



Minutes of a meeting of Nelson Town Council held on Wednesday 09th February 2022 at the Unity Well Being Centre, Vernon Street, Nelson, Lancashire

Commenced: 7.00pm - Concluded: 7.45pm

Councillors Present: Councillors Zafar Ali [Chair], George Adam, Faraz Ahmad, Omar Ahmed, Husnan Arshad, Sadia Bashir, Rehan Hanif, Patricia Hannah-Wood, Mohammad Kamran Latif, Mohammad Sarwar, Russell Tennant, Yvonne Tennant, Ikram Ul-Haq and Sheila Wicks

Absent Councillors: Councillors Zulfiqar Ali, Mohammad Aslam, Ali Baig, Wayne Blackburn, Nazeem Hayat, Mashuq Hussain OBE, Michelle Pearson-Asher, Nigel Pearson-Asher, Atique Rehman, and Mohammad Sakib

Non-Councillor (without voting rights): None

County/ Borough Councillors (without voting rights): None

Officers: Nick Harbour – Assistant Town Clerk [minute taker]

Members of the Public: None

2021/163
(TC)

ONE MINUTE SILENCE

The Chairman invites members to observe a one minute of silence

The one-minute silence was observed.

2021/164
(TC)

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

To receive the Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed all those present and thanked them for their attendance, particularly Councillor Adam who had been absent from recent meetings due to ill health.

The only remarks this month were to highlight the impending increase that all residents will face given the recent Government announcement in relation to energy costs. This tied in with soaring inflation rates is not good news. Councillors will likely begin to receive calls from residents who may begin to struggle financially when these new rates kick in later on in 2022.

2021/165
(TC)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Proposed by Councillor Zafar Ali and Seconded by Councillor Hannah-Wood, and
RESOLVED: That the apologies received from Councillors Mohammad Aslam, Wayne Blackburn, Mashuq Hussain, Michelle Pearson-Asher, Nigel Pearson-Asher and Atique Rehman are approved and accepted.

2021/166 (TC)	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</u> 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>None.</p>
2021/167 (TC)	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u> 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.</p> <p>No public present.</p>
2021/168 (TC)	<p><u>MINUTES</u> To approve the draft minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on 12 January 2022 (previously circulated).</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Hannah-Wood and Seconded by Councillor Bashir, and RESOLVED: That the draft minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 12 January 2022 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair.</p>
2021/169 (TC)	<p><u>COMMITTEE MINUTES</u> To confirm the receipt of committee minutes previously circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance & General Purposes 26 January 2022 • Unity Wellbeing Management 26 January 2022 <p>Proposed by Councillor Ali and Seconded by Councillor Latif, and RESOLVED: That the draft minutes listed above are approved on block as a true and accurate record.</p>
2021/170 (TC)	<p><u>REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS</u> To receive reports from the Borough or County Councillors</p> <p><u>Borough Council</u></p> <p>Councillors Ali and Ahmad gave a brief update having attended the recent Policy and Resources committee meeting at Pendle Borough Council. Two planning applications in Nelson were under consideration. One was for a hot food takeaway on Every Street which was approved. The second was for a dormer extension in Whitefield. Usually, these smaller types of work are approved by the Council. Councillors in attendance were generally in favour of this one being approved also, but the case officer for the application from the Planning Department felt the application should be rejected due to Whitefield being in a preservation area, and therefore the application was refused.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p> <p><u>County Council</u></p> <p>No County Councillors were present at the meeting to provide an update.</p>
2021/171	<p><u>CLIMATE EMERGENCY ISSUES</u></p>

(TC)	<p>A standing item to identify and consider council initiatives which will help deal with the climate emergency through Nelson Town Council's functions, facilities and any other remit.</p> <p>No issues identified.</p>
2021/172 (TC)	<p><u>POLICE UPDATE</u> To receive an update from PC Lorna Bolton around the latest issues happening in and around Nelson and to discuss the most recent crime figures for Nelson</p> <p>PC Lorna Bolton was unable to attend the meeting, but had circulated the latest crime statistics from January for all areas of Nelson. The main highlight coming from the report was that crime in general, had increased across the town.</p> <p>The main issues the Police have been working towards combatting are speeding, anti-social behaviour and drug related issues.</p> <p>The two new officers appointed to the Nelson team have now started, which is good news for the town.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
2021/173 (TC)	<p><u>UPDATE ON COVID-19</u> To receive an update around the action being taken in relation to the Covid-19 issue.</p> <p>Figures are gradually reducing in Nelson and Pendle, and the number of deaths being recorded is low. This is likely down to the large vaccination uptake in the local area.</p> <p>Reports in the national press state that from 11th February there will be no requirement for people to carry out lateral flow tests.</p> <p>Councillors are reminded to ask residents to do their best to ensure residents in their ward are adhering to any guidance published by central government.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
2021/174 (TC)	<p><u>NELSON TOWN DEAL</u> To discuss the Nelson Town Deal and prepare for ways to which Nelson Town Council can assist with the process.</p> <p>The Chairman informed Members that work continues at Pendle Borough Council in relation to the Town Deal. The communications strategy is currently coming together to ensure residents are fully up to date with the latest on the project.</p> <p>Pendle Borough Council are currently trying to satisfy all of the grant criteria as is always the case with this type of funding.</p> <p>Some encouraging news is that Nelson and Colne College are looking at the possibility of moving some services to the ACE Centre. This would not only be good for both the college and the ACE Centre itself, but also for shops in and around the town centre who will benefit from the increase in footfall in the town centre.</p> <p>Councillor UI-Haq queried that sort of services and courses that the college plan on providing with the Town Deal funding in terms of technology courses. The Assistant Town Clerk will clarify this with Pendle Borough Council.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>

