



Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting of Nelson Town Council held on Wednesday 08th May 2024 at the Unity Well Being Centre, Vernon Street, Nelson, Lancashire.

Commenced: 7.00pm - Concluded: 7.10pm

Councillors Present: Councillors Faraz Ahmad, Shabaz Ahmed, Naeem Akhtar, Zafar Ali, Thabasum Ruby Anwar, Husnan Arshad, Aqib Bashir, Sughra Bibi, Mohammed Rehan Hanif, Mohammad Kamran Latif, Hassan Mahmood, Anam Nawaz, Mohammad Adeel Qamar, Atique Rehman, Mohammad Sufyaan Sarwar, Marie Stone

Absent Councillors: Councillors Iftikhar Ali, Mohammad Aslam, Mohammad Kamran Butt, Kashif Ur Rehman Chaudhry, Tallaha Fiaz, Julie Green, Mohammad Ajmal Khan Ul Nisa and Sheila Wicks

Non-Councillor (without voting rights): None

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

Members of the Public: One member of the public present

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CHAIRMAN’S OPENING REMARKS

To receive the Chairman’s opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed all those present and thanked them for their attendance.

All further comments are to be made in the Chairman’s Annual Report.

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(AC)

MINUTES

To approve the draft minutes of the Annual Town meeting held on the 10th May 2023

Proposed by M. Kamran Latif and Seconded by Councillor Faraz Ahmad

RESOLVED: That the draft minutes of the Annual Town meeting held on 10th May 2023 are approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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(AC)

CHAIRMAN’S ANNUAL REPORT

To receive the annual report of the Town Council from the Chairman, Councillor Mohammad Rehan Hanif

Councillor Mohammad Rehan Hanif highlighted some of the key achievements and priorities that the Council have been working towards over the last 12 months:

- The Chairman opened with expressing how proud he is to have been the Chairman of the Town Council and thanked all Councillors for their contributions in dealing with all the challenges that have arisen over the past 12 months.
- 2023/ 24 saw the Town Council play a part in key community events such as Pendle

Festival of Culture. Further programmes aimed at the health and well being of residents have already been approved for the upcoming year, including cricket coaching sessions. The Council had also approved funding to provide all children in Nelson free swimming sessions during the school holidays throughout the year.

- The Town Council organized various events, including the the Lancashire Day Christmas Lights Switch On, and the Kings Coronation Event which was attended by over 10,000 people to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.
- The Chairman thanked the existing staff members for their work throughout the year.
- Councillor Latif also stressed the need for all Councillors to continue to engage with residents as much as possible to showcase the work which Members are doing for the residents of the town.
- The Chairman finished by wishing good luck to whoever was appointed as Chairman for the upcoming year 2024/ 25.

Members and gave thanks to the Councillor Hanif for his service to the Town Council as Chairman.

Members noted the report.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
4.1 To receive questions from members of the public

One Member of the public was present at the meeting. He had recently moved to the local area and although didn't have any specific questions for the Council, a conversation took place around how best to get involved in community programmes such as the Friends schemes at the various parks across the town and how they worked together with the Council.

Members thanked the resident for attending the meeting and hoped to see him at future meetings to discuss any further items he may have for Councillor feedback.

4.2 To consider any local issues which are causing concern, brought forward by a member of the public

No questions were raised by the members of the public present.

4.3 To consider any other business brought forward by or with the consent of the Chairman

No other business was brought forward.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 19:10.