



**Minutes of a meeting of Nelson Town Council held on Wednesday 09th
October 2019 in the Council Chamber,
Nelson Town Hall**

Commenced: 7.00pm - Concluded:7.50pm

Councillors Present: Councillors Zafar Ali [Chair], George Adam, Faraz Ahmad, Omar Ahmed, Zulfiqar Ali, Husnan Arshad, Ali Baig, Wayne Blackburn, Mohammad Latif, Michelle Pearson-Asher, Nigel Pearson-Asher, Mohammad Sakib, Russell Tennant and Sheila Wicks

Absent Councillors: Mohammad Aslam, Sadia Bashir, Laura Blackburn, Patricia Hannah-Wood, Nazeem Hayat, Fiona Holland, Mashuq Hussain, Saanval Safir, Mohammad Sarwar and Ikram Ul-Haq

Non-Councillor (without voting rights): None

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

Members of the Public: Rafida Khaliz & Farhan Khaliq [both Nelson FC in the Community] and Pendle Borough Councillor Yvonne Tennant

2019/077
(TC)

ONE MINUTE SILENCE

The Chairman invites members to observe a one minute of silence

A one minutes silence was observed.

2019/078
(TC)

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

To receive the Chairman's opening remarks

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

2019/079
(TC)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Proposed by Councillor Z Ali and Seconded by Councillor W Blackburn, and

RESOLVED: That the apologies received from Councillors Mohammad Aslam, Sadia Bashir, Laura Blackburn, Patricia Hannah-Wood, Nazeem Hayat, Fiona Holland, Mashuq Hussain and Mohammad Sarwar are approved and accepted.

2019/080 (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 declared.</p>
2019/081 (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>Borough Councillor Yvonne Tennant spoke of the need for repairs to be made to the road and paving at Dalkeith Street, Nelson. The highway is unadopted so neither Pendle Borough Council nor Lancashire County Council will repair the damaged surfacing. Councillor Tennant requested assistance from the Town Council in order to get the necessary repairs taken care of.</p> <p>Action: Town Councillors Adam, Arshad and Ahmed to liaise with Borough Councillor Tennant and Highways Officer Scott Whalley to look at what exactly needs to be done then bring this item to a future meeting of the Town Council.</p>
2019/082 (TC)	<p><u>REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS</u> To receive reports from the Borough or County Councillors</p> <p>None received.</p>
2019/083 (TC)	<p><u>MINUTES</u> To approve the draft minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11 September 2019 (previously circulated)</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor W Blackburn and Seconded by Councillor M Pearson-Asher, and RESOLVED: That the draft minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 11 September 2019 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair.</p>
2019/084 (TC)	<p><u>COMMITTEE MINUTES</u> To confirm the receipt of committee minutes previously circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Improvements 04 September 2019 • Events, Promotional and Marketing 04 September 2019 • Full Council 11 September 2019 • Finance and General Purposes 25 September 2019 <p>Proposed by Councillor G Adam and Seconded by Councillor S Wicks, and RESOLVED: That the above block of minutes of the Town Council committee meetings be received by the Town Council.</p>
2019/085 (TC)	<p><u>NOTICE OF MOTION: HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE IN KASHMIR</u> 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.</p> <p>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</p>

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 Z Ali and Seconded by Councillor Adam, and
RESOLVED: That the motion is passed and that this Council will write to Andrew Stephenson MP, the 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, and that the Indian Prime Minister is also contacted directly with the same request.

2019/086 (TC) **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.

Proposed by Councillor Z Ali and Seconded by Councillor M Sakib, and
RESOLVED: That the Highways Budget is increased from £90,000 to £200,000 in order to gain maximum matched funding from Lancashire County Council to help with highways issues around Nelson.

A recorded vote was requested.

ADAM: George	For	BLACKBURN: Wayne	For
AHMAD: Faraz	For	LATIF: Mohammad	For
AHMED: Omar	For	PEARSON-ASHER: Michelle	Abstain
ALI: Zafar	For	PEARSON-ASHER: Nigel	Abstain
ALI: Zulfiqar	For	SAKIB: Mohammad	For
ARSHAD: Husnan	For	TENNANT: Russell	For
BAIG: Ali	For	WICKS: Sheila	For

2019/087 (TC) **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**
 To consider the current committee membership.

