

KEIGHLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Keighley Town Council held remotely via Zoom, on Thursday 24 September 2020.

Present: Councillors: Corkindale – Town Mayor
Adams – Deputy Mayor
Abberton
Ahmed
Akhtar
Anayat
Bernardini
Clarkson
Cooper
Dowse
Graham
Herd
Kirby
Maunsell
Nazam
S Mahmood
M Shaw
Shohid
A Walker
M Walker
Wrench
Westerman

Also Present: Joe Cooney, Town Clerk
Brian Morris, Contracts and I.T. Officer
Cllr Russell Brown, Bradford MDC
Cllr Caroline Firth, Bradford MDC
Jonathan Hayes, Bradford MDC

044/2020 (TC) Welcome & Introduction

The Town Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded members of the arrangements for virtual meetings.

045/2020 (TC) Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED: The following apologies be accepted from:

Cllr Curtis
Cllr C Mahmood.

046/2020 (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.

047/2020 (TC) Public Question Time

None.

048/2020 (TC) Town Mayor

The Town Mayor updated members that a total of £3,100 had been raised in the previously mayoral year and a cheque had now been handed over to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

The Mayor acknowledged fundraising continues to be difficult in the current circumstances, but the Mayors Charitable Trust Committee is looking at various options. Including a Lock In using the police cells. More details will be provided in due course.

049/2020 (TC) Minutes

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 30 July 2020 be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

050/2020 (TC) Reports from District Councillors and Invited Guests

i) Cllr Russell Brown updated council on the first meeting of the Town Deal Board. Cllr Herd informed members that fly-tipping has increased recently, and any issues should be reported to Bradford MDC.

ii) Peace, Justice and Environmental Network

Mrs Sylvia Boyes addressed council on behalf of the above group regarding the council motion on Nuclear Disarmament. Mrs Boyes urged members to support the motion which would be debated later in the meeting.

051/2020 (TC) Committee Minutes

i) **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Human Resources Committee held on Thursday 18 June 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

ii) **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Watch & Transport Committee held on Monday 3 August 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

iii) **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Policy & Governance Committee held on Tuesday 7 July 2020 and Tuesday 4 August 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

iv) **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Community Development Committee held on Wednesday 5 August 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

v) **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 23 June 2020, Tuesday 14 July 2020, Tuesday 28 July 2020, Tuesday 11 August 2020 and Tuesday 25 August 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

vi) **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Finance & Audit Committee held on Monday 20 July 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

vii) **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Town Plan Steering Group held on Monday 14 September 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

052/2020 (TC) Committee Vacancies

RESOLVED to approve the following appointments to the Council Committees detailed below:

Events & Leisure – Cllr Anayat
Policy & Governance – Cllr Ahmed
Human Resources – Cllr Maunsell
Community Development – Abberton
Allotment & Landscape – Cllr M Shaw

053/2020 (TC) Gifts and Hospitality Policy

Council considered the Gifts & Hospitality policy recommended by the Policy & Governance Committee.

RESOLVED that Council approves the Gifts & Hospitality policy.

RESOLVED to request the Town Clerk provides an update on the register annually to Council.

054/2020 (TC) Equal Opportunities Policy

Council considered the Equal Opportunity policy recommended by the Policy & Governance Committee.

RESOLVED that Council approves the Equal Opportunity policy.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk provides an update on the policy at least annually to the Policy & Governance Committee.

055/2020 (TC) Outcome of Complaints

Council considered the report from the Town Clerk on the outcome of a recent complaint to the Council.

RESOLVED to note the report.

056/2020 (TC) Mayor's Allowance

Council considered the report from the Town Clerk regarding the Mayor's Allowance for 2020/21.

RESOLVED that Council agrees the Mayor's Allowance for 2020/21 be set at £5,700.

RESOLVED that Council agrees to pay the Town Mayor 50% (£2,850) via the normal allowance payment process.

RESOLVED that a virement of £2,850 from the Councillor Allowance budget line to the Civic & Ceremonial budget line be made for financial year 2020/21.

057/2020 (TC) Christmas Office Arrangements

Council considered the recommendation from the Human Resources Committee regarding the Christmas working arrangements for staff.

RESOLVED that the office will be closed from 12.30pm on Thursday 24th December 2020 and reopen on Tuesday 29th December 2020.

RESOLVED that the office will be closed from 12.30pm on Thursday 31st December and reopen on Monday 4th January 2021.

058/2020 (TC) National Pay Scales 2020/21

Council considered a report from the Human Resources Committee regarding the increase in the nationally agreed pay scales.

RESOLVED to agree and accept the new national pay scales for 2020/21.

059/2020 (TC) Town Deal Board Representative

Council was asked to nominate a representative and a substitute to represent the council on the Town Deal board.

RESOLVED that Councillor Corkindale be nominated as the Councils representative.

For the substitute role, two nominations were proposed:

Cllr Adams Proposed by Cllr Westerman and Seconded by Cllr Graham
Cllr Nazam Proposed by Cllr Corkindale and Seconded by Cllr Abberton

On being put to the vote it was;

RESOLVED that Cllr Nazam be appointed as the Councils substitute member on the Town Deal Board.

060/2020 (TC) Town Plan Terms of Reference

Council considered a report from the Assistant Town Clerk/CDO regarding minor amendments to the Town Plan Steering Group Terms of Reference.

RESOLVED to approve the amendments to the Town Plan Steering Group Terms of Reference.

061/2020 (TC) Notices of Motion

UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Moved by Cllr Corkindale

Seconded by Cllr Adams

Keighley Town Council:

- Is deeply concerned about the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world, including ours. Any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment.
- Firmly believes that our residents have the right to live in a world free from this threat.
- Recognises the necessity of creating a nuclear weapons free world.
- Consequently, declares its unequivocal support for the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, a treaty adopted by 122 nations in July 2017. This Treaty once ratified will result in a complete prohibition on developing, testing and using nuclear weapons.
- Is disappointed that the United Kingdom government has refused to sign or ratify this landmark treaty.

This Council resolves to write to:

- The United Kingdom government urging it to sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, thereby joining the global majority of countries opposed to nuclear weapons.
- Local Members of Parliament urging them to press the UK Government to sign and ratify this Treaty.

The following amendment was proposed by Cllr Maunsell and seconded by Cllr M Walker

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- Consequently, urges the government to recommit to its responsibilities as outlined in the Treaty of the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, which was signed by the UK in 1968. This includes, but is not limited to, its duty to ensuring the eventual disarmament of nuclear weapons as highlighted in Article VI of the treaty.
- Urges the UK government to explain what recent actions it has taken to meet the requirements of the 1968 treaty and what is been done to bring the few non signatories on board (North Korea, India, Pakistan and South Sudan).

This Council resolves to write to:

- The United Kingdom government urging it to consider the above motion and to provide the information requested.
- The local Members of Parliament urging them to support this motion and to push the UK government to do so as well.

The amendment was accepted by Cllr Corkindale and Cllr Adams and became the substantive motion.

A majority of members agreed to:

RESOLVED to write to the United Kingdom government urging it to consider the above motion and to provide the information requested.

RESOLVED to write to the local Member of Parliament urging them to support this motion and to push the UK government to do so as well

062/2020 (TC) Agenda items for a future meeting

None.

063/2020 (TC) Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED to note the date of the next scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held on Thursday 26 November at 6.30pm.

Signed Date
Chair