



Minutes of a meeting of Nelson Town Council held on Wednesday 13th November 2024 at the Unity Wellbeing Centre, Vernon Street, Nelson, Lancashire

Commenced: 7.00pm - Concluded: 7.45pm

Councillors Present: Councillors Faraz Ahmad, Naeem Akhtar, Zafar Ali, Thabasum Ruby Anwar, Mohammad Aslam, Aqib Bashir, Sughra Bibi, Julie Green, Mohammed Rehan Hanif, Hassan Mahmood, Anam Nawaz, Mohammad Adeel Qamar, Atique Rehman, Marie Stone and Sheila Wicks

Absent Councillors: Councillors Shabaz Ahmed, Iftikhar Ali, Husnan Arshad, Mohammad Kamran Butt, Kashif Ur Rehman Chaudhry, Tallaha Fiaz, Mohammad Sufyaan Sarwar and Mohammad Ajmal Khan Ul Nisa,

Non-Councillor (without voting rights): None

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

Members of the Public: 8 members of the public present

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ONE MINUTE SILENCE

The Chairman invites members to observe a one minute of silence.

The Chairman asked Members to stand to observe the minutes silence.

The one-minute silence was observed.

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CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

To receive the Chairman's opening remarks

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

Firstly, he congratulated Councillor Zafar Ali and his family who have recently welcomed a new baby to their family.

He then went on to discuss the recent Remembrance Services. The Sunday one was poorly attended by Town Councillors but it was good to see a few more representatives at the Monday service.

Lastly, he highlighted comments from residents about people leaving the Unity Hall noisily after events at weekends. Members agreed to look into ways to reduce this noise as it isn't fair on local residents. This will be highlighted at the next Unity Well Being Management Committee meeting.

2024/098 (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 Stone and Seconded by Councillor Mahmood and RESOLVED: That the apologies received from Councillors Kashif Ur Rehman Chaudhry and Mohammad Sufyaan Sarwar are approved and accepted.</p>
2024/099 (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>
2024/100 (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>Eight members of the public were present at the meeting to discuss an issue not on the agenda with Members once the meeting was completed.</p>
2024/101 (TC)	<p><u>MINUTES</u> To approve the draft minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 09 October 2024 (previously circulated).</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Ali and Seconded by Councillor Stone and RESOLVED: That the draft minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 09 October 2024 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair.</p>
2024/102 (TC)	<p><u>COMMITTEE MINUTES</u> To confirm the receipt of committee minutes previously circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel Committee 16 October 2024 • Finance and General Purposes Committee 30 October 2024 • Unity Well Being Centre Management Committee 30 October 2024 <p>Proposed by Councillor Ali and Seconded by Councillor Akhtar, and RESOLVED: That the draft minutes listed above are approved as a true and accurate record.</p>
2024/103 (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>No major updates from Borough Councillors. Councillor Ahmad did mention that the land next to the Unity Well-Being Centre had received a planning application on the site for some new flats. Similar applications have been submitted at the same land which have all previously been refused.</p> <p><u>County Council</u></p> <p>No County Councillors present to provide an update.</p>
2024/104	<u>POLICE UPDATE</u>

