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Minutes of a meeting of Nelson Town Council held on Wednesday 12th February 2020 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, Husnan Arshad, Mohammad Aslam, Ali Baig, Patricia Hannah-Wood, Fiona Holland, Michelle Pearson-Asher, Nigel Pearson-Asher, Mohammad Sakib, Mohammad Sarwar, Russell Tennant and Sheila Wicks

Absent Councillors: Councillors Zulfiqar Ali, Sadia Bashir, Laura Blackburn, Wayne Blackburn, Nazeem Hayat, Mashuq Hussain OBE, Mohammad Kamran Latif and Sheila Wicks

Non-Councillor (without voting rights): None

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

Members of the Public: Inspector Scott Boast and M Asghar

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ONE MINUTE SILENCE

The Chairman invites members to observe a one minute of silence

A one minutes silence was observed.

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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.

He noted the sad news of the passing of Keith Chadwick. Keith had been a highly active member of the Friends of Walverden Park Group who worked hard to ensure that the park thrived and was a place residents of the town could enjoy and be proud of. Councillor Wicks also paid tribute to Keith, commenting on not only the fundraising that he did for the park but also the physical efforts he put in throughout the year making sure it was kept as tidy as possible.

2019/140
(TC)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Proposed by Councillor Hannah-Wood and Seconded by Councillor Ahmed, and

RESOLVED: That the apologies received from Councillors Zulfiqar Ali, Sadia Bashir, Laura Blackburn, Wayne Blackburn, Nazeem Hayat, Mashuq Hussain and Mohammad Kamran Latif are approved and accepted.

2019/141 (TC)	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</u></p> <p>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>
2019/142 (TC)	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u></p> <p>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>Local resident Mr Asghar attended the meeting and wished to put in a complaint around the lighting in the flooring of Market Street. He noted that the lights are constantly switched on (ie during the daytime) and felt this was a waste of taxpayers' money. Members agreed that this was something which should be looked into, however this is an issue for Pendle Borough Council, not Nelson Town Council.</p> <p>Action: The Assistant Clerk to contact Scott Whalley at Pendle Borough Council to note the issue then to contact Mr Asghar with an update.</p> <p>Scott Boast from the Police gave an update around the latest happenings in Nelson. Inspector Andy Cartwright has been promoted and is now Chief Inspector. Scott has also changed roles and is now Geographic Inspector. A temporary Sergeant has taken over the Pendle role until March when a permanent appointment will be made.</p> <p>Scott stated that the Police are looking to be more accessible to the public in the coming 12 months and trying to focus more on what residents are highlighting as key issues in their local areas. This will be demonstrated in a new 'Lancashire Talking' initiative which is due to be launched on 11th May 2020. This will involved local residents subscribing to a service which will allow them to complete local resident surveys to highlight issues of concern. The system will then be able to map out where the concerns are, allowing the Police to identify these key areas raised.</p> <p>Current crime levels have risen in recent weeks. Two prolific burglars have been arrested in the last few days so it is hoped that the levels will fall again now they are off the streets.</p> <p>Priorities for the Police at this moment in time are organised crime and exploitation of children.</p> <p>Members asked if Councillors could be of any assistance, such as going to known hotspots for antisocial behaviour to speak to local youths and ask them to disperse from the area. Scott stated that this would be of a great assistance.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
2019/143 (TC)	<p><u>REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS</u></p> <p>To receive reports from the Borough or County Councillors</p> <p><u>Borough Council</u></p> <p>Councillors Zafar Ali and Sakib had recently attended the Nelson Area Committee meeting. Borough Councillors have been invited along to a meeting to discuss designs of the potential new homes being built at the Further Head Clough development. The application has yet to be approved, and a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee will be taking place on Thursday 13th February to reach a conclusion.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>

