



ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019



Keynsham Town Council;
representing Keynsham
residents at a local level

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Clive Fricker

Chair
Keynsham Town Council

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The last year of our current council before upcoming local elections has witnessed real success in Keynsham. Councillors and staff have been working very hard to sustain our town as a great place in which to live, work and visit.

Our two main annual festivals had their excellence rewarded with good weather resulting in highly successful events. KMFA delivered a super series of events including for the first time a full Opera in the Park. The Winter Festival provided a great late year evening of family entertainment in the High Street. Keynsham in Bloom worked hard to achieve another gold award and the British Legion with community knitters created an amazing cascade of poppies at St Johns for Remembrance Sunday. This year marked a century since the end of the Great War marked by large crowds of local people in the High Street for the Sunday service. Also commemorated in July was fifty years since the tragic Keynsham Flood and in partnership with the Historical Society the historical County Stone was installed in the Park as a permanent reminder.

Our Neighbourhood Plan continued a second year of progress and will now focus on policy and drafting final documentation. We also celebrated 40years of twinning with Libourne and to mark the occasion sent a fine piece of Bristol Blue Glass to the Mayor and our friends in France. During the year Council delivered well attended public meetings on key issues such as our train station, Bristol Airport & flight paths and WECA's Draft Transport Strategy. Finally we should note that KTC voted to create a town free of plastic waste to help stop the immense damage inflicted on the global environment.

Finally I'm sure you will join me in a big thank you our KTC staff who continue to operate to their usual high standard behind the Kier screening in Temple Street. The noise and disruption has made for difficult working conditions but the end result will mean a transformed Temple Street for the benefit of our High Street and the wider community.

JOINT ARTS



Lisa O'Brien
Chair
Arts Joint Committee



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As another 'Town Council year' draws to a close, it is encouraging to review how Arts activities of all sorts continue to develop and thrive in Keynsham. 'The Space' is attracting sell out performances for its comedy nights. Local venues such as Temple Street Canteen hold lively and well attended evenings featuring everything from music to poetry. Our Arts Space group maintain a lively presence with their 'pop-up' galleries and, of course, our Music Festival, innovating yet again, has brought Opera to our Park!

The Arts Joint Committee supports these endeavours wholeheartedly and where we can, have given financial support. One such initiative is the installation of National Theatre live streaming equipment into The Space, soon we hope to be live, so that their prestigious plays, opera and ballet can be available locally.

The Poster Project at the railway station remains popular. This year we have featured images from World War One, beautiful photographic images from around Keynsham, and we will be finishing this year's cycle with historic photos of the town compared to the town as it is now. Let us know what you think of the new set of posters.

As Riverside View the redevelopment of the old Riverside offices starts to take shape, we have been adapting the original 'Timeline' designs to appear around the new courtyard. So, don't worry, they and the children who worked so hard on ideas for each panel have not been forgotten.

The Grants Committee continues to have responsibility for allocating annual grants for local organisations. However, the Arts Joint Committee felt it was important to have a small resource available so that should a one-off or sudden project appear during the year, we might be able to offer some financial support if necessary. We want to encourage innovation and inclusion for everyone. The Arts – music, drama, dance and literary pursuits – can bring enjoyment and engagement to all parts of our community. Long may this continue.

WINTER FESTIVAL



Judith Cron

Chair
Winter Festival Committee

Our Dickensian inspired Winter Festival was a very successful family evening with a wonderful atmosphere. It was well supported by local residents and visitors along with their families.

The weather was very kind to us on this calm winter's evening with no rain or gales.

There was an exciting array of entertainment in many venues across town. As well as the live stage that was setup in Temple Street, The Space, the Library, St. John's Church, the Methodist and Baptist Churches, the Fear Institute and the Key Centre all hosted events, entertainment and activities.

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Many shops stayed open and entered into the spirit of the evening, with beautifully decorated, Dickens inspired window displays. There were stalls along the length of the High Street with a variety of food and attractions. Local children coloured in beautiful images of St John's church and carol singers.

It was lovely to see children, bands, performers, Keyford dancers, and Father Christmas taking part in the procession, with the lighting of the Christmas lights along the way.

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

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT



Clive Fricker

Chair
Planning Committee

The past year has again seen the Planning & Development Committee playing a key role in shaping the future of Keynsham. Strategic Planning from B&NES and WECA has required the committee to spend much time and discussion in responding to both authorities on their draft plans. Ongoing growth of housing development has demanded careful monitoring and attention to variations and operational problems. The key role of planning in our Neighbourhood Plan development has once again required the committee to support the development of a coherent policy framework essential for a successful result.

