



Minutes of a meeting of Nelson Town Council held on Wednesday 08th February 2023 at the Unity Wellbeing Centre, Vernon Street, Nelson, Lancashire

Commenced: 7.00pm - Concluded: 7.45pm

Councillors Present: Councillors Faraz Ahmad, Husnan Arshad, Patricia Hannah-Wood, Manzar Iqbal, Mohammad Adeel Qamar, Mohammad Sufyaan Sarwar, Russell Tennant, Yvonne Tennant, Ikram UI-Haq and Sheila Wicks

Absent Councillors: Councillors Omar Ahmed, Zafar Ali, Zulfiqar Chaudhry Ali, Mohammad Aslam, Ali Baig, Wayne Blackburn, Rehan Hanif, Nazeem Hayat, Mashuq Hussain OBE, Mohammad Kamran Latif, 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: Two members of the public present

2022/142 (TC)	<p><u>ONE MINUTE SILENCE</u> The Chairman invites members to observe a one minute of silence.</p> <p>The one-minute silence was observed.</p>
2022/143 (TC)	<p><u>CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS</u> To receive the Chairman's opening remarks</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed all those present and thanked them for their attendance.</p> <p>His only remarks were made in relation to the recent earthquake tragedy in Turkey whereby he expressed his sympathy for all those effected. This was echoed by all present at the meeting.</p>
2022/144 (TC)	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Assistant Town Clerk prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Hannah-Wood and Seconded by Councillor Ahmad and RESOLVED: That the apologies received from Councillors Zafar Ali, Mohammad Aslam, Wayne Blackburn, Rehan Hanif, Mashuq Hussain, Mohammad Kamran Latif and Atique Rehman are approved and accepted.</p>

2022/145 (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>
2022/146 (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>Two members of the public present – no questions raised at this stage.</p>
2022/147 (TC)	<p><u>MINUTES</u> To approve the draft minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11 January 2023 (previously circulated).</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Ahmad and Seconded by Councillor Iqbal and RESOLVED: That the draft minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 11 January 2023 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair.</p>
2022/148 (TC)	<p><u>COMMITTEE MINUTES</u> To confirm the receipt of committee minutes previously circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance and General Purposes Committee 25 January 2023 • Unity Well Being Management Committee 25 January 2023 <p>Proposed by Councillor Hannah-Wood and Seconded by Councillor Ahmad, and RESOLVED: That the draft minutes listed above are approved as a true and accurate record.</p>
2022/149 (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>Councillor Ahmad informed Members that the recent Area Committee meeting was short and no significant actions were taken. A small number of residential planning applications were considered but nothing that this Council needed to be consulted around.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p> <p><u>County Council</u></p> <p>No County Councillors present to provide an update.</p>
2022/150 (TC)	<p><u>CLIMATE EMERGENCY ISSUES WORKING GROUP UPDATE</u> A standing item to receive an update from the Climate Emergency Issues Working Group to identify and discuss any issues in which this Town Council can help to combat any climate issues arising.</p> <p>The Climate Emergency Issues Working Group had not met since the last meeting of the Council so no new update was available.</p> <p>It was suggested that this item be re-named to Climate Emergency Issues – Chair Updates and for future meetings the Chairman of each committee provides a short update in relation to</p>

	<p>how the previously identified issues raised by the Climate Emergency Issues Working Group are being implemented.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
2022/151 (TC)	<p><u>POLICE UPDATE</u> To receive an update from PCs Jemima Hill and/or Thomas Schofield around the latest issues happening in and around Nelson and to discuss the most recent crime figures for Nelson</p> <p>Unfortunately, no Police were in attendance at this meeting to provide an update and no crime figures had been received at the office.</p> <p>The Police were also not in attendance at the most recent meeting of Pendle Borough Council.</p> <p>Councillor Faraz Ahmad had been in touch with the local PCSO in relation to parking issues outside local primary schools. The PCSO had said that this was on the police radar as an area that they will be looking at tackling in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Members also briefly discussed the ongoing problem of anti-social behaviour in the town and that they would encourage the police to attend this meeting so they can pass on concerns raised by residents on this topic to the police directly, and then also discuss ways in which this Council could help reduce the number of issues.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
2022/152 (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>Pendle Borough Council are currently reviewing responses received in relation to the recent consultations around the parks and town centre sites and further details of this should be provided at the next Town Deal meeting.</p> <p>Town Deal meetings are open to the public should they wish to attend in the future. He also urged Councillors to share these updates with residents in their local ward.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
2022/153 (TC)	<p><u>WARM AND WELCOME PUBLIC SPACES</u> To discuss the warm and welcome public spaces project being held in the Revive Café for winter 2022.</p> <p>Councillor Ahmad gave a brief update on the Warm Hub. It has now been up and running for twelve weeks.</p> <p>The number of users has now levelled off to around 20-25 people per day attending the hub.</p> <p>Tea, coffee, soft drinks and toast are all available at no charge to visitors. Newspapers, games and magazines are also provided. A new television has also recently been installed for people to watch when they visit.</p> <p>Nelson Community Masjid are also still attending from 5pm – 6pm to offer free hot meals to anyone wishing to have one.</p> <p>Decorating of the café area has now also been completed. One final plastering job where</p>

