

Kimberley Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Kimberley Town Council, Nottinghamshire, held on the 29th April, 2021. The meeting was held under the “Zoom” remote conferencing system, with participants located at various locations using appropriate technology. “On line” and connected were the following. The meeting commenced at 1900hrs

Attending	Cllr K Boettge
	Cllr N Doherty
	Cllr J Dymond
	Cllr S McDermott-Hughes
	Cllr N Oakden
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	Cllr T Rood
	Cllr E Tansley
	Cllr I Wilson

County Cllr P Owen
Borough Cllr S Eason
Borough Cllr M Crow

Member of Parliament, D Henry MP

Town Council Officers. M Plumb. Acting Town Clerk
S Nolan Ass. Town Clerk/RFO

Members of the Public. G Barksby

581 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from the following

Cllrs S Bain, J Godber, A Mason, S McEntee-Hughes, J Pearce, R Plumb, J Wickham. Borough Cllr R Robinson

582 Declarations of Interest

Cllr T Rood declared a possible none pecuniary interest in agenda item 19 (Accounts)
Cllr E Tansley declared a none pecuniary interest in agenda item 15 (Grants)
Mr M Plumb declared a none pecuniary interest in exempt agenda item 3 (staffing)

583 Minutes

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 25th March, 2021, having been circulated to all Councillors were taken as read. Cllr J Diamond, in respect of minute 564 clarified his comments sent to Councillors in respect of the Stag Recreation Ground which were noted by the meeting. The Minutes were then adopted as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman

584 Reports of action taken

The Acting Town Clerk reported upon action taken arising from the previous Town Council meeting.

- **564 Defibrillor.** The Borough Council has approved the application for a grant towards the cost of a further defibrillator. Work will now proceed upon installation
- **564 Web site replacement.** Cllr N Doherty had circulated a full report to Councillors which was **noted** (and appreciated) by the meeting
- **564 Updating of the Town Council's Computer system.** The new equipment has now been received and installed. It is progressively taking over from the old system.
- **564 Stag Recreation Ground Ownership.** Research upon past documentation was continuing, with the intention of submitting a claim for full residential ownership to Land Registry, for the site to be transferred to the Town Council, in place of the Council's current long term role of "Trustees". It was **agreed** to keep the Kimberley Miners Welfare Football Club fully informed of progress.
- **570 Kimberley Miners Welfare Football Club.** Proposed ground improvements and developments. The Club has submitted further details of the proposals, which have been circulated to all Councillors. These were **noted by** the meeting.
- **575 Hearing loop system Parish Hall.** The equipment had now been purchased and received and was being power charged. It will be available when "normal" meetings are re-continued. Thanks recorded to Cllr Tansley.
- **576. Applications for grants.** Two applicants have been notified of decisions and payments made
- **580. Co-option of Town Councillor.** Appointment to the final remaining vacancy has now been completed. The Town Council's full establishment is now full. Documents will now be submitted to the Borough Council to complete their records

All reports were received and **noted**

585 County Councillors Report

County Cllr Philip Owen gave a detailed report upon the following matters.

- **Sainsbury's Car Park. Unauthorised restrictions.** County Council Officers were now taking action.

- **Bus congestion Kimberley Library.** Moves to re locate bus “waiting” stops being considered by Trent Barton bus Company
- **Patching up road surfaces.** Work continuing including Cavendish Drive
- **Pedestrian crossing at Nine Corners.** Location not regarded as appropriate. Alternatives under consideration.
- **Traffic regulation locations.** Various roads under review.
- **Swingate Pavements.** Patching up now proposed.
- **“Levelling up” Agenda HM Gov.** County Council as the Transport Authority can put in a bid for various Highway sites in Kimberley.

After responding to questions concerning High Street Road Works (Quality), Nine Corners Pedestrian crossing review and matters raised by Town Cllr N Doherty, Cllr Owen was thanked for his attendance and report, which was **noted** by the meeting

586 Borough Councillors reports

Borough Cllr Shane Eason reported that a Transport Study for the Borough has been approved and Kimberley will be included in the work for areas of concern (e.g. Swingate). He also was pursuing the matter of the Kimberley Christmas Tree and Christmas lighting provisions. On this matter, he suggested the Town Council might like to put forward suggestions for improvements to both the Tree and the Town Christmas Lighting scheme. (Noted by the meeting).

Borough Cllr Mel Crow emphasised the importance of reviewing all aspects of Transport in the Town. Cllr Crow was also with Borough Council Officers upon web site work and the current restrictions upon meetings and distancing rules under the current pandemic restrictions.

Town Cllr Jim Dymond asked what the current position was concerning Kimberley Leisure Centre. Cllr Eason agreed the Leisure Centre should have a long term future, provided the Borough Council “Lead” Group were willing to provide the necessary funds, This was justified taking into account that the majority of past income has originated from the people of Kimberley.

