



KEIGHLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council of the Keighley Town Council held at Keighley Town Hall, Bow Street, Keighley, BD21 3RY on Thursday 24 November 2022, 6:30pm.

Present:

Cllr Luke Maunsell – Mayor	Cllr Kamal Hussain
Cllr John Kirby – Deputy Mayor	Cllr Peter Kates
Cllr Clare Abberton	Cllr John Lawless
Cllr Allan Clark	Cllr Abdul Shohid
Cllr Paul Cook	Cllr Andrea Walker
Cllr Peter Corkindale	Cllr Mick Westerman
Cllr Mark Curtis	

Also Present: Joe Cooney, Town Clerk
Pip Gibson, Deputy Town Clerk

Minute Ref	Agenda Item
054/2022 (TC)	Welcome from Chairman Cllr Maunsell welcomed members to the meeting.
055/2022 (TC)	036/2022 (TC) Apologies for Absence RESOLVED the following apologies to be accepted from Cllrs Adams, Akhtar, Dowse, Graham, Herd and M Walker.
056/2022 (TC)	037/2022 (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.
057/2022 (TC)	038/2022 (TC) Public Question Time Mr Fulton asked if anything further could be done to raise awareness of the Town Deal Fund and the Green Space campaign.
058/2022 (TC)	Town Mayor i) Opening Remarks

	<p>The Town Mayor thanked everyone for their support at the recent Community Awards and Remembrance Sunday.</p> <p>ii) Mayoral Invitations</p> <p>The Mayor has undertaken the following Mayoral engagements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30.9.22 – Keighley Business Awards • 3.10.22 – Centenary letter to Vivienne Foulds Gershon • 8.10.22 - Malayalam UK awards • 9.10.22 – Hebden Royd Civic Ceremony • 15.10.22 – Keighley In Bloom Award Ceremony • 20.10.22 – Keighley Musical Theatre Company production of The Addams Family Music • 22.10.22 – Holden Park Open Day • 22.10.22 – The Royal Arcade Halloween Event • 23.10.22 – Otley Mayor Civic Ceremony • 28.10.22 – People First Keighley and Craven Podcast • 29.10.22 – Poppy Appeal Launch • 29.10.22 – Halloween event in Keighley Market • 30.10.22 – Halloween sweet delivery via the Sue Belcher Association. • 11.11.12 – Men of Worth Armistice Day event in Keighley Library • 11.11.12 – Armistice Day service • 13.11.22 – Remembrance Sunday • 19.11.22 – Keighley Baubles Launch event • 19.11.22 – Keighley Community Awards • 20.11.22 – Sue Belcher Pre Christmas Fair
059/2022 (TC)	<p>039/2022 (TC) Minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 29 September 2022 be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.</p>
060/2022 (TC)	<p>040/2022 (TC) Progress Report</p> <p>Members received an update on decisions taken at the Full Council meeting held Thursday 29 September 2022.</p> <p>RESOLVED to note the update</p>
061/2022 (TC)	<p>Report from District Councillors and Invited Guests</p> <p>i) Report from District Councillors</p> <p>None</p> <p>ii) Report from invited guests</p> <p>None</p>
062/2022 (TC)	<p>Committee Minutes</p>

