



## Kimberley Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of **Kimberley Town Council** held on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025** at The Parish Hall, Newdigate Street, Kimberley starting at 19.00.

**Present:** Cllr S Boneham Cllr L Boyce-Poyser Cllr N Dewsbury  
Cllr N Doherty - Chair Cllr C Eyre Cllr D Fewster  
Cllr C Jennings Cllr T Rood Cllr T Mason  
County Councillor: Cllr P Owen  
Borough Councillors: Cllr C Carr and Cllr A Cooper  
Council Officers: J Darbyshire - Town Clerk  
Members of Public: Two

TC/25/200 **Co-Option**

It was **resolved** that Luke Boyce-Poyser will be co-opted onto Kimberley Town Council. He was invited to join the meeting.

TC/25/201 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr S Cunney, Cllr B Nicholls and Cllr N Oakden.

TC/25/202 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr N Doherty and Cllr T Rood declared an interest in item TC/25/212 Kimberley Miners Recreation Ground Trust. Cllr T Rood declared an interest in item TC/25/218 Accounts for Payment.

TC/25/203 **Dispensations**

None requested.

TC/25/204 **Minutes of Full Council**

The minutes of the Full Council meeting Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 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/25/205 **Report from the Police**

No Police present due to operational commitments.  
There was an assault on a youth on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. This is believed to be an

isolated incident with no wider threat to the community. Investigations are ongoing.

The Police are currently prioritising drug and shoplifting crimes and road related incidents. The mobile speed camera will be deployed to Kimberley over the coming months.

TC/25/206 **Public Question Time**

One member of public wanted some clarification on the proposed Local Government Reorganisation. He was invited to ask questions during item TC/25/222.

TC/25/207 **Report from County Councillor**

**Cllr P Owen** circulated a report prior to the meeting:-

- Nine Corners area, Eastwood Road and Goodwin Drive have all had some patching work carried out.
- Awsorth Lane is due to have re-patching work done in early May.
- Further investigations are needed on the sink holes that have appeared at Gilthill.
- Confirmation received that the Eastbound carriageway of the A610 is to be patched. The Westbound carriageway being patched some months ago.
- There is to be gully cleaning of the A610, in particular at junction 26.
- Continues to press for remedial work to be carried out on Main Street as there are a number of areas that have failed between James Street and Nine Corners. Also, Knowle Hill and Noel Street.
- Will chase up the possibility of bollards on grass verges on Swingate.
- The County Council has been busy with regard to Local Government Reorganisation. It reached a decision at its last meeting that if reorganisation were to go ahead (which is at the demand of the Government and no-one else) then it should be on the basis of two unitary authorities, namely a County wide Unitary and a City Unitary on existing boundaries.

TC/25/208 **Reports from Borough Councillors**

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

- Has been in contact with pubs in the Kimberley about an event idea. So far, the response has been positive. Hoping to arrange the dates and get acts scheduled in soon.
- Looking at getting an agreement in place to allow some residents on Victoria Street use of parking spaces in the car park free of charge.
- At the Extraordinary Full Council meeting last week in respect of Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) it was decided that Broxtowe Borough Council would be against a merger with the City Council until finances at the city are resolved so that discussions on LGR can be on service delivery and not finances. They would call for a full democratic consultation if LGR

were to go ahead. Ultimately, the Government will consider this and make the final decision.

- Asked to chase up the repairs to the tarmac around the Chapel on the Hill.
- Asked to chase up the Markets Officer as they are still not responding to emails.

Thanks were given to Cllr C Carr for his work in helping to implement a parking scheme on Victoria Street.

**Cllr A Cooper and Cllr W Mee** circulated a report prior to the meeting:-

- Contacted by a resident on Hardy Street stating that he had been contacted by a broadband provider (Netomnia) giving him notice of impending works on the street. Suggested he contacted his County Councillor. Has since been told that neither the County Council or their contractor, Via, had any knowledge of impending works.
- There have been several complaints by residents concerning selfish parking, notably in and around the town centre and on North Street at school start and finish times.
- A resident in the old railway station property has complained about the slow progress of the Brewery site development, with particular concern regarding the tower. He had heard a rumour that Fairgrove were on the brink of going into administration. His concerns were passed to the Planning Department. Their reply indicated no knowledge of impending administration.
- Concerned to hear of a young child being attacked by a gang of youths near the bus stop in Kimberley. The incident was reported to the Police. Been informed that the Police have a new CCTV van, have suggested that this could be used in Kimberley.
- Attended the Extraordinary meeting of Broxtowe Council on 19<sup>th</sup> March.
- Passed the issues of rubbish disposal at the HMO in the old tattoo shop to the relevant department. The residents are currently using the bins allocated to the tenants of the carpet shop and flats above as they do not have their own bins.

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### **Committee Updates**

#### **Events:-**

- Planning is well underway for the VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May and the Food Festival on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **Estates and Environment** meeting Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025:-

- The repairs to the Chapel on the Hill are underway. The contractors are doing a good job and leaving the site clean and tidy.

