



Kimberley Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of **Kimberley Town Council** held on **Thursday 27th July 2023**, in the Committee Room, Parish Hall, Newdigate Street, Kimberley starting at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr S Boneham Cllr N Dewsbury Cllr N Doherty - Chair
Cllr C Eyre Cllr D Fewster Cllr I Forrester
Cllr A Mason Cllr N Oakden Cllr T Rood – Vice Chair
Cllr P Saunders Cllr J Wickham
Council Officers: J Darbyshire - Town Clerk
Members of Public: Six

TC/23/543 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Dymond, Cllr I Wilson, County Cllr P Owen, Borough Cllrs C Carr, A Cooper and W Mee.

TC/23/544 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr N Oakden declared an interest in item TC/23/549, Temporary Parish Hall Relocation. Cllr T Rood declared an interest in item TC/23/563, Accounts for Payment.

TC/23/545 **Minutes of Full Council**

The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting 22nd June 2023 and Full Council meeting 29th June 2023, having been circulated to all Councillors, were taken as read and noted. The meeting adopted the minutes as a true and accurate record and they were signed by the Chair.

TC/23/546 **Public Speaking at Council Meetings**

Cllr N Doherty outlined the rules for speaking at Council meetings.

TC/23/547 **Public Question Time**

A member of the public asked if there were any plans available yet for the rebuild of the Parish Hall. Was advised the surveys have been commissioned in preparation for the plans being drawn up.

A member of public asked if there are any plans to split any of the plots at Knowle Hill up into smaller plots. Was advised when any become available we will consider doing it if there is enough call for them.

TC/23/548 **Levelling Up Fund Update**

Cllr N Doherty gave a brief update on the Levelling Up Fund progress. Advised we had attended a Workshop with Broxtowe Borough Council on 11th July. The draft governance

model should be sorted in the next few days, plans for Victorian signs and lanterns are underway and the surveys on the Parish Hall and War Memorial have been commissioned. Project Teams should be set up in the next couple of weeks and Broxtowe Borough Council have now received some of the funding.

TC/23/549 **Temporary Parish Hall Relocation**

The Parish Hall Working Group's report was discussed. Thanks were given to the Parish Hall Working Group for all of the work they have done to date.

It was **resolved** that as further investigation had revealed the purchase of the Axiomatic building, or any other building, is not financially viable the resolution to purchase another building will be withdrawn.

It was **resolved** to go ahead with the rental of Portacabins as the temporary Parish Hall accommodation, preferably at the Kimberley Institute Cricket Ground. This option will be discussed further and existing hall users will be notified so they can make alternative plans during the rebuild period.

It was **resolved**, where possible, the Council will keep its reserves until it is clear whether they are needed to complete the existing Levelling Up Fund project scope and make any longer-term decision on how to use or dispose of any remaining funds thereafter.

TC/23/550 **Report from County Councillor**

Cllr P Owen submitted a report prior to the meeting:-

- There is a ditch that keeps flooding at the end of Goodwin Drive. It will hopefully be dealt with after the bird nesting season is complete as removal of some bushes will be needed.
- Cllr P Owen is supporting a number of residents at the Brewery Development with ongoing issues with Fairgrove Homes and will continue to work towards a resolution.

TC/23/551 **Reports from Borough Councillors**

Cllr A Cooper submitted a report prior to the meeting:-

- Cllr A Cooper had a meeting with the local Police, Broxtowe Borough Council Anti-Social Behaviour Officer, Nottinghamshire County Council Youth Worker, Broxtowe Borough Council Community Safety Portfolio Holder and members of Kimberley Town Council to try and address the anti-social behaviour in Kimberley. Plans of a proposed Teen Shelter were distributed. Whilst it was agreed there are risks involved, it was unanimously agreed the project is worth progressing. Possibilities of funding are now being explored.
- Cllr A Cooper had a meeting with the senior Fairgrove management following a complaint from a resident at the Brewery Development. He was advised a planning application has been submitted to Broxtowe Borough Council in respect of the scaffolding at the tower. On visiting the site a week later none of the concerns had been actioned.

