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#### To all members of the Town Council

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND a meeting of the Town Council to be held in the Council Chambers, Nelson Town Hall, Market Street on Wednesday 09th October at 7.00pm

N. Harbour

Mr Nicholas Harbour

**Assistant Town Clerk to the Town Council** 

S. Kauser

Ms Safia Kauser

**Town Clerk to the Town Council** 

## **Council Members**

Cllr Zafar Ali (Chairman)	Cllr N Hayat (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr M Pearson-Asher
Cllr George Adam	Cllr Sadia Bashir	Cllr N Pearson-Asher
Cllr Faraz Ahmad	Cllr Laura Blackburn	Cllr Saanval Safir
Cllr Omar Ahmed	Cllr Wayne Blackburn	Cllr Mohammad Sakib
Cllr Zulfiqar C Ali	Cllr P Hannah-Wood	Cllr Mohammad Sarwar
Cllr Husnan Arshad	Cllr Fiona Holland	Cllr Russell Tennant
Cllr Mohammad Aslam	Cllr Mashuq Hussain OBE	Cllr Ikram Ul-Haq
Cllr Ali H Baig	Cllr M Latif	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.

## AGENDA

#### 1. One Minute Silence

The Chairman invites members to observe a one minute of silence

## 2. Chairman's Opening Remarks

To receive the Chairman's opening remarks

#### 3. Apologies for Absence

To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

## 4. 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.

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.

#### 5. 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. No resolutions can be under public participation.

## 6. Reports from Borough and County Councillors

To receive reports from the Borough or County Councillors

#### 7. Minutes

To approve the draft minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11 September 2019 (previously circulated)

#### 8. Committee Minutes

To confirm the receipt of committee minutes previously circulated:

Environmental Improvements 04 September 2019
Events, Promotional and Marketing 04 September 2019
Full Council 11 September 2019
Finance and General Purposes 25 September 2019

Note: All council minutes are available on the Town Council website. Members are required to confirm the receipt of committee minutes. Any amendments to the draft committee minutes can only be made at the next relevant committee meeting where the meeting will be required to confirm the accuracy of the minutes and approve as a true record of proceedings.

## 9. Notice of Motion: Human Rights Abuse in Kashmir

Motion moved by Councillor Zafar Ali: "Nelson Town Council acknowledges the large number of Nelson residents who hail from the Kashmir region and shares their concern at the decision of the Indian Government to unilaterally revoke Article 370 and 35a from their constitution which gives the state power to define permanent residents and their privileges.

Nelson Town Council notes the real risk of war breaking out between India and Pakistan who are both nuclear powers. Nelson Town Council appeals to both governments to seek a resolution through dialogue with the interest of Kashmiri people first and foremost.

Council resolves to write to Andrew Stephenson MP, Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary to ask that HM Government act as a real mediator to stop the human rights abuse in Kashmir being carried out by the agents of the Indian Government."

Proposed by Councillor Zafar Ali Seconded by Councillor Nazeem Hayat.

## 10. Highways Budget

To look at increasing the Highways Budget in order to obtain match funding from Lancashire County Council to go towards repairs of highways in Nelson as discussed at the last Full Council meeting.

## 11. Committee Membership

To consider the current committee membership.

#### 12. Serious Crime in Nelson

To receive an update from Andy Cartwright around Policing issues in Nelson and to identify ways of working collaboratively to make Pendle safer for residents and visitors.

## 13. Nelson FC in the Community

To look at ways in which this Council can support the work which Nelson FC in the Community are undertaking in the local area.

## 14. Lottery Heritage Update and Selina Cooper Hall History

To receive an update on the re-submission of the lottery heritage application.

#### 15. Transferred Services

To receive reports and consider any actions required in relation to transferred services.

(Report enclosed)

- a) CCTV monitoring
- b) MUGAs/Play Areas
- c) Parks Services

#### 16. Any items for discussion for a future agenda

To notify the Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.

#### 17. Date of the Next Committee Meeting

To note the date of the next committee meeting scheduled to take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm, Nelson Town Hall.