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR will, at the Chairman's discretion, take place before 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).

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES:
2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS / MAYOR'S ENAGEMENTS:
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: To note any declarations of interest.
4. MINUTES: To confirm the Minutes of the Meetings held on 16 February 2026.
5. CORRESPONDENCE: To receive and consider any correspondence that the Chairman may wish to lay before the Council.
6. REPORTS BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS: To receive information reports from County and District Councillors representing the Wards of New Milton on matters of interest to Town Councillors and the local community.
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS: To receive the minutes of the Standing Committees detailed below and consider the recommendations contained therein.
 - a) Planning Committee: Minutes 196 to 227 inclusive of the meetings held on 17 February, plus 5 and 19 March 2026.
 - b) Amenities Committee: Minutes 90 to 106 inclusive of the meeting held on 2 March 2026.
 - c) Finance & General Purposes Committee: Minutes 97 to 109 inclusive of the meeting held on 16 March 2026.

8. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

To approve the Schedule of Payments No 10/25/26 in the sum of £110,463.53 for the period 1 – 31 January 2026, as endorsed by F&GP.

9. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS SERVING ON EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS:

To receive information reports from Town Councillors serving on outside bodies.

10. REFERRED MATTER:

To approve amended Open Access Policy, as endorsed by F&GP. **(Appendix 1).**

11. GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT RISKS:

To consider risk template as provided by Internal Audit for 2026-27. **(Appendix 2)**

12. OPERATIONAL RISKS:

To note Risk Assessments 2026-27 provided by Estates Manager. **(Appendix 3)**

13. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:

To receive and note latest report from the Communications Officer. **(Appendix 4).**

14. NEXT MEETING:

Annual Council Meeting on Monday 11 May 2026 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall.

Annual Towns' Meeting on Monday 20 April 2026 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall.

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

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(s) 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 reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

(If required)

Distribution:

Town Councillors (Agenda and appendices)

District Councillor Mrs J L Cleary (Agenda only)

County Councillor M Kendal, K Mans, F Carpenter (Agenda only)

New Milton Police (Agenda only)

NMRA (Agenda only)

Press (Agenda only)