Cllr W Mee submitted a report prior to the meeting:-

- Borough Cllrs C Carr, A Cooper and W Mee and Kimberley Cllr S Boneham have been canvassing for opinion on a new 'on demand bus zone' in Kimberley and surrounding areas. There is still a lot of work to do but many people said they would be interested in the service and it is hoped it will be supported by Nottinghamshire County Council.

- TC/23/552 **Report from the Police**
This item was addressed earlier in the meeting as the Police Officers needed to leave early. Two Police Officers attended and gave the following report:-
Operation Platter has been running for three weeks to tackle anti-social behaviour in the area. It is helping with the problem, with the amount of incidents reduced from 27 in June to 16 in July. A Dispersal Order is now in place and additional overtime has been allocated.

The two Police Officers left after giving their report.
- TC/23/553 **Mayor's Update**
The Kimberley Town Council Mayor advised of the Soul and Motown Music Night being held at Kettlebrook Lodge on Saturday 2nd September. All proceeds will be split between Rumbletums and Cancer Research. Tickets are now available to purchase.
- TC/23/554 **Committee Updates**
Reports from the Events meeting on 6th July 2023 and Estates and Environment meeting on 13th July were circulated prior to the meeting.
Thanks were given to Cllr D Fewster for donating the Prosecco for the Chapel Open Day and Cllr S Boneham for all of his work on the Food Festival.
- TC/23/555 **Clerk's Report**
Nothing to report.
- TC/23/556 **Grant Applications**
It was agreed to give a grant of £2500 to the Kimberley Film Festival. Power of Section 137.
It was agreed to give a grant of £1000 to the Kimberley Community Garden. Power of Section 137.
Kimberley Institute Cricket Club (KICC) will be encouraged to apply for funding in Round 2 of the Levelling Up Fund Business Grants Scheme. If KICC are not successful in obtaining funding from this source by the end of September 2023, it was agreed to give a grant of £3000 at that time.
- TC/23/557 **Chain of Office**
It was **resolved** to spend up to £750 from the Civic budget to update the Chain of Office.
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- TC/23/558 **Playground Equipment**
Repairs highlighted from the recent RoSPA inspections have been started. All parts needed have been ordered.
- TC/23/559 **Newsletter**
It was **resolved** to order the next Kimberley Town Council newsletter in August. It will be an A5 newsletter, with the content slimmed down so the font can be made bigger.
- TC/23/560 **Teen Shelter**
Cllr N Oakden gave an update on the proposal for a Teen Shelter to help address anti-social behaviour, and recent discussions with local agencies.

- TC/23/561 **Staff Working Days**
It was **resolved** that the Town Clerk will work Tuesday to Friday inclusive and the RFO Monday to Wednesday inclusive going forward. The amount of hours worked will remain the same, core office hours of 10.00am until 2.00pm Monday to Friday and annual leave will still be covered.
- TC/23/562 **Planning Applications**
It was noted 26 Main Street, Kimberley has applied for a change of use, to include a retail unit, five apartments and one two-bedroom apartment with shared facilities. It was noted that it would be beneficial if they were to include the Victorian style frontage being incorporated into Kimberley businesses. Whilst there was no objection in general there is concern about the lack of parking in Kimberley with the amount of apartments/HMOs being applied for. The Clerk to email the Borough Councillors requesting the chargeable parking around Kimberley is changed to free parking to try and eliminate some of the issues. There was also a discussion about the ongoing issues on the Brewery development. Broxtowe Borough Council Planning to be asked if they can put a clause in place for any future applications to have stricter stipulations.
- The members of public left at 8.45pm.
- TC/23/563 **Accounts for Payment**
Circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting was a list of accounts received since the last meeting of Kimberley Town Council. This list was received, noted and approved by the meeting.
- TC/23/564 **Quarter One Finance Reports**
Income and expenditure balance sheet reports up to the end of quarter one were circulated with the agenda.
Thanks were given to Cllr N Doherty for the work he has done on the Knowle Park project.
- TC/23/565 **Dates of Next Meetings**
Events – Thursday 7th September 2023
Estates and Environment – Thursday 14th September 2023
Full Council – Thursday 28th September 2023
- TC/23/566 **Exclusion of Public and Press**
RESOLVED that, under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information.
- No Excluded Items.**
There being no further business, the Chair thanked Councillors for their contributions and closed the meeting at 8.55pm.