



Kimberley Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of **Kimberley Town Council** held on **Thursday 28th September 2023**, in the Committee Room, Parish Hall, Newdigate Street, Kimberley starting at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr S Boneham Cllr S Cunney Cllr N Dewsbury
Cllr N Doherty - Leader Cllr C Eyre Cllr D Fewster
Cllr A Mason Cllr M Morris Cllr T Rood – Deputy Leader
Cllr P Saunders Cllr I Wilson
County Councillor: Cllr P Owen
Borough Cllrs: Cllr C Carr and Cllr A Cooper
Council Officers: J Darbyshire - Town Clerk and Jane Robertson - RFO
Members of Public: One

- TC/23/567 **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Dymond, Cllr I Forrester, Cllr N Oakden and Borough Cllr W Mee.
- TC/23/568 **Co-option**
It was **resolved** that Siobhan Cunney and Mike Morris will be co-opted onto Kimberley Town Council. The relevant paperwork was completed and Cllr S Cunney and Cllr M Morris were invited to join the meeting.
- TC/23/569 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr S Boneham and Cllr T Rood declared an interest in item TC/23/586, Accounts for Payment.
- TC/23/570 **Minutes of Full Council**
The minutes of the Full Council meeting 27th July 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/23/571 **Report from the Police**
None present.
- TC/23/572 **Public Question Time**
None.
- TC/23/573 **Report from County Councillor**

Cllr P Owen reported on the following:-

- The Heritage street lamps on James Street have been installed.
- There have not been any objections to the Traffic Regulation Order on Swingate.
- There have been objections to the Traffic Regulation Order for Abba Close/Edgwood Road. Waiting to hear the outcome.
- Patching work has been completed on Cloverlands.
- Patching work has been agreed for Knowle Hill, hopefully to be carried out in November.
- Resurfacing work to be carried out on Cliffe Boulevard/Holly Road, hopefully during October half-term. Holly Road will have temporary traffic lights, Cliffe Boulevard will need a road closure/diversions.
- A resident on Nottingham Road has complained about roadside parking. An H-bar will be installed to protect their driveway and a bus-stop clearway will be implemented.
- Residents have complained about parking on the pavement at the top of Maws Lane, causing wheelchairs and pushchairs to have to go into the road. It is in the budget for 2024-2025 to add double yellow lines, this will stop parking either side of the yellow lines.
- There is repeated flooding on Goodwin Drive. This is being looked at with a view to having it cleared. It was suggested that the flooding is being made worse due to blocked drains and gullies on Goodwin Drive, Awsworth Lane and Digby Street.
- It was noted that the ongoing road closures in Kimberley cause major traffic issues around Kimberley. Advised any companies needing to carry out emergency works have a right to dig the road up without permission as long as they notify Nottinghamshire County Council/Highways within 24 hours.

TC/23/574

Reports from Borough Councillors

Cllr C Carr reported on the following:-

- Cllr C Carr and Cllr W Mee have done a lot of work on a potential on-demand bus service. It is hoped there will soon be a trial.
- Complaints have been made by a resident that road sweepers are not going all the way down The Sidings.
- A resident on Babbington Lane has requested wild flowers on the banks. It is likely bulbs will be planted instead of wild flower seeds.
- There have been concerns about motorists speeding on Nottingham Road. This was investigated on 9th September, when 15 speeding offences were recorded, seven of those travelling at over 40 miles per hour.
- Broxtowe Borough Council applied for a grant from Sports England for Kimberley Leisure Centre and have been awarded £47,000. Waiting for Kimberley School to accept the offer.

Cllr A Cooper reported on the following:-

- There is still no school crossing patrol at Gilthill School, despite numerous attempts to recruit. Cllr P Owen has been in discussions with Road Safety who have said a central reservation is safer and more practical than a pedestrian

crossing. A lot of underground services would also have to be relocated to accommodate a pedestrian crossing.

- Is in discussions with Licensing about issues at Zeon Bar.
- A meeting has been held with residents about ongoing issues with Fairgrove Homes at Nine Corners. Fairgrove have been a bit more responsive. If the Section 106 stipulations are not met enforcement action will be taken.
- Cllr A Cooper was asked to chase up the issue of a raised paver outside the Doghouse which hasn't been repaired.
- It was noted the parking restrictions outside Kimberley school are being ignored by motorists. Cllr P Owen said he will ask a Traffic Enforcement Officer to attend.
- Cllr A Cooper was asked to put some pressure on the works required at the Brewery Tower.

TC/23/575

Mayor's Update

The Mayor reported the Motown night was a great success. A total of £472 was raised, this will be split equally between Rumbletums Café and Cancer Research.

