



Kimberley Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of **Kimberley Town Council** held on **Thursday 25th July 2024**, in the Committee Room, Parish Hall, Newdigate Street, Kimberley starting at 19.00.

Present: Cllr S Boneham Cllr S Cunney Cllr N Dewsbury
Cllr N Doherty - Mayor Cllr T Mason - Deputy Mayor Cllr B Nicholls
Cllr T Rood Cllr P Saunders
Borough Cllrs: Cllr A Cooper
Council Officers: J Darbyshire - Town Clerk and J Robertson - Responsible Finance Officer
Members of Public: One

- TC/24/081 **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Dymond, Cllr C Eyre, Cllr D Fewster, Cllr M Morris, Cllr N Oakden, County Cllr P Owen, Borough Cllrs C Carr and Will Mee.
- TC/24/082 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr T Rood declared an interest in item TC/24/093 Accounts for Payment.
- TC/24/083 **Minutes of Full Council**
The minutes of the Full Council meeting Thursday 27th June 2024, 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/24/084 **Report from the Police**
None present, no report received.
- TC/24/085 **Public Question Time**
It was asked if members of the public will still be able to attend meetings at Kimberley Institute Cricket Club. It was confirmed they will be.
- TC/24/086 **Report from County Councillor**
Cllr P Owen circulated a report prior to the meeting:-
 - Pursued the issue of the scaffolding on Hardy Street. It is up to Broxtowe Borough Council to get the developer to complete the work as soon as possible. Nottinghamshire County Council issue the license to the developer to occupy the pavement and ensure that it is compliant with regulations.

- Further work has been carried out at Nine Corners to install a dropped kerb.
- Broxtowe Borough Council will allow free use of their car parks in Kimberley for residents during the Cadent roadworks. The diverted bus routes have now been finalised, they will be kept under constant review. There will be a suspension of parking on High Street to allow for the uninterrupted movement of buses. Concerns have been raised about Cadent's compensation scheme for businesses.
- Information has been received regarding the Notts on Demand bus scheme. Options are being reviewed at the moment and there should be more information available late Summer or early Autumn.

The Clerk was asked to request a built-up roundabout be added at the Greens Lane/Main Street/Nottingham Road/Victoria Street junction once the Cadent roadworks have been completed. To request bollards be used on Maws Lane, Alma Hill and High Spannia during the Cadent roadworks to stop people parking. The Clerk to ask Cllr P Owen for an update on the double yellow lines on Maws Lane. To request Traffic Enforcement Officers check the on-road parking regularly during the Cadent roadworks.

TC/24/087

Reports from Borough Councillors

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

- Will be attending a meeting to plan a cycling event across the whole borough. It will be looking to challenge residents to cycle to locations around the area across a number of weeks and would involve locations in Kimberley.

Cllr A Cooper reported on the following:-

- It has been confirmed that Broxtowe Borough Council will waive all parking charges during the Cadent roadworks. There will also be no time restrictions on any of the Kimberley car parks during this period.
- Still involved with resident's problems regarding Fairgrove and Nottinghamshire County Council.
- Chasing Via about a street light that still isn't working on Hardy Street.
- After many requests for storm drains to be cleared a programme appears to have been implemented.

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

- Car parking charges will be waived for the duration of the Cadent roadworks.
- Has been liaising with brewery site residents to get Broxtowe Borough Council to support them with their concerns. Also planning to have a ward walk with Alex Norris MP around the brewery site so he can see the issues first-hand.
- There are still some outstanding issues with Nottinghamshire County Council in regards to road resurfacing, MP Alex Norris has been made aware of this. Still awaiting a response from Neil Clarke on the bus situation but happy to see in Cllr P Owen's report that it is now under review.

TC/24/088

Levelling Up Fund Update

A report was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and added to the website.

The Kimberley Town Council office staff will be moving to a portacabin at the Kimberley Institute Cricket Club on Wednesday 31st August. The tender for the Hub has been delayed due to a few issues but they have now been resolved. Changes are due to be finalised week commencing 29th July. Most of the work in Toll Bar Square and at the War Memorial has now been carried out. Thanks were given to everyone involved.

It was agreed to proceed with the suggested financial assistance to local businesses from the Levelling Up Fund. Kimberley Town Council will apply for £50,000 from the LUF. Local businesses will need to fill in a short application form for up to £1,000 each, decisions will be made by the current Grants Panel. Businesses must then apply to Cadent for compensation and if they are successful repay the LUF monies.

It was agreed to run a Facebook campaign reminding everyone that Kimberley is open as usual during the Cadent roadworks and encourage local residents to walk into Kimberley centre as much as possible to help keep the businesses thriving.

TC/24/089

Committee Updates

Updates were circulated with the agenda on the Events meeting Thursday 4th July 2024, HR meeting Tuesday 9th July 2024, Estates and Environment meeting, Thursday 11th July 2024 and the Finance meeting Thursday 18th July 2024.

There have been 57 applications so far for stalls at the Christmas Market. Thanks were given to Cllr P Owen and Broxtowe Borough Council for their financial contributions.

TC/24/090

Policies and Procedures

It was agreed to approve and adopt the Employment Policy as recommended by the HR committee.

It was agreed to approve and adopt the Investment and Treasury Policy, Grant Awarding Policy and Grant Awarding Application Form as recommended by the Finance committee.

It was agreed to approve and adopt the amended HR Terms of Reference as per the Internal Auditor's report and recommended by the HR committee.

It was agreed to approve and adopt the Fixed Asset and Valuation Policy and Statement of Internal Control as recommended by the Finance committee.

TC/24/091

Financial Regulations

It was agreed to approve and adopt the new Financial Regulations as per the new NALC model 2024 and recommended by the Finance committee. Thanks were given to J Roberston for her hard work on this document.

TC/24/092

Month End Finance Reports

Income and Expenditure Report, Balance Sheet and Actual Payments for June 2024 were circulated prior to the meeting and noted.

TC/24/093

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/24/094 **Chapel Repairs**
 It was resolved to commission Bonsers Building Restoration and Conservation to affect repairs to the Chapel in April 2025, as recommended by the Chapel Working Group and the Estates and Environment committee.
 The current cost of the work is £39,499, excluding VAT. This may increase due to inflation. It was resolved that this work will take place subject to the final quote being less than the total earmarked reserve of £50,000, excluding VAT. If the final total is more than the earmarked reserve it will be bought back to Full Council.
 Thanks were given to Cllr T Rood and Cllr P Saunders for all of their work sourcing the quotes.
- TC/24/095 **Cemetery Land**
 Broxtowe Borough Council resolved to purchase plot three of the Kimberley Cemetery for the sum of £45,000 from Kimberley Town Council. The particulars will be delegated to the Clerk, the RFO, Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chair of the Estates and Environment committee.
- TC/24/096 **Planning Applications**
 It was agreed the Clerk, on behalf of Kimberley Town Council, will object about the Queens Head Premises Licence application again. It was also agreed any future Licence applications for the Queens Head from the current owners would be objected to by the Clerk.
 Councillors were reminded that they should also raise any individual objections directly to Broxtowe Borough Council for all planning applications they don't agree with.
- TC/24/097 **Dates of Next Meetings**
All meetings will be held at Kimberley Institute Cricket Club
 Events - Thursday 5th September 2024
 Estates and Environment - Thursday 12th September 2024
 Full - Thursday 26th September 2024
- TC/24/098 **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 20.11.