

Keynsham Town Councillors

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Lisa O'Brien
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Joint Arts Committee

Joint Arts

The Joint Arts Committee is a multi representative committee which works to assist the development of arts in all its forms in Keynsham.

During this year, we have overseen an enlarged and enlivened programme on the Bandstand over both Saturday and Sunday through the summer. Our audiences have increased overall, as too the range of music and dance performed. We were able to welcome back many established brass bands but also present alternative musical genres and activities geared towards younger people.

Arts activity in Keynsham seems to broaden annually. Our now established 'Arts Space' group have gained more members and 'popped up' a number of times during the year at different venues.

The range of performances at The Space, overseen by the Keynsham Arts Consortium, has increased, with classical music, poetry and drama all playing to larger and larger audiences.

On a different front, the Joint Arts committee has inaugurated the introduction of poster art at the railway station – initially featuring vintage railway posters but moving on to the distinctive images of the Clock Tower. We intend that these poster frames will continue to be updated a number of times during the year, welcoming visitors and residents alike to our town.

For those of you who wondered what had happened to the 'Timeline Project' depicting Keynsham's historic past through some tremendous artwork by our schools – fear not! The timeline will take its place in the newly refurbished Riverside centre so that it can be easily seen and admired by all.

Here's to another great year in Arts Development in Keynsham.

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Judith Cron
Chair
Winter Festival

Winter Festival

The Keynsham Winter Festival, with a woodland theme, was a wonderful family evening, which was enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. There was a lovely atmosphere and the weather was very kind to us with no wind or rain.

The attractions and stalls ran along the length of the High Street and into Temple Street. There was something for everyone with attractions and activities at St. John's Church, The Fear Institute, the Key Centre and the Methodist and Baptist Churches. Also there was an exciting range of entertainment at The Space, the Library and on the live stage.

The procession this year was enjoyed by children wearing masks depicting wolves, rabbits and foxes all embracing the woodland theme. Workshops run by volunteers, helped the children create a range of masks and fairy wings, which looked wonderful on the night along with lanterns to light the way. The procession was led by a woodland decorated Chuffy the Train, which carried Father Christmas and competition prize winners. Retailers and businesses also entered in the spirit of the woodland theme with marvellous window displays.

We look forward to seeing you at our next Winter Festival in November.

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Activities



- ▶ Grants for Voluntary & Community Groups
- ▶ Keynsham Winter Festival
- ▶ Christmas Lights Display
- ▶ Youth Service inc. TimeOut Youth Centre
- ▶ Support to Keynsham Music Festival
- ▶ Community Arts Development
- ▶ Keynsham Farmers Market
- ▶ Keynsham/South West In Bloom
- ▶ Keynsham Good Citizen Awards
- ▶ Bandstand Events
- ▶ Keynsham Business Form
- ▶ Neighbourhood Development Programme

Management & Administration



There is a certain amount of resource dedicated to running the Town Council including:

- ▶ Democratic Services
- ▶ Financial Management
- ▶ Human Resources
- ▶ Town Council Offices & Equipment
- ▶ Information for members of the public

Keynsham Town Council liaise with B&NES Council on a regular basis on matters related to the Town.

Services

The Keynsham Town Council currently provides the following activities and services.



Leisure & Sports Facilities

- ▶ **Children's Play Areas:** Upper Memorial Park, Lower Memorial Park, Park Road, Downfield, Kelston Road, Teviot Road, Holmoak Road, Manor Road.
- ▶ **Basket Ball Facilities:** Teviot Road, Holmoak Road.
- ▶ **Football Pitches & Pavillion:** Manor Road.
- ▶ **Multi Sports Facility & Skate Park:** Memorial



Civi Amenities

- ▶ Cemetery and Chapel at Durley Hill
- ▶ Bus Shelters (some)
- ▶ Roadside seats/litter bins
- ▶ Public Notice Boards
- ▶ Maintenance of footpaths within Keynsham



Clive Fricker
Chair
Planning Committee

Planning & Development

As a background to the Keynsham Neighbourhood Development Plan events have been moving forward with West Country Space and Transport Planning and a revision of B&NES Core Strategy all of which requires careful involvement and local monitoring. With new development pending in North Keynsham the Committee is determined to ensure the necessary infrastructure is in place prior to development taking place.

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With regard planning applications in Keynsham between the period of April 2017 and the end of February 2018 our Committee has considered 155 applications. This is a reduction of eleven applications on the same period in 2016 – 17. However, due to in particular continued pressure to build new houses the Committee has increased the number of site visits where applications are contentious. One application was deemed as permitted development by B&NES not requiring a decision. The Committee also considered 15 tree notifications that were usually referred to B&NES arboricultural staff for resolution.

Currently, 24 applications are pending final decision by B&NES and over the year 11 applications were withdrawn after our Committee made its decision to object. In total the Committee objected to 44 of the 155 applications that were considered and 91 % of the Town Council's decisions agreed with the decision reached in finality by B&NES Development Management.



