



Kimberley Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of **Kimberley Town Council** held on **Thursday 25th January 2024**, in the Committee Room, Parish Hall, Newdigate Street, Kimberley starting at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr S Boneham Cllr N Doherty – Chair Cllr J Dymond
Cllr D Fewster Cllr N Oakden Cllr P Saunders
Cllr T Rood – Vice Chair
County Cllr: Cllr P Owen
Borough Cllrs: Cllr A Cooper and Cllr W Mee
Council Officers: J Darbyshire - Town Clerk and Jane Robertson - RFO
Members of Public: Three

TC/24/642 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N Dewsbury, Cllr C Eyre, Cllr T Mason, Cllr I Wilson and Borough Cllr C Carr.
Also absent, no apologies received, Cllr S Cunney and Cllr M Morris.

TC/24/643 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr T Rood declared an interest in item TC/24/654, Accounts for Payment.

TC/24/644 **Minutes of Full Council**

The minutes of the Full Council meeting 30th November 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/24/645 **Report from the Police**

PCSO L Holbrook and PCSO C Cubit attended and gave the following report:-
Since 25th December 2023 there have been 29 occurrences including theft, violence (mostly domestic), public disorder, robbery and criminal damage/arson. There has been no Anti Social Behaviour. Following reports of drug dealing they have been on the lookout for offenders but haven't seen any to date.

The Police Officers left at 19.20.

TC/24/646 **Public Question Time**

None.

TC/24/647 **Report from County Councillor**

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting as Cllr P Owen needed to leave early.

Cllr P Owen reported on the following:-

- The Traffic Regulation Order at the Primary School on Swingate is now in place.
- A formal consultation is being carried out for a bus clearway on Nottingham Road near the Stag.
- Holly Road/High Spannia/Town View are being resurfaced week commencing 19th February 2024.
- It was hoped the outstanding roadworks at Nine Corners would commence in January 2024 but a date has still not been agreed.
- Some resurfacing at Gilthill is now being looked at with the Highways Officer
- The recent bad weather has increased the poor condition of the roads five-fold.
- A request was made to Cllr P Owen to chase up the patching work on Knowle Hill.
- It was noted the Rainbow One has started waiting outside the library, Cllr P Owen will contact Trent Barton to request they stop doing so.

Cllr P Owen and one member of the public left at 19.10.

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Reports from Borough Councillors

Cllr A Cooper reported on the following:-

- Fairgrove have requested a date for the roadworks at Nine Corners that is not feasible.
- The tarpaulin on the roof with loose tiles at Nine Corners is still loose but is apparently being dealt with.
- Fairgrove have requested a meeting with the Borough and Town Councillors to update on issues. Cllr A Cooper will arrange a date. The issues on the site are affecting a large number of residents.

Cllr W Mee reported on the following:-

- In ongoing talks with Trent Barton about needing larger buses during peak times.

Cllr C Carr submitted a report prior to the meeting:-

- The Playdays event will be happening at Kimberley School during August, date to be confirmed.
- There have been riders on dirt bikes messing around on Newdigate Road heading towards Kimberley. This has been reported to the local Police Officers and the Communities Office at Broxtowe Borough Council.
- Broxtowe Borough Council are developing a new Leisure Strategy for the Borough. There is a meeting on 23rd February to set the group up.

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Levelling Up Fund Update

Cllr Neil Doherty gave an update on Levelling Up Fund progress. There is a Town Centre meeting on Monday 29th January. The second Strategic Board meeting was held on Monday 8th January. Digby Street is not a viable option for the industrial units, alternative sites are being considered. A meeting is to be scheduled in the near future to discuss the Sports element of the Levelling Up Fund. The War Memorial amphitheatre will not be going ahead due to a negative response from Sainsbury's. A positive meeting took place with Planning to discuss the Community Hub, and a planning application is expected to be submitted shortly. The Parish Hall will be relocating to portacabins at the Cricket Club when work commences, probably end May/beginning June.

- TC/24/650 **Committee Updates**
Updates were given on the Events meeting Thursday 4th January 2024, Estates and Environment meeting Thursday 11th January 2024 and Finance meeting Thursday 18th January 2024. It was noted the Kimberley Miners Recreation Ground Trust has been set up. Cllr N Doherty, Cllr J Dymond and Cllr T Rood are initial Trustees. The legal documents will take about three months to come through from the solicitors.
- TC/24/651 **Budget 2024/2025 Final Draft**
It was **resolved** to accept the final draft budget as proposed by the Finance committee. Thanks were given to the RFO and the Finance, Events and Estates and Environment committees for all of their hard work in preparing the budget.
- TC/24/652 **Precept 2024/2025**
It was **resolved** to accept the recommendation from the Finance committee for a 4% increase to the precept for 2024/2025.
- TC/24/653 **Month End Finance Reports**
Income and Expenditure Report, Balance Sheet and Actual payments for November and December were circulated prior to the meeting and noted.
- TC/24/654 **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/24/655 **Parish Boundaries**
Information was circulated with the agenda of the three options being considered for the Parish Boundary review. More information to follow in February.
- TC/24/656 **Kimberley Leisure Centre**
The agreement between Liberty Leisure and Kimberley School has been terminated from the end of March 2024. The swimming pool will close from that date and negotiations continue regarding the future of the rest of the sports centre. Broxtowe Borough Council have requested additional funding from the Secretary of State for Levelling Up and Communities. There has been no response to date. Borough Councillors were asked to update the Town Council when any news of plans post-March are known.
- TC/24/657 **Victoria Street Car Park**
There was not a consultation carried out by Broxtowe Borough Council in respect of the new parking charges at Victoria Street car park from the beginning of January 2024. The permits being made available to residents will not be available until February 2024. These permits will only allow residents to park after 16.00.
A petition from local residents has been carried out and will be submitted to Broxtowe Borough Council in due course.
The Clerk to write to Broxtowe Borough Council to communicate Kimberley Town Council's ongoing objection to the recent changes.

TC/24/658 **Car Parking at Sainsbury's**
Sainsbury's are suggesting there will only be parking restrictions during daytime hours, not in the evenings. This would be to try and alleviate the issues of the car park being too full during peak shopping hours. There would be no condition to shop in Sainsbury's if using their car park. There is concern that restrictions in the car park will force more drivers to try and park on the already overcrowded side roads.
The Clerk to write to Nottinghamshire County Council outlining Kimberley Town Council's objection to the proposed changes.

Cllr A Cooper and Cllr W Mee left at 21.00.

TC/24/659 **Chapel CCTV**
It was **resolved** to upgrade the digital recorder on the CCTV system and add additional cameras at the Chapel on the Hill to try and alleviate vandalism.

TC/24/660 **Chapel Maintenance Budget**
It was agreed to transfer £25,000 from the Parish Hall Earmarked Reserves plus £20,000 from the General Reserves to the Chapel on the Hill Earmarked Reserves. This is to complete the works required as identified in Agenda Item EE/24/442, Chapel on the Hill. Any unspent money to be transferred back once the work has been completed. Funding will also be applied for. The work will need to go out to tender.

TC/24/661 **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.
The Clerk to write to Planning at Broxtowe Borough Council requesting weekly reports are resumed.

TC/24/662 **Dates of Next Meetings**
HR - Thursday 1st February 2024
Estates and Environment - Thursday 8th February 2024
Full Council - Thursday 22nd February 2024

TC/24/663 **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 21.16.