

Kimberley Town Council

Minutes of the **Annual TOWN Meeting**, Kimberley Town Council, held on the **26th May 2022** in the Parish Hall, Newdigate Street, Kimberley, Nottinghamshire commencing at 7.00pm.

Present:	Cllr S Bain	Cllr S Boneham	Cllr N Doherty
	Cllr J Dymond	Cllr A Mason	Cllr J Pearce
	Cllr R Plumb – Vice Chair	Cllr T Rood – Chair	Cllr J Wickham
	County Cllr:	Cllr P Owen	
	Borough Cllrs:	Cllr M Crow	Cllr S Easom
	Council Officers:	S Nolan - Town Clerk/RFO	J Darbyshire - Asst Town Clerk
	Members of the Public:	Two	

Cllr Trevor Rood presiding

ATM/22/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Fewster, Cllr S McEntee, Cllr N Oakden, Cllr E Tansley, Cllr I Wilson and Borough Cllr R Robinson.

ATM/22/02 Welcome by the Current Chair

Cllr T Rood, current Kimberley Town Council Chair, welcomed all present to the 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

ATM/22/03 Chair Report

Cllr T Rood reported on the following:

Welcomed two new Councillors, Cllr S Boneham and Cllr D Fewster, and two new members of staff, Julie Darbyshire, Assistant Town Clerk, and Neil Coy, Handyman/Caretaker.

The past year has seen a big improvement following Covid restrictions. Events have included Centenary Commemoration of the War Memorial, Remembrance Sunday, Halloween Party and Ghost Walk, Christmas Light Switch On, Valentine's Weekend, overseen by Cllr N Oakden, and Food Festival, organised by Cllr S Boneham. The Valentine's Weekend and Food Festival were both financed by the European Welcome Back Fund.

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we have a Beacon Lighting on Thursday 2nd June, Picnic on the Park on Friday 3rd June and a plaque unveiling at the Jubilee Memorial Tree on Saturday 4th June.

Bookings at the Parish Hall are now almost back to normal. There are currently 23 weddings and 3 provisional bookings at the Chapel on the Hill.

Kimberley Town Council are putting in a bid to the Government Levelling Up Fund. There are 4 potential projects: 1) Build a Community Hub on the current Parish Hall site, 2) Work to improve the town centre and shopfronts, with lasers to be used at various events, 3) Move Digby Street football pitch to Swingate and enlarge the current industrial site with additional Business Units, 4) New cycle routes, hopefully joining Kimberley to Bennerley Viaduct.

Cllr T Rood closed his welcome speech by thanking the Kimberley Town Council Staff for all their hard work.

ATM/22/04 Public Questions / Statements

Mel Crow asked if the planters at the noticeboards will be being maintained. They are to be offered to local residents to maintain, any not being tended will be left empty. Mel Crow volunteered to maintain the one on Maws Lane.

There being no further comments/discussions, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions, and closed the 2022 Annual TOWN meeting at 7.10pm. This was then followed by the Annual Town COUNCIL meeting for the 2022/23 Council year. Separate Minutes are recorded for this meeting.