Carole Duckett
Chair
Allotments Committee

Allotments

As usual it has been a pleasure to chair the meetings of the Town Council allotments committee, where business is conducted in a friendly way - thanks also to Dawn Drury, Deputy Town Clerk.

In Keynsham I feel we are privileged to have allotments capable of producing so many vegetables - after all - there is nothing quite like home grown produce!

Members of the public wanting an allotment do not seem to have to wait too long - if over-subscribed a short waiting list is created.

I was invited and attended the AGM of the allotments committee, where the current chair retired after several years in the position. I thank him for his dedication.

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Youth Services

This year the Youth service has been operating a wider range of activities over 4 sessions per week at Time Out including ASDAN accredited Cookability on Mondays, Open Access on Tuesdays and Thursdays and a Project night on Wednesdays. There have also been trips to Bristol Zoo, Basement Studio (Music StudioB) and Flip Out (Trampolining).

During the latter half of the year, Tuesday Music and Thursday Arts themed sessions have been conducted upstairs from Open Access, often with the help of specialist providers such as Basement Studio (music) and Priormade (arts).

Time Out members completed an award-winning community artwork installation at Keynsham Railway Station with help from Priormade & Keynsham in Bloom and supported by Severnside Community Rail partnership & ACORP.

Wednesday Projects this year have included CPR, painting bikes for the Keynsham in Bloom Great Bike Trail and a course on employability skills. An animation project is currently in progress.

Cookability participants visited our local Waitrose to learn about a supermarket's role in the food industry and their six-month course culminated in production of a delicious four course dinner for invited guests.

The latter half of the year has also seen the launch of the pilot Outreach project with youth workers visiting specific areas in Keynsham on Tuesday and Friday evenings to engage with groups of young people. Following the Town Council anti-social behaviour meeting in February, the team is now working with Keynsham Community Spirit. This is part of the co-ordinated Keynsham response by residents, community & church groups and other authorities to local problems.

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Clive Fricker
Chair
NDP Steering Group

“ *the Town Council launched a new Business Forum* ”

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Our Neighbourhood Development Plan is making good progress with a target finish mid-2019:

1. Our thanks to members of each of the topic groups that have continued to meet to discuss challenges facing Keynsham over the next 20 years and planning policies to address these issues
2. A Community consultation was issued in November for all who live or work in Keynsham to find out what issues are important to local people and to ensure the topic groups address these key issues
3. A further significant finding was the lack of an effective business network for Keynsham. Consequently in February the Town Council launched at the Chocolate Quarter a new Business Forum alongside the NDP Business Group. The focus of this new Forum will be to work in partnership with all businesses in our town to assist them in achieving their objectives. Meanwhile the NDP Business Group will ensure the concerns of the business community are included in the NDP covering development for the next twenty years. A consultation paper on the future of business in Keynsham was issued to all businesses in March
4. The issue of a one-way High Street has come up in many topic group meetings over the last year. Members of NDP topic groups were consequently invited to a workshop with B&NES to further explore their views on this core transport issue
5. Finally work has continued with B&NES, English Heritage and their consultants on producing a design guide for High Street shop-fronts. This will assist in building a quality environment to support the shopping experience in Keynsham

It's not too late for anyone in keynsham to contribute to our neighbourhood development plan. Please contact co-ordinator deb cooper email: ndp@keynsham-tc.gov.uk



Dave Biddleston
Chair
Grants Committee

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Grants

Once again it has been a real pleasure to highlight the incredible work of our local volunteer organisations. In 2017 the Town Council were very happy to provide £20,000.00 in general grants and £4,999.00 in arts grants from its budget. This year, nine more than the previous year applied and the Committee met in June 2017 to consider all of the applications. We were pleased to provide grants to the vast majority of applicants and the following community groups were assisted.

Grants awarded for 2017/18

1st Keynsham Guide Group - To purchase 3 small tents	£400.00
1st Keynsham Scout Group - To upgrade the kayaking and canoeing equipment	£635.00
A2nd chance FC - To purchase new equipment as the existing kit & equipment was second hand and is now either worn out or broken. Items required balls, bibs and goals	£400.00
ABC - Anorexia and Bulimia - To support their befriending service run in B&NES including Keynsham support for adult of any age who have never recovered from anorexia nervosa & bulimia nervosa	£500.00
Age UK Bath and North East Somerset - To help fund their Active & Enrichment programme in Keynsham. The classes and clubs run for elderly residents include walking groups, Cook & Eat, social groups and Tai Chi. Other services for Keynsham residents include Befriending, Informant & Ad-vice, Day Centre, Home from Hospital and toenail cutting.	£300.00
Avon Wildlife Trust (Keynsham Branch) - Grant for printing of the Keynsham Wildlife Report	£5.00
Baby Comes Too - To replace toys, improve storage area and invest in safety mats.	£125.00
Baby Comes Too - ARTS GRANT AWARD - To purchase art and craft material for creative play activities.	£125.00