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### **Kimberley Means Business Update**

- Close to confirming a building contractor for the Hub. Will be signing a contract as soon as possible. A planning adjustment containing mostly minor changes has been submitted to Broxtowe Planning, with a decision

expected mid-April. A concern has been raised by the neighbours at number 17 about noise levels from the ventilation system. Our architect is in contact to reassure them we are taking measures to minimise any noise.

- Most work is complete on the Townscape Project. Still waiting on a response from Sainsbury's on the Garden Lighting. Our MP is chasing them up. Work will start mid-April on the exterior of the public toilets. Small wall plaques have been put up to acknowledge the businesses that have done work around the town.
- Planning Consent has been granted for the Pavilion at the Stag Ground. Work is in progress to tender for a contractor to carry out the work over the summer.
- An agreement regarding community use of the Junior Sports facilities on North Street has been reached. Funding for the work has been requested from Broxtowe Borough Council.
- Approximately £150,000 has been awarded to Kimberley Institute Cricket Club to install new nets, resurface the car park and fund work to obtain planning consent for a new cricket pavilion. Work on the car park is complete. The nets are subject to planning consent and are likely to be installed at the end of the playing season.
- Heads of Terms have been agreed for the Industrial Units and planning permission granted for large units on a site near Bennerley Viaduct. Further sites are being investigated.
- Work continues slowly on the Cycling and Active Travel Routes. Cllr S Boneham and Cllr T Rood have had positive discussions with Broxtowe Borough Council about improvements to the GNR footpath and the planting alongside it. A meeting has been scheduled with Nottinghamshire County Council.

TC/25/211 **Kimberley Means Business Membership**

It was resolved to remove Cllr N Oakden from the Working Group and appoint Cllr C Jennings.

TC/25/212 **Kimberley Miners Recreation Ground Trust**

The Trusteeship has now passed from Kimberley Town Council to the Kimberley Miners Recreation Ground Trust. Registration is underway.

TC/25/213 **Policies and Procedures**

It was resolved to adopt the Absence and Apologies Policy circulated with the agenda.

It was resolved the following existing Policies and Procedures will be reapproved: Financial Risk Assessment, Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy, Safeguarding Children Policy, Social Media and Advertising Policy, and Training and Development Policy.

It was resolved to accept the amendments on the following Policies and

Procedures from the Full Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025:  
Freedom of Information Act Publication Scheme Charges, GDPR Risk Assessment  
and Privacy Policy.

- TC/25/214     **Terms of Reference**  
It was resolved the following existing Terms of Reference will be reapproved with minor amendments:  
Terms of Reference Events, Terms of Reference Finance and Terms of Reference Kimberley Means Business Working Group.
- TC/25/215     **Finance Regulations**  
It was resolved the updated Financial Regulations circulated with the agenda will be approved.  
Noted, the Finance Regulations were updated because of the Procurement Act 2023 and the Procurement Regulations 2024 which came into force beginning of March 2025. The changes are to Financial Regulations 5.4, 5.7 and 5.11, as advised by NALC.
- TC/25/216     **Standing Orders**  
It was **resolved** the amended Standing Orders circulated with the agenda will be approved.
- TC/25/217     **Month End Finance Reports**  
Income and Expenditure Report, Balance Sheet and Actual payments for February were circulated prior to the meeting and noted.
- TC/25/218     **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/25/219     **Parish Hall Business Rates Rebate**  
It was resolved to use Goodman Nash to apply for business rates rebate from 2018 to present time. It was resolved the Clerk to sign and return the agreement.
- TC/25/220     **Cemetery Parking**  
It was resolved to purchase parking solution stabilisation grids for the cemetery, as proposed by the Estates and Environment committee, at a cost of £4,500 including VAT and delivery. These will be purchased in April from the cemetery land payment.
- TC/25/221     **Grant Application**  
It was resolved to pay £4,000.00 to Kimberley Institute Cricket Club (KICC) for a grant towards a drainage survey, ecology report and electrical installation for nets. Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

It is thought that KICC will also be entitled to £4,473 of their costs from the Kimberley Means Business (KMB) money. If they do receive the money from KMB they will need to repay £2,000 of the grant payment to Kimberley Town Council.

TC/25/222 **Local Government Reorganisation**

It was resolved Kimberley Town Council writes to Jim McMahon Minister for Local Government and Alex Norris MP placing on record our objections to any plans that see Kimberley moved into a new authority involving the current City Council, and to lay out any reasons why.

The item in support of the proposals made by Broxtowe Borough Council at their Full Council meeting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March in respect of the Local Government Reorganisation was withdrawn.

TC/25/223 **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.

Cllr A Cooper will speak to the Planning Officer to obtain more information on the planning application in Regent Street.

TC/25/224 **Dates of Next Meetings**

Events - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

Estates and Environment - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Full - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025

TC/25/225 **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 20.28.