	<p>Members received the following committee minutes;</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>1. Allotments & Landscapes</td><td>11 July 2022</td></tr> <tr><td>2. Civic Centre & Strategy</td><td>19 October 2022</td></tr> <tr><td>3. Community Development</td><td>6 July 2022</td></tr> <tr><td>4. Events & Leisure</td><td>14 July 2022</td></tr> <tr><td>5. Finance & Audit</td><td>18 July 2022</td></tr> <tr><td>6. Finance & Audit</td><td>24 October 2022</td></tr> <tr><td>7. Planning</td><td>28 June 2022</td></tr> <tr><td>8. Planning</td><td>12 July 2022</td></tr> <tr><td>9. Planning</td><td>26 July 2022</td></tr> <tr><td>10. Planning</td><td>27 September 2022</td></tr> <tr><td>11. Planning</td><td>11 October 2022</td></tr> <tr><td>12. Planning</td><td>25 October 2022</td></tr> <tr><td>13. Policies & Governance</td><td>5 July 2022</td></tr> <tr><td>14. Policies & Governance</td><td>6 September 2022</td></tr> <tr><td>15. Policies & Governance</td><td>4 October 2022</td></tr> <tr><td>16. Watch & Transport</td><td>5 September 2022</td></tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED to receive and note the above listed committee minutes.</p>	1. Allotments & Landscapes	11 July 2022	2. Civic Centre & Strategy	19 October 2022	3. Community Development	6 July 2022	4. Events & Leisure	14 July 2022	5. Finance & Audit	18 July 2022	6. Finance & Audit	24 October 2022	7. Planning	28 June 2022	8. Planning	12 July 2022	9. Planning	26 July 2022	10. Planning	27 September 2022	11. Planning	11 October 2022	12. Planning	25 October 2022	13. Policies & Governance	5 July 2022	14. Policies & Governance	6 September 2022	15. Policies & Governance	4 October 2022	16. Watch & Transport	5 September 2022
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063/2022 (TC)	<p>Exclusion of Press & Public – For Decision</p> <p>RESOLVED 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.</p>																																
064/2022 (TC)	<p>Co-option Vacancy Morton & Sandbeds Ward</p> <p>Members discussed the following candidates:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Daniel Priestley - Martin Crangle - Wendy Harrison <p style="text-align: center;">**Press & Public readmitted to the meeting**</p> <p>The following candidates were proposed and seconded to fill vacancy in Morton & Sandbeds Ward</p> <p>Martin Crangle proposed by Cllr Abberton seconded by Cllr Shohid</p> <p>Wendy Harrison proposed by Cllr Westerman seconded by Cllr Cook</p> <p>RESOLVED that Martin Crangle be co-opted to fill vacancy in Morton & Sandbeds ward.</p>																																
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	<p>i) Civic Centre & Strategy Cllr Crangle Proposed by Cllr Corkindale Seconded by Cllr Westerman</p> <p>RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Crangle to the Civic Centre & Strategy Committee</p> <p>ii) Finance & Audit Committee Cllr Crangle Proposed by Cllr Abberton Seconded by Cllr A Walker</p> <p>RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Crangle to the Finance & Audit Committee</p>
066/2022 (TC)	<p>Local Council Award Scheme</p> <p>Members discussed a report from the Town Clerk setting out how the council meets the requirements of the Foundation Award in the Local Council Award Scheme.</p> <p>RESOLVED Council approved the recommendation from the Policies & Governance to submit an application for the Local Council Foundation Award.</p> <p>RESOLVED Council confirmed all necessary criteria has been met and evidence accordingly.</p>
067/2022 (TC)	<p>Occasional Working from Home Policy</p> <p>Members discussed a recommendation from the Human Resources Committee regarding a new Occasional Working from Home Policy.</p> <p>RESOLVED council approved the recommendation from the Human Resources Committee to adopt the Occasional working from home policy.</p>
068/2022 (TC)	<p>Outside Bodies Report</p> <p>i) YLCA Cllr Westerman provided a general update on YLCA.</p> <p>ii) Bronte Partnership No update</p> <p>iii) Oakworth Village Society Cllr Maunsell - a written report has been circulated to all Councillors.</p> <p>iv) Parish Liaison Group Cllr Maunsell – a written report has been circulated to all Councillors.</p> <p>v) Child Exploitation Group Cllr Westerman – nothing to report still waiting information from Bradford</p>