(TC)	<p>To receive an update from a member of the local policing team 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 a verbal update into the latest crime levels across the town.</p> <p>Councillor Ahmad did mention that he had received the October's crime statistics and would send them to the Assistant Town Clerk to circulate to all Members.</p> <p>He has also been in touch with a Nelson PCSO who had stated she was only available until 17:00 so would not be able to attend any Town Council meetings.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p> <p>ACTION: Councillor Ahmad to send the crime statistics to the Assistant Town Clerk to circulate to all Members.</p>
2024/105 (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>Councillor Ali gave a brief update in relation to the Town Deal – a meeting of the Executive Members was due to take place in the coming weeks to discuss the latest plans. He did inform Members that the partial demolition of Trafalgar House has now been approved, with the frontage of the building to be preserved. He also stated that £1.2 million has now been allocated for improvements at Wavelengths.</p> <p>He then went on to mention the Long Term Town Deal money has also been approved, and that consultations will begin with residents on how they think this money could be best allocated to make even more improvements to the town.</p> <p>Members were keen to get together to discuss ideas for the Long Term Town Deal money that could be submitted to the Borough Council on behalf of the whole Town Council.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
2024/106 (TC)	<p><u>ENVIRONMENTAL WARDEN</u> To receive an update around the new role being created to appoint an Environmental Warden who will specifically be working in Nelson only.</p> <p>The Council had previously discussed the possibility of creating a new role of an Environmental Warden who will specifically be working in Nelson only. Initial talks had taken place with the Waste Services manager at Pendle Borough Council but were put on hold to see if the funding for the post could come from the Nelson Town Deal pot.</p> <p>This was not possible so Members discussed the benefits of having a Nelson specific officer and were in agreement that it would be good to try out and hopefully assist with improving the whole of the town in terms of bulk waste and other environmental issues.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Ali and Seconded by Councillor Anwar, and RESOLVED: That the Assistant Town Clerk and Chairman of the Personnel committee meet with David Walker to discuss setting up a Service Level Agreement for the position then bringing back the details to this Council for Members to consider.</p>
2024/107 (TC)	<p><u>VERNON STREET AND CATS PARK PLAY AREAS</u> To receive an update around the previously approved works to be carried out at the Vernon</p>

	<p>Street and CATS Park Play Areas.</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk informed Members that works to Vernon Street Play Area had commenced almost finished with just the new bench to now be installed.</p> <p>The CATS Park Play Area is set to start work w/c Monday 25th November 2024.</p> <p>Members had received positive feedback from residents surrounding the new equipment at the Vernon Street site, and there was a noticeable improvement with the floor levels on the new surfacing, which give both sites a more flat surface making them safer for play area users.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
<p>2024/108 (TC)</p>	<p><u>MARSDEN PARK BOWLING CLUB</u></p> <p>To consider a response to the proposals being made by Pendle Borough Council in relation to the Marsden Park Bowling Club site.</p> <p>Phil Riley had recently written to the office asking that Members be consulted around some proposed works to take place at Marsden Park Bowling Club.</p> <p>Some anti-social behaviour issues have recently arisen and part of the issue was around youths gaining access to the top bowling area and damaging the surfacing. The proposal was to securely fence off the bottom bowling green and allow the top area to be reworked using £30,000 of the Town Deal funds.</p> <p>This suggestion will also save the Town Council in future maintenance costs with less areas to maintain at the site.</p> <p>Members were happy with the suggestion and asked that the Assistant Town Clerk inform Phil Riley that no further suggestions were made at this meeting to the initial plan outlined.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
<p>2024/109 (TC)</p>	<p><u>PENDLE LOCAL PLAN (FOURTH EDITION 2021-2020)</u></p> <p>To consider a response to the proposals being outlined in the Pendle Local Plan (Fourth Edition 2021-2040). Pendle Borough Council are asking local organisations and residents for feedback in a consultation which will run until Friday 06th December 2024.</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk updated Members that the Pendle Local Plan (fourth Edition 2021-2040) six-week public consultation period is now underway and will run until Friday 06th December 2024.</p> <p>The consultation will help Pendle Borough Council in making planning decisions for the Borough over the coming years and residents are encouraged to submit their comments to the team.</p> <p>The documents are available online at www.pendle.gov.uk/LPpublication</p> <p>Members are asked to encourage residents in their area to submit their thoughts and also to consider over the coming weeks if they would like to respond to the consultation as a Town Council.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
<p>2024/110</p>	<p><u>TRANSFERRED SERVICES</u></p>

(TC)	<p>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 October hadn't yet been received but he would circulate it to Members upon its arrival.</p> <p><u>MUGAS and Play Areas</u></p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk had already mentioned that works to Vernon Street Play Area had commenced almost finished with just the new bench to now be installed. The CATS Park Play Area is set to start work w/c Monday 25th November 2024.</p> <p><u>Parks Services</u></p> <p>No new updates on Parks Services this month.</p> <p>Members noted the above updates.</p>
2024/111 (TC)	<p><u>ANY ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FOR A FUTURE AGENDA</u></p> <p>To notify the Assistant Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.</p> <p>None.</p>
2024/112 (TC)	<p><u>DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING</u></p> <p>The date of the next meeting of the Council is due to be held on Wednesday 11th December 2024.</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>