	<p><u>County Council</u></p> <p>No County Councillors present to give an update.</p>
2019/144 (TC)	<p><u>MINUTES</u> To approve the draft minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 08 January 2020 (previously circulated)</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Wicks and Seconded by Councillor Nigel Pearson-Asher, and RESOLVED: That the draft minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 08 February 2020 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair.</p>
2019/145 (TC)	<p><u>COMMITTEE MINUTES</u> To confirm the receipt of committee minutes previously circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel 22 January 2020 • Finance 22 January 2020 <p>Proposed by Councillor Hannah-Wood and Seconded by Councillor Sarwar, and RESOLVED: That the above block of minutes of the Town Council committee meetings be received by the Town Council.</p>
2019/146 (TC)	<p><u>APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES</u> To consider a request from Councillor Mohammad Aslam to be appointed to both the Finance and General Purposes and Personnel committees.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Hannah-Wood and Seconded by Councillor Adam, and RESOLVED: That this item be deferred until the AGM meeting in April, where the Committee Membership will be discussed for the year 2020/21.</p>
2019/147 (TC)	<p><u>ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS</u> To receive a verbal update around environmental projects.</p> <p>In relation to the proposed works at Manchester Road, a shortfall of £1,425 has been flagged by Pendle Borough Council due to a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order being requested by Lancashire County Council. Nelson Area Committee are working on this and looking to get Pendle Borough Council to cover this additional cost.</p> <p>The update was noted.</p> <p>Councillor Hannah-Wood also noted that there is a meeting at the Policy and Resources committee are meeting on Thursday to discuss the potential renewal of the contract of the officers who are distributing fines for littering around Pendle. If any Members feel they would like anything raising with regards to this they are asked to attend the meeting or submit their comments to Pendle Borough Council.</p> <p>The update was noted.</p> <p>Councillor Hannah-Wood also asked for her thanks to be passed on to Scott Whalley for the work that has taken place on the planters in the town centre.</p> <p>Action: The Assistant Clerk to pass on the message to Scott Whalley.</p>
2019/148 (TC)	<p><u>TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY</u> To declare a vacancy on the Town Council due to Councillor Saanval Safir's non-attendance at any Council meeting since being elected in May 2019.</p>

	<p>Clarification had been received from Philip Mousdale around timings and potential costings for the vacancy if an election is sought.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Hannah-Wood and Seconded by Councillor Sarwar, and RESOLVED: That the notice for the vacancy be displayed as is required on the Town Council noticeboard.</p> <p>Action: The Assistant Clerk to request Pendle Borough Council Elections Team prepare the notice for display.</p>
2019/149 (TC)	<p><u>FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING AT THE REVIVE CAFÉ</u> Members to consider and resolve to have a Fair Trade coffee morning at the Revive Cafe.</p> <p>Councillor Hannah-Wood stated that the Clover Hill Residents Action Group have booked Unity Hall to hold a Fair Trade Coffee Morning on Saturday 07th March 2020 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Members are encouraged to attend to show that Nelson Town Council fully support Fair Trade.</p> <p>The update was noted.</p>
2019/150 (TC)	<p><u>BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/21</u> To receive an update in regard to the budget for the financial year 2020/21.</p> <p>The proposed draft budget was approved at a Extraordinary Full Town Council meeting held on 06th February. The notice of precept form to be submitted to Pendle Borough Council was signed off by the Chairman and Councillors Adam and Hannah-Wood.</p> <p>The update was noted.</p>
2019/151 (TC)	<p><u>LOTTERY HERITAGE UPDATE AND SELINA COOPER HALL HISTORY</u> To receive an update on the latest work on the back of the successful lottery heritage application.</p> <p>Councillors Adam and Zafar Ali gave a brief update around the latest surrounding the works due to take place at the Unity Wellbeing Centre. He stated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortlisting for the Project Facilitator is taking place this week with a view to interview the following week • New windows are now in place • The Selina Cooper History wall will be installed late February • Members are currently investigating the possibility of removing the existing laminate flooring in the Selina Cooper Hall to check the condition of the old wooden flooring underneath and see if it can be refurbished to be more in-keeping with the history of the building • A press release has gone out which has been well received with various residents contacting the office to praise the work taking place at the building and acknowledging Selina Cooper's contribution to the local area <p>Members noted the update.</p>
2019/152 (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

	<p><u>CCTV monitoring</u></p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk had recently attended a meeting at the Blackburn CCTV Hub. No new issues were raised for anywhere in Nelson. One point of note was that Peter Wareing, the Manager of the Hub, is due to retire next month. They are currently in the process of appointing his successor.</p> <p>The update was noted.</p> <p><u>MUGAS and Play Areas</u></p> <p>An item will be going to the next Environmental Improvements committee to pick up on getting new signage for the MUGAS and play areas throughout the town. This will need to include the Town Council logo, appropriate contact details and possibly the information will need to be written in different appropriate languages so all residents can understand what is being displayed.</p> <p>An update will be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p>The update was noted.</p> <p><u>Parks Services</u></p> <p>The Chairman asked that all Members try to attend any of the 'Friends of' park groups in their local area to assist where possible with any projects that they may be looking to carry out.</p> <p>Action: The Assistant Town Clerk to contact the 'Friends of' groups to find out meeting dates and circulate to Members.</p>
2019/153 (TC)	<p><u>ANY ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FOR A FUTURE AGENDA</u></p> <p>To notify the Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.</p> <p>None.</p>
2019/154 (TC)	<p><u>DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING</u></p> <p>To note the date of the next committee meeting scheduled to take place on Wednesday 11th March at 7.00pm, Nelson Town Hall.</p> <p>There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed by the Chair at 7.50pm.</p>