

KEIGHLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Keighley Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Keighley Town Hall on Thursday, 27th June 2019

Present: Councillors: Abberton
Adams
Akhtar
Ali
Bernardini
Clarkson
Corkindale
Cooper
Curtis
Dowse
Fletcher
Graham
Herd
Kirby
Maunsell
Nazam
P Shaw
Shohid
Thorne
M Walker
Westerman

Also Present: Anne Wilson, Locum Town Clerk
Naomi Goddard, RFO
Members from Charlie's Angels Dance Group

Councillor Westerman informed members that the Charlie's Angels Dance Group had qualified for the World Championships which had been held in Blackpool the previous weekend and had gained numerous medals. He praised the dedication of both the dance group teach and the dancers. The Mayor presented certificates to a number of the dancers.

013/2019 (TC) Fire Safety Announcement

A fire safety announcement was made.

014/2019 (TC) Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to receive apologies from:

- Councillor A Ahmed, work commitments
- Councillor Anayat, work commitments
- Councillor Chapman, personal commitment
- Councillor A Walker, personal commitment

015/2019 (TC) Public Question Time and Participation

Christine Bell, Volunteer Lead for the Climate Control Group in Keighley, addressed members and asked what the Town Council's stance was on plastic pollution in the town.

The Mayor said that Item 7 on the agenda addressed this issue but also requested that the question be emailed to the office so a formal response could be issued.

016/2019 (TC) Minutes

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 16th May 2019 be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair with the addition of apologies from Councillor A Ahmed.

A member queried the fact that ballots were held for committee membership yet some Councillors were on more than one committee. The Locum Town Clerk confirmed she would respond to the query directly after the meeting.

017/2019 (TC) Committee Minutes

There were only two sets of minutes available which were from the Planning Committee on the 21st May and 4th June.

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the Planning Committee on the 21st May and 4th June 2019 and the recommendations contained therein with the amendment of removing Councillor P Shaw from being Chair on the 4th June minutes.

018/2019 (TC) Finance

The RFO informed members that the signed Annual Return had been received earlier that day from the Internal Auditors and by law it had to be signed and returned on Friday, 28th June 2019 and then published on the Council's website on Monday, 1st July 2019. She also said that if any amendments were required they could be made following the published date.

Members reviewed the Annual Return and congratulated the office staff, especially the RFO, as these were one of the best accounts the Town Council had returned.

018.1 Members received the Internal Auditors Report.

018.2 Members received and adopted the end of year, 31st March 2019, Accounts and Reconciliation Statement.

018.3 Members confirmed and approved the Annual Governance Statement.

018.4 **RESOLVED** that the Annual Return be confirmed and approved by Keighley Town Council.

019/2019 (TC) Motion to Full Council

RESOLVED that:

1. Keighley Town Council endorses efforts initiated by the Oakworth Community Trust and East Morton to work towards "Plastic Free" status for the villages and also endorses the efforts of the Plastic Free Keighley group which is currently being established.
2. Keighley Town Council follows in the direction of other Councils (both District and Parish) and declares a "Climate Emergency" in acknowledgement of the serious environmental threat which exists.
3. Keighley Town Council (through the relevant committee) operates an internal recycling scheme, in line with most households and other organisations, and will also consider adopting the TerraCycle scheme utilised by the Oakworth Community Trust.
4. Keighley Town Council, alongside other local groups and organisations, considers working towards making Keighley a "Plastic Free" town.
5. Keighley Town Council investigate the use of solar and wind power for the Civic Centre.

Members were encouraged to attend and join the Plastic Free Keighley group.

020/2019 (TC) Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED: to note that the date of the next scheduled meeting of this committee will be Thursday, 25th July 2019 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Keighley Town Hall.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 19.15.

Signed **Date**
Chair