Bristol Natural History Consortium – To support the 2nd Keynsham Festival of Nature including attracting more visitors to Keynsham, expanding their volunteering programme and increasing marketing and press awareness.	£500.00
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Citizens Advice B&NES – To conduct an analysis of the need for their services in a sample area in order to target resources better. Keynsham is felt to have some unmet need for advice and information.	£500.00
Combe Down Holiday Trust – To provide breaks, holidays, days out, theatre, trips as a support for disabled people & more especially their carers. Their funding is to support Keynsham Residents	£1000.00
Community @ 67 – To fund the installation of blinds into the meeting room at Community@67 to enable groups to watch films/presentations during the day	£500.00
Dementia Friendly Keynsham – To provide social activity for people suffering from dementia in the Keynsham area and to gain a better understanding of the disease.	£600.00
Enchante Baton Twirlers – Funds required to help develop the team further	£400.00
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Focus Counselling – To help clients, adults, children and young people to access affordable counselling	£1000.00
Friends of Manor Road Community Woodland – To replace worn/damage tools and to purchase wildflowers	£400.00
Friends of St. Keyna Primary School – To purchase equipment for St. Keyna School Green Team	£500.00
Friends of Wellsway School PTA – To purchase equipment to support the launch of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at Wellsway School	£500.00
Fry Club Netball – Grant to purchase netball kit for under 12's	£500.00
Golden Oldies Charity – ARTS GRANT AWARD – To support the costs for running 2 monthly singing and activity sessions in Keynsham and one twice monthly group	£734.00
Great Western Ambulance Service – Cost of providing our critical care service to the residents of Keynsham including both our air ambulance and helicopter missions into the area.	£300.00
J N Fear Hall – To purchase and install a new external notice board	£500.00
Julian House & Bright Start Children's Centre – To provide funds for Julian House & Bright Start children's centres to co-deliver a Freedom Programme (domestic abuse educative group programme) in Keynsham for 12 weeks	£700.00
Keynsham Action Network – To organise a follow up event to Keynsham Kindness Day (24/4/17). Event with emphasis on Health & Well-being to take place between 2 - 6 October (to connect with Healthy City Week - Bristol)	£500.00
Keynsham Allotment Association – To continue with site security improvements	£450.00
Keynsham Art Consortium – ARTS GRANT AWARD – For continued support of Keynsham's Community Radio weekly show – The Keynsham Hour – To improve facilities for training or new operators and presenters	£380.00
Keynsham & District Lions – To replace a generator and to purchase materials for the planter that they maintain in the Keynsham Memorial Park	£460.00
Keynsham & District Mencap Society ARTS GRANT AWARD – To run a Music Man Project. Creative artists platform to raise awareness about difference that music can make	£1000.00
Keynsham & Salford History Society – To produce a series of leaflets showing history walks – to re-print existing walk leaflets and to produce two more	£500.00

Keynsham Brass Band ARTS GRANT AWARD – To create a digital archive/back up of their library onto a computer hard drive – copies of archive/back up to be held at a number of locations.	£350.00
Keynsham Explorer Scout Unit – For supporting Keynsham Explorer Scout Unit in developing young people through giving them learning opportunities to develop their qualification and skills for the future in outdoor adventure activities and life in general	£735.00
Keynsham Light Opera Group ARTS GRANTS AWARD – To purchase several yards soft black cloth for stage wings and 2 panels of an electric star cloth to use at Broadlands Academy for productions	£500.00
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Keynsham Life Saving Club – To contribute towards the hire of the pool and the room in the Riverside Suite.	£500.00
Keynsham Methodist Church – To purchase new chairs for the sanctuary area of Queens Road Centre, New outreach/community work requires special/appropriate seating	£500.00
Keynsham Orchestra ARTS GRANT AWARD – To present an exciting range of live classical music concerts in Keynsham, including engaging the interest of young people and those less familiar with classical concerts	£960.00
Keynsham Wombles – To provide litter picking equipment (litter grabbers and bin bag hoops) and to contribute towards insurance costs	£940.00
Make A Move – To purchase blankets, bolsters, music speaker, exercise mats and stationery	£300.00
Parish of St Dunstan's Keynsham – Towards funds required to update and modify the audio equipment and install an electronic projector screen. This will enable more people/organisations to use the hall	£500.00
Phoenix Keynsham Youth Theatre ARTS GRANT AWARD – To purchase staging steps to support the next production of West End Winners	£500.00
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Queens Road Church Pre-School – To replenish and add to their toys and equipment	£250.00
St Francis Keynsham Toddler – To replace equipment at the Parent and Toddler Group	£100.00
Swan Advice Centre – Transport service for the elderly & disabled on low incomes to access medical appointments, socials and other activities	£800.00
Triumph Over Phobia – Funds required to support their self-help group in Bath where Keynsham residents attend to receive help	£600.00
Walkers Are Welcome – To assist with the financing of a two-day Walking Festival on 7th & 8th April 2018	£800.00
Wellsway Short Mat Bowling Club – To purchase new bowling mats	£400.00
The West of England MS Therapy Centre – To purchase a Meike portable Balm Bladder Scanner	£500.00