

## KEIGHLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Keighley Town Council held in the Main Hall, Keighley Civic Centre on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020

**Present:** Councillors: Corkindale, Mayor  
Anayat, Deputy Mayor  
Abberton  
Adams  
Ali  
Bernardini  
Chapman  
Clarkson  
Cooper  
Curtis  
Graham  
C A Mahmood  
S Mahmood  
Nazam  
A Walker  
M Walker  
Westerman  
Wrench

**Also Present:** Joe Cooney, Town Clerk  
Christine Eastbury, Deputy Town Clerk  
Nichola Powell, Minute Taker  
Mark Watkin, Civic Centre Manager

### **086/2019 (TC ) Fire Safety Announcement**

A fire safety announcement was given at the start of the meeting and there was no fire drill scheduled to take place during the meeting.

### **087/2019 (TC) Apologies for Absence**

**RESOLVED** to receive apologies from:

- Councillor Akhtar, illness
- Councillor Dowse, annual leave
- Councillor Kirby, illness
- Councillor M Shaw, work commitments
- Councillor Zubair, illness

### **088/2019 (TC) Declarations of Interest**

**RESOLVED:** There were no declarations of interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and the relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 from Members or Officers.

### **089/2019 (TC) Public Question Time and Participation**

No members of the public had asked any questions about items on the agenda.

### **090/2019 (TC) Town Mayor**

#### **i) To Receive the Town Mayor's Opening Remarks**

The Mayor said he had attended numerous events over the Christmas period including but not limited to:

- the pensioners and Food Poverty Action Group lunches
- visit to Airedale General Hospital to deliver hampers for the staff
- visit to Norwood House and Laurel Mount Care Homes, and

- attendance at Councillor Barry Thorne and ex-Councillor Gary Pedley's funerals.
- ii) **Welcome to the Town Clerk**  
The Mayor welcomed Joe Cooney, the new Town Clerk, to Keighley Town Council.
- iii) **Welcome to the Newly Elected Deputy Mayor**  
The Mayor welcomed Councillor Anayat who had taken up the role of Deputy Town Mayor for the remainder of the 2019/20 municipal year.

Following a question from a member, Councillor Anayat confirmed he had resigned as leader of Keighley Labour Party.

- iv) **2 Minutes Silence**  
Keighley Town Council held 2 minutes silence in remembrance of Councillor Barry Thorne and ex-Councillor Gary Pedley.

#### **091/2019 (TC) Minutes**

**RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December November, 2019 be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

#### **092/2019 (TC) Reports from District Councillors and Invited Guests**

There were no District Councillors or invited guests present.

#### **093/2019 (TC) Committee Minutes**

**RESOLVED** to confirm the following minutes and the recommendations contained therein:

- Community Development - 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- Civic Centre and Strategy - 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- Watch and Transport - 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- Events and Leisure - 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- Policies and Governance - 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- Allotments and Landscapes - 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- Finance and Audit - 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- Planning - 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- Watch and Transport - 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020

#### **094/2019 (TC) Council Vacancies**

Councillors noted there were currently two vacancies following the death of Councillor Barry Thorne and the resignation of Councillor Samuel Fletcher. The official notice declaring the vacancies had been issued by Bradford MDC and the deadline for an election to be called in 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Should no election be called the vacancies will be filled via co-options.

#### **095/2019 (TC) Budget and Precept for 2020/21**

**RESOLVED** that:

1. Council agrees to the budget outlined in Appendix A for the financial year 2020/21.
2. Council agrees the precept amount of £528,963 for financial year 2020/21.

3. Council agrees to use £58,919 from its reserves to support its revenue budget for financial year 2020/21
4. Council agrees to the one-off items/capital spends as outlined in Appendix A.
5. Council requests a report on its budget position be provided by the Town Clerk by the end of October 2020.
6. Council requests a full review of the implementation of the Uniform Equality Scheme be undertaken and the appropriate accountable procedures be in place and a report be presented to Full Council for decision before September 2020.

