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To all members of the Town Council

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Town Council to be held in the Selina Cooper Hall, Unity Wellbeing Centre, Vernon Street, Nelson on **Wednesday 19th May** at **7.30pm**

To request attendance please email info@nelsontowncouncil.gov.uk

N. Harbour

Mr Nicholas Harbour
Assistant Town Clerk

Council Members

Cllr Zafar Ali (Chairman)
Cllr George Adam
Cllr Faraz Ahmad
Cllr Omar Ahmed
Cllr Zulfiqar C Ali
Cllr Husnan Arshad
Cllr Mohammad Aslam
Cllr Ali H Baig

Cllr N Hayat (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Sadia Bashir
Cllr Laura Blackburn
Cllr Wayne Blackburn
Cllr P Hannah-Wood
Cllr Fiona Holland
Cllr Mashuq Hussain OBE
Cllr M Latif

Cllr M Pearson-Asher
Cllr N Pearson-Asher
Cllr Mohammad Sakib
Cllr Mohammad Sarwar
Cllr Russell Tennant
Cllr Ikram Ul-Haq
Cllr Sheila Wicks

Recording of Council Meetings

Under the Openness of Local Govt. Bodies Regulations 2014, members of the public may now film, photograph and make audio recordings of the proceedings of the formal Council meeting, though not, under current legislation, of the Public Participation session, as this is not part of the formal agenda of the meeting. Recording activity should be respectful to the conduct of the meeting and behaviour that disrupts the meeting (such as oral commentary) will not be permitted

Public Participation

- Notice is given that at a time agreed by the meeting, 15 minutes may be set aside for members of the public to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting
- Any member of the public shall not speak for more than five minutes.

- A question asked by a Member of the Public during Public Participation shall not require a response or debate during the meeting though the Chairman may direct that a written response will be provided subsequent to the meeting.

A G E N D A

1.	<p>One Minute Silence The Chairman invites members to observe a one minute of silence</p>
2.	<p>Election of Town Council Chairman To elect a Town Council Chairman for 2021/22 municipal year</p>
3.	<p>Election of Town Council Vice-Chairman To elect a Town Council Vice-Chairman for the 2021/22 municipal year</p>
4.	<p>Apologies for Absence To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Assistant Clerk prior to the meeting.</p>
5.	<p>Declarations of Interests To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting. Officers are required to make a formal declaration about council contracts where the employee has a financial interest.</p> <p>Note: Members must generally declare a disclosable pecuniary interest which he or she has in any item on the Agenda. A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest may not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting and must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting. In addition, the Council's Standing Orders require a Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest to leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place.</p>
6.	<p>Adjournment for Public Participation To adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes to allow members of the public to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting.</p> <p>No resolutions can be under public participation.</p>
7.	<p>Minutes To approve the draft minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10 March 2021 (previously circulated).</p>
8.	<p>New Councillor – Atique Rehman To note the appointment of Atique Rehman in the Southfield Ward following the recent elections and Atique Rehman to sign the Declaration of Acceptance.</p>
9.	<p>Vacancy – Marsden West Ward To note the vacancy for the Marsden West Ward. The appropriate notice period was advertised on the Council website and noticeboard. No requests were received by the office or Pendle Borough Council's elections team, meaning a new Councillor can be co-opted to the vacancy.</p>
10.	<p>Review of Delegation arrangements to committees, sub-committees, staff and other local authorities To review and adopt the Scheme of Delegation that contains the delegation arrangements to staff, committees and sub-committees of the Town Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, s101. The Scheme of Delegation contains the terms of reference for each standing</p>

	<p>Motion moved by Councillor Zafar Ali: The Council notes with great concern the blatant disregard for human rights by Israeli forces in the occupied Palestinian lands with aerial/ground attacks against innocent civilians.</p> <p>The Council notes the state sanctioned forced evictions of Palestinians from their homes</p> <p>The Council notes the silence from HM government in speaking out against the illegal government sponsored attacks against civilians.</p> <p>The Council resolves to:</p> <p>(1) show solidarity with the people of Palestine during their struggle for freedom</p> <p>(2) write to the Prime Minister & Foreign Secretary demanding immediate condemnation by HM government against the actions of Israeli forces.</p> <p>(3) ask HM government to raise this at the United Nations Security Council and seek sanctions against the government of Israel</p>
19.	<p>Christmas Lights Contract To consider an extension of the existing contract with LITE for the Christmas Lights in Nelson Town Centre. LITE have agreed to keep prices frozen for an additional three years and replace all existing bulbs with new LED ones.</p>
20.	<p>St Philip's/ St John's Churchyard, Barkerhouse Road – Notice of Closure To receive an update around the request made by St Philip's/ St John's Churchyard for the Town Council to take over ownership of the churchyard.</p>
21.	<p>Community Governance Review To receive an update on the Community Governance Review being undertaken by Pendle Borough Council</p>
22.	<p>Pendle Local Plan Update To receive an update around the Pendle Local Plan.</p>
23.	<p>Any items for discussion for a future agenda To notify the Assistant Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.</p>
24.	<p>Date of the Next Town Council Meeting The date of the next meeting of the Council is due to be held on Wednesday 9th June 2021.</p>