It was proposed that the following changes be made to the current committee memberships:

- Environmental Improvements committee is increased by one Member to include Councillor Michelle Pearson-Asher
- Events, Promotional and Marketing committee is increased by one Member to include Councillor Nigel Pearson-Asher
- Personnel committee is increased by two Members to include Councillors Mohammad Sarwar and Fiona Holland

Proposed by Councillor Z Ali and Seconded by Councillor G Adam, and
RESOLVED: That the above proposal in relation to increased Membership to the named committees is approved.

2019/088 (TC) **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.

The Assistant Town Clerk informed Members that unfortunately, Andy Cartwright was unable to attend tonight’s meeting. He has promised that either himself or PS Scott Boast will be in

	<p>attendance at the next meeting to give an update around Serious Crime in Nelson.</p> <p>The update was noted.</p>
2019/089 (TC)	<p><u>NELSON FC IN THE COMMUNITY</u> To look at ways in which this Council can support the work which Nelson FC in the Community are undertaking in the local area.</p> <p>Farhan Khaliq updated Members with the latest goings on in relation to Nelson FC in the Community. The set up currently have three junior teams in place but are looking to expand to around 10 teams. He asked that Members help raise awareness of Nelson FC in the Community in the hope that as many local youngsters can join the group rather than having to travel to other neighbouring towns to play organized football games.</p> <p>Members were more than happy to do this as it will encourage health living amongst the community. The Council also encouraged Nelson FC in the Community to come back with any further things they may require support or advice with.</p> <p>Farhan stated that there is an open day down at Nelson Football Club on Thursday 17th October where their Chairman will be present to field any questions Members may have, as well as representatives from Nelson FC in the Community being in attendance.</p> <p>Action: The Assistant Town Clerk to circulate the above details regarding the open day to all Members of the Town Council.</p>
2019/090 (TC)	<p><u>LOTTERY HERITAGE UPDATE AND SELINA COOPER HALL HISTORY</u> To receive an update on the re-submission of the lottery heritage application.</p> <p>The Chairman stated that the Council are still awaiting an official outcome from the bid. An update will follow in due course.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
2019/091 (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 (considered at item 16.2) b) MUGAs/Play Areas (update on the quotations) c) Parks Services <p><u>CCTV monitoring</u></p> <p>The Chairman stated that the Hub in Blackburn will now be taking over the internet contract and that the Council will be taking on electricity costs for the running of CCTV in Nelson. These were the final items in the transfer of service from Pendle Borough Council to Nelson Town Council which needed resolving.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Z Ali and Seconded by Councillor R Tennant, and RESOLVED: That the Chairman be authorised to sign off any outstanding paperwork to finalise the transfer of CCTV monitoring from Pendle Borough Council across to Nelson Town Council.</p> <p>Councillor Michelle Pearson-Asher stated she can no longer attend the bi-monthly meetings with the CCTV Hub due to personal reasons. Councillor Ali Baig will now go in her place.</p> <p>Action: The Assistant Town Clerk will circulate the next meeting dates to both Councillors Ali Baig and Mohammed Sakib.</p>

	<p><u>MUGAS and Play Areas</u> A report was made to the office that branches from a tree on the Hay Street MUGA had overgrown and have been causing damage to a neighbouring property on Plantation Street.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor W Blackburn and Seconded by Councillor Z Ali, and RESOLVED: That the Assistant Town Clerk be authorised to contact a local tree surgeon to request that the branches are cut back.</p> <p>Councillor Sakib also stated that a piece of play equipment has been broken at the Netherfield Road MUGA. The equipment was salvaged from the site and Councillor Sakib will bring this into the office and the Assistant Town Clerk will report the incident to Pendle Borough Council.</p> <p>Action: The Assistant Town Clerk to contact Keith Higson at Pendle Borough Council to request that the equipment is repaired and reinstalled at the said site.</p> <p><u>Parks Services</u> Discussions are still ongoing around the transfer of Parks Services. Another meeting is due to take place in the coming weeks between this Council and Pendle Borough Council.</p> <p>The update was noted.</p>
2019/092 (TC)	<p><u>ANY ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FOR A FUTURE AGENDA</u> To notify the Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three-month dispensation for Councillor Laura Blackburn
2019/093 (TC)	<p><u>DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING</u> To note the date of the next committee meeting scheduled to take place on Wednesday 13th November at 7.00pm, Nelson Town Hall.</p> <p>The date and time of the next meeting was noted.</p> <p>There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed by the Chair at 7.50pm.</p>