	<p>MDC.</p> <p>vi) Town Deal Board Cllr Corkindale provided an update on the latest position on the potential Health Hub.</p> <p>vii) Green Space Campaign Group Cllr Cook – nothing further to report.</p> <p>viii) Armed Forces Champion Cllr Adams – a written report has been circulated to all Councillors</p> <p>xi) Climate Change Champion Cllr Corkindale – a written report has been circulated to all Councillors</p>
069/2022 (TC)	<p>Notices of Motion</p> <p>i) Town Twinning</p> <p>A motion for a new Town Twinning proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Full Council notes the suggestion by Cllr Emmanuel Bernadini that Keighley twins with the Italian Town of Bagnacavallo. • That Full Council agrees, in principle, to the Twinning of the towns. • That Full Council requests that the Policies and Governance committee investigates the process, costs and implications of such a twinning and provide recommendations to Full Council for consideration. <p>Proposed by Cllr Westerman seconded by Cllr Maunsell to reject the motion.</p> <p>RESOLVED to reject the motion.</p> <p>ii) Fair Tax Declaration</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Kates and seconded by Cllr Corkindale</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Kates</p> <p>Full Council notes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pressure on organisations to pay their fair share of tax has never been stronger. • Polling from the Institute for Business Ethics finds that “corporate tax avoidance” has, since 2013, been the clear number one concern of the British public when it comes to business conduct. • Two thirds of people (66%) believe the Government and local councils should at least consider a company’s ethics and how they pay their tax, as well as value for money and quality of service provided, when awarding contracts to companies.

- Around 17.5% of public contracts in the UK have been won by companies with links to tax havens.
- It has been conservatively estimated that losses from multinational profit-shifting (just one form of tax avoidance) could be costing the UK some £17bn per annum in lost corporation tax revenues.
- The Fair Tax Mark offers a means for business to demonstrate good tax conduct and has been secured by a wide range of businesses across the UK, including FTSE-listed PLCs, co-operatives, social enterprises and large private businesses.

Full Council believes that:

- Paying tax is often presented as a burden, but it shouldn't be.
- Tax enables us to provide services from education, health, and social care, to flood defence, roads, policing, and defence. It also helps to counter financial inequalities and rebalance distorted economies.
- As recipients of significant public funding, local authorities should take the lead in the promotion of exemplary tax conduct; be that by ensuring contractors are paying their proper share of tax, or by refusing to go along with offshore tax dodging when buying land and property.
- Where councils hold substantive stakes in private enterprises, influence should be wielded to ensure that such businesses are exemplars of tax transparency and tax avoidance is shunned.
- More action is needed, however, as current and proposed new UK procurement law significantly restricts councils' ability to either penalise poor tax conduct (as exclusion grounds are rarely triggered) or reward good tax conduct, when buying goods or services.
- UK cities, counties and towns can and should stand up for responsible tax conduct - doing what they can within existing frameworks and pledging to do more given the opportunity, as active supporters of international tax justice.

RESOLVED that Council:

- Approves the Councils for Fair Tax Declaration.
- Lead by example and demonstrate good practice in our tax conduct, right across our activities.
- Ensure IR35 is implemented robustly, and contract workers pay a fair share of employment taxes.
- Not use offshore vehicles for the purchase of land and property, especially where this leads to reduced payments of stamp duty.
- Undertake due diligence to ensure that not-for-profit structures are not being used inappropriately by suppliers as an artificial device to reduce the payment of tax and business rates.
- Demand clarity on the ultimate beneficial ownership of suppliers UK and overseas and their consolidated profit & loss position, given lack of clarity could be strong indicators of poor financial probity and weak financial standing.
- Promote Fair Tax Mark certification especially for any business in which we have a significant stake and where corporation tax is due.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the next scheduled reviews of all related policies to procurement and finance, ensure that these policies are compatible with the Councils for Fair Tax Declaration and the above.
070/2022 (TC)	<p>Date & Time of next meeting</p> <p>RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 19 January 2023 at Keighley Town Hall.</p>

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