<p>2021/175 (TC)</p>	<p><u>BUDGET FOR 2022/23</u> To review and approve the draft budget for 2022/23 as set out by the Budget Working Group appointed at the December 2020 Full Council meeting. The Finance and General Purposes committee have also reviewed the proposal and recommend that the draft is authorised by the Council.</p> <p>Members present had all received a copy of the draft budget for 2022/23 as prepared by the Budget Working Group. The Finance and General Purposes committee had also reviewed the document and recommended that Members authorise the draft budget.</p> <p>The Chairman and Assistant Town Clerk talked through the minor alterations to the budget from the previous year, and stated that the precept would be kept the same as the previous year. All present were in agreement that this was appropriate, given the other increases residents will have to pay for in the coming financial year for things like the increase in energy bills.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Ali and Seconded by Councillor Bashir, and RESOLVED: That the draft budget for the financial year 2022/23 is approved and accepted as presented.</p>
<p>2021/176 (TC)</p>	<p><u>BACK STREET PROJECT</u> To receive an update from the Vice-Chairman in relation to the Back Streets Project.</p> <p>Pendle Borough Council had sent out for tender the works that are to be carried out at both Back Dover and Derby Street and also for the block of 273 – 291 Chapel House Road in Nelson. Prices were received from five local companies to complete the works.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Hannah-Wood and Seconded by Councillor Ahmad, and RESOLVED: That the costings provided by A&G are approved by this Council and they are requested to go ahead and complete the works as soon as possible.</p>
<p>2021/177 (TC)</p>	<p><u>NELSON COMMUNITY MASJID VENUE ASSISTANCE</u> An item was requested at the previous Full Council meeting to discuss the Nelson Community Masjid venue assistance.</p> <p>A request was made to discuss the possibility of Nelson Community Masjid using the kitchen area at the Revive Café to prepare meals which they distribute to local residents who are in need of them.</p> <p>Whilst all present appreciate the hard work the organisation do for local residents, health and safety measures would need to be considered before anything of this nature could be authorised. For now, Members suggested that it would be better to first fill the vacancy of Catering Co-Ordinator then the Masjid could liaise with them and perhaps then the Catering Co-Ordinator could do the preparation of the meals for the Masjid to take to local residents.</p>
<p>2021/178 (TC)</p>	<p><u>QUEEN'S JUBILEE</u> To receive an update around what the Town Council would like to do to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, due to take place in June 2022.</p> <p>A meeting is still to be arranged between Members of the Events, Promotional and Marketing committee and representatives from other organisations who have expressed an interest in holding an event to discuss potential ideas. This will hopefully take place towards the end of February.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>

2021/179 (TC)	<p><u>NORTH WEST IN BLOOM ENTRY</u> To consider whether the Council would like to enter the 2022 North West In Bloom competition. The Council received a Silver Award in the competition in 2021.</p> <p>Following on from receiving the Silver Award in last year's Town Centre North West In Bloom entry, Members present were all keen to enter the competition again in 2022. Future meetings will look at strengthening the entry as the Council seek to push towards a Gold Award.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Ali and Seconded by Councillor Hannah-Wood, and RESOLVED: That Nelson Town Council enter the Town Centre category for the 2022 North West In Bloom competition.</p>
2021/180 (TC)	<p><u>TRANSFERRED SERVICES</u> To receive reports and consider any actions required in relation to transferred services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) CCTV monitoring b) MUGAs/Play Areas c) Parks Services d) Additional services to consider from Pendle Borough Council following a recent meeting with Pendle Borough Council Officer Philip Mousdale <p><u>CCTV monitoring</u> The Assistant Town Clerk had circulated the January CCTV monitoring report to Members. Nothing of major concern was included in the report this time.</p> <p>The update was noted.</p> <p><u>MUGAS and Play Areas</u> The reports have now been received from Pendle Borough Council in terms of what needs doing to the MUGAS and Play Areas. The Assistant Town Clerk will circulate these.</p> <p>The update was noted.</p> <p><u>Parks Services</u> No further updates around the transfer of parks services. As resolved at the January meeting, the Town Council have agreed to support the Nelson Town Bid parks project with a £50,000 contribution per year over the next five years.</p> <p>The update was noted.</p> <p><u>Additional Services</u> The Budget Working Group will look at the additional services list provided by Pendle Borough Council and come back to this meeting with suggestions of any further services for Members to consider.</p> <p>The update was noted.</p>
2021/181 (TC)	<p><u>ANY ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FOR A FUTURE AGENDA</u> To notify the Assistant Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.</p> <p>None.</p>
2021/182 (TC)	<p><u>DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING</u> To note the date of the next Full Town Council meeting is to take place on Wednesday 09th</p>

March 2022 at the Unity Well Being Centre.

Members noted the date of the next meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed by the Chair at 7.45pm.

Signed Chair:

Dated: