

# Keynsham Town Councillors



**Keith Baker**  
Conservative (North)  
108 Lays Drive  
Keynsham  
Bristol BS31 2LW  
0117 9071090  
keithbaker@me.com



**Carole Duckett**  
Conservative (North)  
8 Wheathill Close  
Keynsham  
Bristol BS31 2HL  
Tel. 0117 9865350  
carole.duckett@caduce.plus.com



**Brian Simmons**  
Conservative (North)  
82 St Ladoc Road  
Keynsham  
Bristol BS31 2EN  
Tel. 0117 9096596  
brian\_simmons@bathnes.gov.uk



**Dave Biddleston**  
Labour (South)  
52 Chandos Road  
Keynsham  
Bristol BS31 2DB  
Tel. 0117 9870081  
davebiddleston@hotmail.co.uk



**Siri Edwards**  
Conservative (South)  
33 Mayfields  
Keynsham  
Bristol BS31 1BW  
Tel. 0117 9869686  
terrirsiri@hotmail.com



**Kate Simmons**  
Conservative (South)  
2b Tamworth Road  
Keynsham  
Bristol BS31 1BB  
Tel. 07798831020  
katesimmons82@hotmail.com



**Mathew Blankley**  
Conservative (East)  
8 Dragons Hill Gardens  
Keynsham  
Bristol BS31 1LN  
Tel. 07912 145900  
Mathew.blankley@gmail.com



**Robert Elcome**  
Conservative (East)  
19 Teviot Road  
Keynsham  
Bristol BS31 1QS  
Tel. 0117 9860305  
pjdouglas@hotmail.com



**Allan Sinclair**  
Conservative (South)  
180 Park Road  
Keynsham  
Bristol BS31 1AY  
Tel. 07707013746  
Allan.sinclair@blueyonder.co.uk



**Judith Cron**  
Conservative (East)  
102 Wells Way  
Keynsham  
Bristol BS31 1JB  
Tel. 07751657370  
judcron@hotmail.co.uk



**Clive Fricker**  
(Vice Chair)  
Conservative (East)  
62 Chandag Road  
Keynsham BS31 1PL  
Tel. 0117 9869250  
clive.fricker@hotmail.com



**Sam Waite**  
Conservative (East)  
44b Minsmere Road  
Keynsham  
Bristol BS31 1PY  
samuelwaite@gmail.com



**Tony Crouch**  
Labour (South)  
25 Lays Drive  
Keynsham  
Bristol BS31 2LB  
Tel. 0117 9864648  
anthonycrouch@hotmail.com



**Lisa O'Brien (Chair)**  
Conservative (North)  
8 Trescothick Close  
Keynsham  
Bristol BS31 2BD  
Tel. 07867906163  
Lisa\_o'brien@bathnes.gov.uk

**Vacancy**



## SERVICES

The Town Council currently provides the following activities and services:

## LEISURE AND SPORTS FACILITIES

Children's Play Areas at:-Upper Memorial Park, Park Road, Lower Memorial Park, Downfield, Kelston Road, Teviot Road, Holmoak Road, Manor Road.  
Basketball facilities at Teviot Road & Holmoak Road  
Football Pitches & Pavilion at Manor Road, Multi Sports Facility & Skateboard Park at Memorial Park

## CIVIC AMENITIES

Cemetery and Chapel at Durley Hill  
Bus Shelters (some)  
Roadside Seats/Litter Bins  
Public Notice Boards  
Maintenance of green footpaths within Keynsham town

## ACTIVITIES

Grants for Voluntary & Community Organisations  
Keynsham Winter Festival  
Christmas Lights Display  
Youth Service inc. TimeOut Youth Centre  
Support to Keynsham Music Festival  
Community Arts Development  
Keynsham Farmers Market  
Keynsham In Bloom/South West in Bloom  
Keynsham Good Citizen Awards

## MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

There are also a certain amount of resources that have to be given over to running the Town Council including:  
Democratic Services, Financial Management, Human Resources, Town Council Offices and Equipment, Information for Members and the Public  
Keynsham Town Council liaise with B&NES Council on a regular basis on matters related to the Town.

## COUNCIL STAFF

Town Clerk—Dr Cheryl Scott  
townclerk@keynsham-tc.gov.uk  
Deputy Town Clerk—Dawn Drury  
deputytownclerk@keynsham-tc.gov.uk  
Administrative Officer—Vivienne McDonnell  
vivienne@keynsham-tc.gov.uk  
Administrative Assistant—Marie Allen  
marie@keynsham-tc.gov.uk  
Administrative Assistant—Jackie Sydenham  
reception@keynsham-tc.gov.uk  
Administrative Assistant—Sue Dibble  
admin@keynsham-tc.gov.uk  
NDP Co-Ordinator—Deb Cooper  
ndp@keynsham-tc.gov.uk  
Youth Leader—Nick Birt  
youthleader@keynsham-tc.gov.uk  
Youth Support Worker—James Hipshon  
youthworker@keynsham-tc.gov.uk  
Youth Support Worker—Kelly Low  
Assistant Youth Support Worker—Ben Aldridge  
Youth Support Worker—Carrie Ford  
Apprentice Youth Worker—Clare Batterbee  
Senior Groundsman—Jason Sweet  
groundsman@keynsham-tc.gov.uk  
Cemetery Attendant—Chris Champion  
Groundsman—Csaba Biro  
Groundsman—Kelvin Bush



# ANNUAL REPORT 2016/2017

Presented to the  
Annual Town Meeting  
at The Community Space,  
Civic Centre, Market Walk  
on Thursday 27th April 2017

Keynsham Town Council, established in 1991, is based at 15-17 Temple Street, Keynsham. Keynsham Town Council is the only official body solely representing Keynsham residents with a wide and diverse work load as outlined in the following reports.

Town Clerk: Dr Cheryl Scott

15-17 Temple Street, Keynsham  
Bristol BS31 1HF  
Telephone: 0117 986 8683  
Fax: 0117 986 6359  
E-mail: townclerk@keynsham-tc.gov.uk  
Website: www.keynsham-tc.gov.uk

Large print copies available on request



## Report by the Chairman of the Town Council



### Councillor Lisa O'Brien

Having lived in Keynsham for almost thirty years, I am struck by the gathering pace of change. Our town is expanding in terms of numbers of residents but also in the breadth and variety of activity. During this last year there have been significant steps forward in the rejuvenation of facilities and living opportunities.

After extensive consultation and feedback, residents' input has contributed to the shape and content of the refurbished leisure centre, work on which is due to commence in summer of this year. The centre will be able to offer opportunities for activity and leisure for broader sections of the population and should take its place in our town as a 'third hub' for relaxation and entertainment. In addition, the 'Riverside' building has gained planning permission to be reconfigured for accommodation and further retail premises, integrating more seamlessly with our beautiful park and also presenting enhancement for the Temple Street area.

Community groups continue to demonstrate dynamism and energy in promoting and working for our neighbourhood. 'Keynsham in Bloom' worked tirelessly to bring colour and vitality not just to the centre but to other areas such as Queens Road parade. For the second year running our town won 'Gold' in the South West in Bloom awards and part of the reason given was the way that so many residents of all ages worked together for the common goal. The same applies to our Keynsham Wombles undertaking the invaluable challenge of clearing rubbish from our environment.

The Town Council has been working with over 100 residents to develop our Neighbourhood Development Plan, setting out the vision and process for Keynsham in future years. It is a time-consuming and demanding task, involving research, investigation and discipline in aiming for realistic objectives, but its completion and acceptance could tailor and protect our environment from unwanted development.

On another front, we have strengthened the remit of the Youth Service to extend opportunities to work with young people and also initiate outreach activities to assist neighbourhoods generally, mindful that our young residents are the future so we should invest in their health and wellbeing.

To those residents who are new to Keynsham, we say a very warm welcome to what we believe is a wonderful place to live, work and play, to the others – well you know that anyway don't you!

## Planning and Development Committee Report

### By Chairman, Councillor Clive Fricker



The past year has again been one of increasing activity for councillors and staff dealing with planning matters. National Government has stepped up pressure on planning procedure to accelerate the development of new homes - an opportunity taken up by developers large and small.

Meanwhile our Neighbourhood Development Plan announced last year continues to gather pace. We now have five working groups examining all aspects of current and future life in our town. Our thanks to the Chairs and many participants who will continue to build our plan through 2017 meeting

your requirements for the future of Keynsham. All of this will happen with a fast changing mayor driven West Of England in the background providing new challenges and opportunities between the period of April 2016 and the end of February 2017.

KTC Planning and Development Committee has considered 164 planning applications. The increasing number and scale of applications has caused an increased number of site visits by members of the committee. This is the most planning applications that the P & D Committee has considered in the past seven years.

Still pending are 37 decisions by B&NES and 8 applications were withdrawn after the P & D Committee made its decision. The committee objected to 36 of the 164 applications considered.



## Keynsham Winter Festival Report



### By Chairman, Councillor Judith Cron

The 2016 Winter Festival continued to evolve and become an event which was more family and community friendly, with the theme being a 'festival of light'. The Festival is still in a transitional form and we continue to work towards an event where families and people of all ages can come along and enjoy the evening.

With the help of volunteers we held workshops in local schools and made lanterns and sabre lights with the children. Those children then took part in the parade along the High Street, along with Father Christmas, and Princesses from the Keyford Dancing School. Next year we would like to see the parade extended by encouraging more children to participate.

The parade started at St. Johns and ended at the Temple Street stage. However, we recognize that more interest is needed at the top end of the High Street around the Parish Church.

Although there were more stalls, there's still plenty of space for further community involvement. More businesses stayed open or left their lights on and we would like to further encourage this, with hopefully even more food outlets participating. Over 50 local businesses donated to the event and next year we wish to produce an even bigger programme of events. The SPACE was again successful with choirs, theatre and local dancers throughout the evening.

We were blessed with the weather, with no rain. We will continue to work towards a fun, exciting and family friendly 2017 Winter Festival and we are looking forward to seeing you there.



## Allotments Committee Report



### By Chairwoman, Councillor Carole Duckett

As the continuing Chair of the Allotment Committee I have once again enjoyed the friendly meetings with members of the Keynsham Allotments Association and Town Councillors attending. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the Allotment Association's AGM but understand there are still some issues to resolve regarding the use of strimmers and having bonfires on site. These will be addressed at the next Council/Allotment meeting due in March.

I was sad to note that the Keynsham Youth Service have decided to surrender their allotment this year but they were finding it very difficult to properly maintain the plot on only one session a week. I would like to thank all those allotment holders who have supported the Young People and Youth Workers, with tools, seeds, plants and expertise over the years and have happy memories of when they won an award from Keynsham In Bloom. I wish the next plot holder well in maintaining plot 73 - enjoy the very nice raspberries growing there! It is always a pleasure to visit the allotment site, and the Allotment holders are to be commended on how beautifully they maintain their plots.

Good growing for the next season!



## Grants Committee Report



### By Chairman, Councillor Dave Biddleston

It's a real joy to acknowledge the hard work of our local volunteers and in 2016 the Town Council was pleased to allocate £18,807.88 in general grants and £3,313.08 in arts grants from its budget for local groups that benefit Keynsham residents. The committee met in June 2016 to consider applications for a grant and recommended that grants be awarded to the following community groups.



#### GRANTS AWARDED FOR 2016/17

1st Keynsham Scout Group—Towards a replacement floor for the Scout H.Q.	1000.00
Avon Wildlife Trust (Keynsham Branch) - Grant for printing of the Keynsham Wildlife Report	5.00
Baby Comes Too—To replace and replenish toys	25.00
Baby Comes Too <b>ARTS</b> —To purchase art and craft materials	250.00
Bristol Natural History Consortium—To support the first ever Festival of Nature	900.00
Butterflies—Haven—Annual Balloon release tea party, Step-Up Youth Groups trips	1000.00
Combe Down Holiday Trust—Grant to provide holidays & days out for disabled people & their carers	1000.00
Community @ 67—Events—To purchase I pads to support the internet café of elderly residents	700.00
Community @ 67— <b>ARTS</b> — To support arts/crafts projects for older people and with disabilities	700.00
Friends of St. Keyna Primary School—To assist the Green Team with their school and community projects	516.45
Fry Club Netball—Grant to purchase netball kit for under 12's	1000.00
Golden Oldies Charity <b>ARTS/GENERAL</b> —2 monthly singing sessions in Keynsham—funding for transport	826.16
Keyford Dancing School—To purchase costumes for a group of dancers performing in Disneyland Paris	1000.00
Keynsham Allotment Association—To improve security of the allotment site	1000.00
Keynsham & District Mencap Society—Funding for additional session work and community outings	1000.00
Keynsham Bowling Club—Assistance with the installation of a new gate	650.00
Keynsham Community Energy—To purchase 2 pop-up advertising banners plus information leaflets	500.00
Keynsham Explorer Scout Unit—To purchase equipment & opportunities that will allow young people in the community to experience adventure and personal development	900.00
Keynsham Life Saving Club—To contribute to pool hire. To enable the club to purchase equipment so that members can be trained in open water life saving	1000.00
Keynsham Methodist Church—Kitchen—To purchase a commercial dishwasher	1000.00
Keynsham Orchestra—To support the production of two concerts	900.00
Keynsham Town Walking Football Club—To establish an over 65's walking football club within Keynsham	500.00
Keynsham Wombles—To provide litter picking equipment and to contribute towards insurance costs	500.00
Queens Road Church Pre-School—To replenish and add to toys and equipment	500.00
St Francis Church—To provide furniture & blinds for new room in St Francis Community Centre	1000.00
St John's Mother & Toddler Group <b>ARTS/GENERAL</b> —To purchase toys, dressing up clothes and replenish craft activity supplies	400.00
The Friends of Manor Road Woodland—To enhance the flora of the woodland and enjoyment of the visiting public	800.00
Transition Keynsham (Food Group) - To purchase apple picking and preserving equipment. Also production of an information leaflet for the abundance project	473.35
Triumph Over Phobia—To support a self help group in Keynsham	750.00
Walkers Are Welcome—To assist with the financing of a two day Walking Festival in 2017	600.00
The West of England MS Therapy Centre—To provide physiotherapy classes (specialist)	500.00