TC/23/576

Levelling Up Fund Update

Cllr N Doherty gave an update on Levelling Up Fund Progress. It was noted the project is currently about six months behind due to government mandated subsidiary control work. Funding is now starting to come through and work is progressing.

The business grant applications should be reviewed in the next couple of weeks.

TC/23/577

Levelling Up Project Governance

Cllr Neil Doherty gave an update on the project governance and how Councillors can get involved. Every Councillor has been asked to get involved in at least one aspect of the project.

The Terms of Reference for the Strategic Board will be shared once finalised.

TC/23/578

Temporary Parish Hall Relocation

Cllr Sam Boneham gave an update on relocation plans. It looks likely portacabins will be the best option, located at the Cricket Club with shared access to their facilities.

Cllr P Owen and one member of public left at 20:00.

TC/23/579

Committee Updates

An update was given on the Events meeting 7th September 2023.

Thanks were given to everybody who donated prizes to the Mayor's raffle.

An update was given on the Estates and Environment meeting 14th September 2023.

Thanks were given to Cllr I Wilson for all of his work on the playground repairs.

TC/23/580

Clerk's Report

A report was circulated prior to the meeting and noted.

- TC/23/581 **Month End Finance Reports**
Income and Expenditure Report, Balance Sheet, Actual payments July and Actual payments August were circulated prior to the meeting and noted.
- TC/23/582 **Internal Auditor**
It was noted the internal auditor for financial year ending 31st March 2024 is Mr Stephen Arundel ACIB.
- TC/23/583 **HSBC Bank Account**
It was agreed to apply for internet banking with the RFO as the lead contact.
- TC/23/584 **NatWest Account**
It was agreed to move the monies from the dormant NatWest account into the Co-Op account temporarily.
- TC/23/585 **New Bank Accounts**
It was **resolved** to set up two new accounts with separate banks. To then move £85,000 into each account to protect Kimberley Town Council's money under the FCSC protection.
- TC/23/586 **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 and signed by the Chair.
- TC/23/587 **Mayor's Charity Fundraising Account**
It was **resolved** to set up a separate bank account for the Mayor's Charity Fundraising.
- Thanks were given to Jane Robertson, RFO, for all of her work.
- TC/23/588 **Grant Applications**
It was agreed to give a grant of £500 to the Kimberley Christmas Market. Power of Section 137.
- TC/23/589 **Kimberley Miners Recreation Ground**
An update was given in respect of Kimberley Miners Recreation Ground.
It was **resolved** that Kimberley Town Council establishes a 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation' (CIO) using the Charity Commission's 'Foundation Model Constitution'.
The name of the charity to be "Kimberley Miners Recreation Ground".
The number of Trustees to be no less than three or more than seven, with up to three nominated by the Town Council, up to one nominated by the District Councillors representing any part of the parish of Kimberley and up to three more appointed by the Trustees themselves. The "first charity trustees" to be Councillors Neil Doherty, Jim Dymond and Trevor Rood. The wording of the Objects of the Trust to be agreed between the Trustees and the Council's solicitor in compliance with the 1929 Conveyance.

- TC/23/590 **Stag Ground Storage Space**
It was **resolved** to terminate the agreement with Neil Oakden for storage space at the Stag Ground effective from 31st December 2023, in line with the Charity Commission's guidance.
- TC/23/591 **Name Badges**
It was agreed to obtain some prices for other forms of ID and bring them to the October meeting.
- TC/23/592 **Freedom of Information Act**
It was **resolved** to adopt and publish the ICO Model Publication Scheme.
- TC/23/593 **Rent Charge for Flats**
It was **resolved** that there will be no rent increase until the planned building works have been completed. The Clerk to write to all tenants advising them of the planned building works and the decision on the rent charge.
- TC/23/594 **Chapel Booking**
An amendment was made to charge a cancellation fee of £50 on cancelled Chapel bookings.
It was **resolved** to accept the amendment. All future cancellations will incur a £50 administration fee, to be deducted from any refunds due.
- TC/23/595 **Planning Applications**
Circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting was a list of planning applications received since the last meeting of Kimberley Town Council. This list was received and noted by the meeting.
It was noted the application for the HMO on Regent Street has been declined due to the impact on traffic.
- TC/23/596 **Dates of Next Meetings**
Events - Thursday 5th October 2023
Estates and Environment - Thursday 12th October 2023
HR – Tuesday 17th October 2023
Finance – Wednesday 18th October 2023 (**please note change of date**)
Full Council - Thursday 26th October 2023
- TC/23/597 **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 21:00.