



KEIGHLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Keighley Town Council held at Keighley Civic Centre, North Street, Keighley, BD21 3RZ on Thursday 22 July 2021, 6:00pm.

Present:

Cllr J. Adams – Town Mayor	Cllr M. Curtis	Cllr A. Shohid
Cllr L. Maunsell – Deputy Town Mayor	Cllr M. Dowse	Cllr M. Walker
Cllr C. Abberton	Cllr C. Graham	Cllr M. Westerman
Cllr A. Ahmed	Cllr C. Herd	Cllr L. Wrench
Cllr N. Ali	Cllr J. Kirby	Cllr M. Wood
Cllr M. Anayat	Cllr S. Mahmood	
Cllr E. Bernardini	Cllr M. Ikram	
Cllr P. Corkindale	Cllr P. Cooke	

Also Present: Pip Gibson, Assistant Town Clerk

035/2021 (TC) Welcome & Fire Arrangements

The Town Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded those present of the arrangements should the fire alarm sound.

036/2021 (TC) Apologies

RESOLVED: The following apologies be accepted from Cllrs Clarkson, Cooper, Nazam, A Walker and Zubair.

037/2021 (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.

038/2021 (TC) Public Question Time

None.

039/2021 (TC) Town Mayor

i) To receive the Town Mayor Opening Remarks

The Town Mayor presented Cllr Corkindale with his medal of office for serving as Deputy Mayor and Town Mayor.

The Town Mayor presented Cllr Anayat with his medal of office for serving as Deputy Mayor.

The Town Mayor presented a recognition award to Anthony Hennigan who has walked Lands End to John O'Groats for times raising funds for Manorlands hospice to date he has raised over £14,000

ii) To receive details of the all the invitations that the Mayor has accepted since taking office. The Mayor reported the following visits;

Hosted Afternoon Tea as part of Capt. Tom Memorial
Visited Oldfield Primary School.
Hosted the School Achievers Awards at Civic Centre.

040/2021 (TC) Minutes

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24 June 2021 be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

041/2021 (TC) Exclusion of Public and Press

RECOMMENDED That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw, due to the nature of the business about to be transacted which is considered to be prejudicial to the public interest.

042/2021 (TC) Councillor Co-option

Members interviewed the following candidates for the vacancy in Fell Lane & Westburn ward.

Jalal Uddin Sheikh – Nominated by Cllr Bernardini, seconded by Cllr Anayat
Kamal Hussain – Nominated by Cllr Shohid, seconded by Cllr Kirby
David Earnshaw- Nominated by Cllr Corkindale, seconded by Cllr Dowse

Following the interviews, the press and public left the meeting for the members to discuss the applicants.

The press and public were readmitted to the meeting before the votes were taken.

Round 1

Jalal Uddin Sheikh 7	Kamal Hussain 10	David Earnshaw 3
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As no candidate received a majority, David Earnshaw was eliminated.

Round 2

Jalal Uddin Sheikh 7	Kamal Hussain 14
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RESOLVED Muhammed Kamal Hussain duly elected at Councillor for Fell Lane and Westburn Ward.

043/2021 (TC) Responsible Finance Officer

Members considered a recommendation from the Human Resources Committee to appoint Candidate D as the RFO following the recruitment process.

RESOLVED that Council approve Candidate D as RFO.

RESOLVED that Council delegate to the Town Clerk the exact commencement date for the new RFO.

RESOLVED that Council notes the Town Clerk will no longer be acting RFO after the agreed commencement date.

RESOLVED that Council notes the temporary uplift in the Town Clerk's salary whilst acting RFO will end on the day prior to the new RFO commencing their contract.

044/2021 (TC) Notice of Motion

Protecting our green space

Proposed by Cllr Javaid Akhtar, Seconded by Cllr Westerman.

Keighley Town Council wants to see a vibrant and bustling town centre, providing employment, economic development and useable publicly open spaces that will benefit all residents of Keighley. The Council are concerned about the number of empty buildings in the town centre and the possible loss of vitally important town centre green space.

The Council believes before any green space is used for development a full audit of all publicly owned buildings and land is undertaken to identify if they could be repurposed for an alternative use. This could be land owned by Bradford MDC, NHS, Police, Fire Service, etc.

The recently announced Town Deal funding provides the ideal opportunity to rethink the usage of unused land and buildings in the town centre, whilst at the same time protecting, and improving the existing green spaces in the town centre.

Therefore, this council resolves to:

RESOLVED to instruct the Town Clerk to write to the Chief Executive Officers of all relevant public bodies with buildings and/or land in Keighley seeking information on what plans they have for any empty or underused buildings within Keighley.

RESOLVED to instruct the Town Clerk to write to the Chief Executive of Bradford MDC to reaffirm the Council support to retain the former college site as green space and to again offer the council's co-operation to finding a long-term solution for the site.

RESOLVED instruct the Town Clerk to make the contents of this council motion public both in local press and on the council's social media pages.

RESOLVED instructs the Town Clerk to share any responses received with all Councillors.

045/2021 (TC) Date and time of next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 30 September 2021 6.30pm at Keighley Civic Centre.

Signed Date
Chair