Following a member's query the Town Clerk said that the auditors had not reviewed the accounts to date but over the past 2 years the expenditure of the Council had increased whereas the income had decreased, therefore, it was important to ensure that the reserve was appropriate for this size of Council.

#### **096/2019 (TC) FA Grants and Sponsorships**

The Town Clerk said that the Finance & Audit Committee had no remaining monies to offer large grants/sponsorships which was why these items had come to the Town Council for approval. Also the KTC Financial Regulations state that any grants and/or sponsorships over £1,000 shall be considered by the Full Council.

#### **Resolved that:**

1. The application from Keighley Healthy Living for £7731 per year be rejected as part of the cost would be for salaries and criteria 4 of the grants policy states funding provided cannot be used fund salaries costs.
2. The application from Keighley Creative Space for £5000 be rejected as part of the cost would be for salaries and criteria 4 of the grants policy states funding provided cannot be used fund salaries costs.
3. The application from Keighley Cadets and Royal Marine Cadets be approved up to £3,000.
4. A virement of up to £3,000 from the Acorn Fund to the Grants fund be approved to fund the application.

#### **097/2019 (TC) Committee Vacancies**

To elect members to fill the vacancies on the following Committees:

- i) **RESOLVED** that Councillor M Walker be elected to the Civic Centre & Strategy Committee.
- ii) **RESOLVED** that Councillors Bernardini and C A Mahmood be elected to the Community Development Committee.
- iii) **RESOLVED** that Councillor Adams be elected to the Finance & Audit Committee.

- iv) **RESOLVED** that Councillor Adams be elected to the Human Resources Committee.
- v) **RESOLVED** that elections to fill the 2 vacancies for the Planning Committee be deferred to the next meeting.
- vi) **RESOLVED** that Councillor Graham be elected to the Policies & Governance Committee.
- vii) **RESOLVED** that elections to fill the 2 vacancies for the Watch & Transport Committee be deferred to the next meeting.

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## 098/2019 (TC) Notice of Motions

### i) Standards Committee

**RESOLVED** that Councillors reimburse the Council if they get referred for training by the Standards Board. *2 for 16 against.*

Following discussions members said that if Councillors had already had the training and it was a matter of re-training costs should be paid for by the Councillor, however, if no training had been undertaken then the cost of the training should be paid for by the Council.

**RESOLVED** that the Council's Yorkshire Local Council Association representatives raise the issue at the next YLCA meeting and feed back to the next Town Council meeting.

### ii) Australian Wildfires

**RESOLVED** that the Council affirms our solidarity and support with the people of Australia. Council also thanked those people donating from the largest donations to the smallest. The Town Clerk will publish a copy of this statement on the Council's website and social media platforms. He would also write, on behalf of the Council, to the Australian High Commission to offer Keighley Town Council's thoughts and support for the people of Australia during this extremely difficult time.

### iii) CSE Working Group

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Anayat to sit as the Council's representative for the Keighley CSE Working Group whilst he is Deputy Mayor.

Members discussed the fact that no other Councillors had been given the opportunity to put their names forward to sit on the Keighley CSE Working Group. However, some members acknowledged that as Councillor Anayat had been on the Group for 2 years, albeit in a different capacity, he should continue for the remainder of the municipal year.

**RESOLVED** that members are given the opportunity to put their names forward to sit on the Keighley CSE Working Group. *6 for 8 against, therefore, the original resolution was carried.*

## 099/2019 (TC) Any Items for Discussion for Future Agenda

- Plastic Free Council
- Sangat Centre

## 100/2019 (TC) Reports from Town Councillors

There were no reports from Town Councillors.

## 101/2019 (TC) Date of Next Meeting

**RESOLVED** to note that the date of the next scheduled meeting of this committee will be Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Keighley Town Hall.

The Town Clerk informed members that items 17 and 18 on the agenda were no longer applicable.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20.00.

Signed ..... Date .....  
Chair

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