NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2026 AT 15.00 HRS IN THE TOWN HALL

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

In attendance:

Councillor: D E Hawkins, A D O'Sullivan, S Davies, V Schooling and K Trehorn

Officers: G Flexman - Town Clerk

The Chairman welcomed Executives and five other members, plus the Town Clerk to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES - None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

   Members have a general dispensation to discuss budgets and set a precept for 2027-2028. Cllr Tungate declared Trusteeship of HOPe charity when mentioned under correspondence.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

4. MINUTES

   The Chairman referred to minutes of the last meeting held on 17 July 2026.

   It was

   RESOLVED: That minutes 1-11 of the meeting held on 17 July 2026 be signed as a correct record.

   The minutes were duly signed.

5. MATTERS ARISING

   The Town Clerk referred to previous items raised under NFDC Transfers and Rugby Club:

   Minute 7 – Town Clerk received further advice from NFDC regarding costs of toilets
   Minute 8 – Rugby Club Working Party is due to meet again at the end of November.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

   a) The Town Clerk referred to a recent email from NFDC offering free car parking to cover Remembrance Sunday and the Lions Club Christmas event on Sunday 29 November. It also listed Saturday 5 December, Saturday 12 December & 19 / 20 December weekend.

   b) HOPe (Helping Older People charity) forwarded a short document to give an overview of their work locally, seeking some grant aid funding, which was referred to F&GP.

   c) NFDC Assistant Director Regeneration & Assets provided today an indicative budget for running toilets on the War Memorial Recreation Ground, amounting to £26k per annum.

   d) NFDC Electoral Services Manager had today provided an estimated charge of £41,650 for running elections locally on Thursday 6 May 2027. Cost noted for budget purposes.

7. FEES & CHARGES

The Town Clerk referred to Appendix 1, being the first draft of Fees & Charges for 2027-28 based on an inflation rate of 4.0%, with some fees rounded where appropriate, and it was

RECOMMENDED:
That Budgeted Fees & Charges for 2027-2028 be presented to Amenities Committee.

8. COMMITTEE BUDGETS

The Town Clerk referred to Appendix 2, being first draft of Committee Budgets for 2027-28. Councillors went through the budgets page by page and F&GP line by line as noted below.

Amenities - Central Costs
4001 – Increased wages and staff numbers after revised number of employees agreed, but members queried clearing of roads and pavements following a loss of NFDC street cleaner.
4761 – Projected Statutory Testing costs including repairs were noted, especially this year.

Amenities CapEx
Capital Expenditure Projects totalling £260,000 to include overall contingency of £17,000.

F&GP
4011 – TDM employment costs to be deleted pending a review of the post by consultants.
4029 – Town Development revenue budget to be replaced by consultants' fee of £25,000.
4046 – Neighbourhood Planning budget to be deleted as the review likely to end 2026-27.
4061 – Election Expenses budget of £36k to be increased to £43k following NFDC advice.

RECOMMENDED: That Committee Budgets for 2027-2028 be revised, as noted above.

9. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

Cllr Clarke provided an update on recent work carried out by the New Milton Youth Trust.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Friday 13 November 2026 at 15.00 hrs

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked Execs and closed the meeting at 4.35 pm.

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____

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