The meeting **noted** and thanked Borough Cllrs Crow and Eason for their attendance and reports.

587 Questions/statements from Members of the Public

Mr Gordon Barksby agreed that when future capital funding is considered for the Leisure Centre, due consideration must be given to the past (paid) usage by the local Community. This was supported by the meeting. In response to a question, it was also clarified that “Liberty Leisure” is the Project Manager appointed by the Borough Council.

588 Brewery site redevelopment. Upgrading of the Brewery Tower.

The meeting **noted** that extensive scaffolding had been installed for the complete outside wall for the full Tower building, in preparation for renovation work to be carried out. Town Councillors agreed to continue to monitor progress in this work.

589 Town Council Environment Working Group (Climate emergency)

Circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting, was detailed record of the first meeting of this Group. The contents were **noted** by the meeting. The next meeting is proposed for the 10th June, 2021

590 Planning applications

Circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting were copies of the Borough Councils weekly planning lists for “new” applications and “determined” applications. The Acting Town Clerk gave details of a particular application for planning consent for conversion of existing building within the Town Boundary. In response to concerns raised by Councillors, He had asked the Borough Council to consider various (specified) aspects of importance in respect of this application. Borough Cllr Mel reported that she was aware of concerns and had requested for this proposal to be “called in” (a planning proposal to be considered by a Planning Committee, rather than by Council officers) at the Borough Council.

The meeting **noted** this report.

591 HM Government “Levelling up agenda”

Following information received from the Borough Council, the meeting **noted** that the Government had allocated a new major national fund (labelled as above). The intention of which is to give selected capital grants to Local Authorities for “levelling up” Community facilities with other Community area’s with higher levels of facilities. These can involve, for instance, Town/Parish Centre’s, Sports/leisure Centre’s, open spaces, Health Centre’s, transport and roads, environment development/protection and the like. Eastwood Town are already preparing a bid for capital funding and have circulated a “referendum” to all local residents inviting their comments upon suggestions from the Local Council. In preparation for this Kimberley Town Council might begin by establishing a “starter list” of capital projects for Kimberley, followed by a Residents consultation, Borough Council Officers have offered help/advice in this work.

After discussion, the report was **noted** by the meeting and work to proceed at an early time by Town Councillors to record their ideas upon what capital projects are needed for the Town. The Chairman emphasised that this work is urgent since time limits are in place for making bids through the Borough Council. Preparations will therefore be made for this work to proceed.

592 Stag/Knowle Parks Upgrading of Play area'/equipment

Circulated with the agenda papers was a detailed report from Town Councillor I Wilson upon work needed. The report was **noted**. After discussion, the meeting agreed for the work to be carried out in accordance with the report.

593 Petanque pitch

The Assistant Town Clerk/RFO circulated a report upon a proposed provision of power supply to the Bowls Club toilets. This was to facilitate provision for improved Toilets facilities. Voluntary work from enthusiasts will be available to defray expenditure. This was estimated at £350.

After discussion, it was **agreed** to prepare a detailed plan/specification for approval at the next Town Council meeting.

594 Hall Hiring's

The Assistant Town Clerk/RFO reported that a growing number previous Hall Users and others were making enquiries upon when the Hall will become available for use. This was, of course highly dependent upon HM Gov. Directives.

During the ensuing discussion, Town Councillors that all previous users of the hall should be advised when the Hall becomes available for use and to be given first priority. When this is done, new users can be sought and considered. Report **noted#**

595 Applications for Grants

Circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting were copies of applications for grants from young person groups. It was **agreed** to transfer this item of business for consideration under the “exempt items” later in the meeting

596 Kimberley War Memorial. Up lighting

The Chairman reported that the power supply system (underground) was in need of renovation work in order to meet basis required standards. A new “timer” was being installed shortly. The total cost of upgrading the power supply will be known shortly and will be referred for consideration at the May 2021 Town Council meeting. The meeting **noted** this report.

597 Broxtowe Borough Council. Car parking charges

Circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting was the Borough Councils response to the Town Councils request (under the freedom of information legislation) for information upon income received and expenditure incurred for the Kimberley Car Parks. During the consideration of this item of business, Borough Cllr Shane Easom commented that in all similar cases, income received from parking charges does not meet the cost of maintenance of large areas for car parking.

After discussion, the meeting **noted** the reports.

598 Correspondence list

Attached to the agenda papers for this meeting was a list of correspondence received since the March 2021 meeting of the Town Council. The meeting received and **noted** this report

599 Accounts for payment

Attached to the agenda papers for this meeting was a list of payments required from the Town Council. The meeting received and **noted** this report

600 Dates of next meetings

Town Council meeting/Annual Town Council meeting 29th May, 2021

Note This meeting might be affected by future directions from HM Government

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There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions, and closed the meeting at 2120hrs.