	<p>some damp had entered the kitchen area is going to take place on 18th February 2023.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
<p>2022/154 (TC)</p>	<p><u>EVENTS AND PROMOTIONAL UPDATE</u></p> <p>To receive an update around the latest Town Council events and promotional work being carried out.</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk gave the following updates around the latest Town Council events and promotional work being carried out:</p> <p><u>Newsletter</u></p> <p>The newsletter is now almost complete and the last couple of articles are due to be finalized this week. It will be going to print on Tuesday 14th February and should be distributed in the middle of March.</p> <p><u>Pride of Nelson Awards</u></p> <p>Work is ongoing with the Pride of Nelson Awards which will take place on Thursday 16th March. The Fence Gate Inn is now booked and applications are now being received for nominations for each of the 11 categories.</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk asked that Members share the link to the nominations form to as many people as possible to encourage residents to nominate people/ organisations they feel are worthy of consideration for an award.</p> <p><u>Coronation of King Charles</u></p> <p>The Events, Promotional and Marketing committee will soon be meeting to discuss plans for the Coronation of King Charles which will take place early May.</p> <p><u>Fundraiser for Turkey Earthquake victims</u></p> <p>Local charity Hope For Mankind will be hosting a fundraising event at Unity Hall on Saturday 25th February 2023 to raise money for the victims of the recent earthquake that happened in Turkey. Councillors are encouraged to attend and promote to residents in their local area.</p> <p><u>Sports Committee Update</u></p> <p>Councillor Ul-Haq gave a brief update around the latest regarding projects run by the Sports Committee.</p> <p>Football coaching sessions are currently underway on Friday nights at Marsden Heights. These are programmed in until March 2023. A spring coaching initiative is also likely to take place on the pitches outdoors which will allow even more children to participate in the larger space.</p> <p>Finance and General Purposes committee will also be asked to consider funding for a wrestling initiative which the committee are currently planning out.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
<p>2022/155 (TC)</p>	<p><u>RECYCLING FOR SCHOOLS</u></p> <p>At the last meeting of this Council, an item was requested to be added to this agenda to discuss a recycling for schools project.</p>

	<p>Members had a discussion around how best to tackle issues in relation to rubbish which was building up outside a lot of the local schools in the town. Lots of the rubbish also appears to be recyclable things which if this was being done, would be beneficial towards climate issues.</p> <p>Ideas shared were based around going into the schools and seeing what education is currently being provided to students around recycling and seeing if more could be done around that. Organised litter picks involving the students was also another suggestion. Members were also keen to highlight that the problem may not actually be students, and that it could be some adults who disregard litter outside the schools when they go to pick the students up at the end of the day. Enforcement Officers from Pendle Borough Council could be used to deter this.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Ahmad and Seconded by Councillor Hannah-Wood and RESOLVED: That this item and the above suggestions be passed on to the Environmental Improvements committee to discuss further and take appropriate steps where necessary.</p>
<p>2022/156 (TC)</p>	<p><u>TRANSFERRED SERVICES</u> To receive reports and consider any actions required in relation to transferred services.</p> <p><u>CCTV monitoring</u></p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk reported that CCTV monitoring report for January had been received and circulated to Members. No major issues were identified.</p> <p>He and Councillor Sakib had also been out to meet the team from the Blackburn CCTV hub to discuss starting work on the installation of the new CCTV column to be installed on the junction of Reedyford Road/ Regent Street.</p> <p>The update was noted.</p> <p><u>MUGAS and Play Areas</u></p> <p>Repairs were made to a damaged piece of play equipment on the small Vernon Street play area.</p> <p>Works are also due to commence on the Bradshaw Street MUGA to increase the height of the fencing to stop balls going over into neighbouring gardens.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p> <p><u>Parks Services</u></p> <p>As highlighted at the previous meeting, the public consultation around the parks has now finished and officers at Pendle Borough Council are still reviewing the findings.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
<p>2022/157 (TC)</p>	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Emergency Updates from Chair of each committee • Transformation of sites using art • Gating off dangerous areas
<p>2022/158</p>	<p><u>DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING</u></p>

(TC)	<p>The date of the next meeting of the Council is due to be held on Wednesday 08th March 2023.</p> <p>Members noted the date of the next meeting.</p> <p>There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed by the Chair at 7.45pm.</p>
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