With regard to planning applications in Keynsham between the period of April 2018 and the end of February 2019, our Committee has considered 151 applications; four fewer than the same period in 2017–18. However, due to continued pressure to build new houses, the committee has increased the number of site visits where applications are contentious. Two applications were deemed as permitted development by B&NES Council not requiring a decision. A further application was given prior approval by B&NES Council and the committee noted the discharge of one condition. During the period the committee considered 14 tree applications that were usually referred to B&NES arboricultural staff for resolution.

Currently, 17 applications are pending final decision by B&NES and over the year 8 applications were withdrawn after our committee made its decision to object. In total the committee objected to 28 of the 151 applications, with 94 % of the Town Council's decisions agreeing with the decision reached in finality by B&NES Council.

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YOUTH SERVICES



Carrie Ford

Youth Worker
Keynsham Town Council

The Youth Service and young people are incredibly proud to have created the murals on the hoarding at Temple Street over last summer. The roadside mural commemorates the 100th anniversary of the 'Great War', recognising those from the Keynsham and Salford area who gave service and lives – lest we forget!

Centre based sessions at TimeOut on Bath Hill have continued with a dedicated music session on Tuesdays and open access sessions on Thursdays. The project night at TimeOut moved to Community@67 as a detached session, with an earlier start time as the Youth Service opened its doors to young people aged 10 for the first time. Community@67 also hosts our Friday afternoons 'Cook & Chill' project, where young people learn to cook healthy meals that they eat together at the end of each session.

Outreach continues around the streets and parks of Keynsham, with the team meeting loads of new young people during the very long hot summer. The continued feedback from young people lead to the installation of skate park lighting this spring.

The team have continued to offer a mix of issue-based sessions with arts, sports and trips out to local facilities including:

- ▶ Laser Quest & Bowling
- ▶ A 6 week ukulele course – Participants each received their own ukulele and by the end of it they were proficient enough to play a few songs.
- ▶ Art in the park – a chance for young people to try out decorating their own wall art on vinyl.
- ▶ The climbing wall – It was the HEIGHT of summer and lots of young people came to face the wall, taking on new challenges including trying one legged climbing!

If you would like more information about the Youth Service follow us on facebook.com/timeoutktc or email the youth workers at youthworker@keynsham-tc.gov.uk

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NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN



Clive Fricker

Chair
NDP Steering Group

The NDP was launched in April 2016 with an event in The Space. Having completed its third year, it will be moving towards a conclusion in 2019/2020.

As a reminder, five topic groups were established to discuss the various aspects of living and working in Keynsham:

- ▶ Roads, traffic, parking and infrastructure
- ▶ Recreation, leisure, sport, health and community education
- ▶ Heritage, culture, tourism, marketing and built environment development
- ▶ Sustainability, environment and ecology
- ▶ Business, employment and economic development

The top four key issues identified by respondents were traffic congestion, keeping green spaces safe from development, public transport and a broader range of shops

The Community Consultation, undertaken at the end of 2017, has revealed that the top four key issues identified by respondents were traffic congestion, keeping green spaces safe from development, public transport and a broader range of shops in the High Street, and it is fair to say that these four issues have featured heavily in group discussions.

The topic groups then moved on to working on planning policies that will form the backbone of the NDP. To support the topic group members in writing these policies, the Town Council in conjunction with B&NES, set up two workshop evenings to support the topic group members and help them understand how planning policies are structured. The workshops helped give a broader perspective on how our policies sit within a bigger picture.

In addition, the Editorial Board have been working on the structure of the document itself which will include vision, aims, objectives and also evidence to support the planning policies. The document will also include details of potential local improvement projects already identified that could be undertaken in the future as and when local funding becomes available.

The Town Council would like to extend a big thank you to both the NDP Co-ordinator, Deb Cooper, and to all the residents who have contributed to the work of the NDP to date.

GRANTS



Dave Biddleston

Chair
Grants Committee

One of the most rewarding jobs on the Town Council is to give some recognition to the amazing work done by our local charities and community groups and once again it has been a pleasure to provide some assistance to them over the past year. In 2018, the Town Council managed to benefit these groups by £19457.55 from general grants funding and for the arts we were able to provide £3025. In total, we had 42 groups seeking assistance and we were pleased to consider all applications which served people in Keynsham.

Grants awards for 2018/2019

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1st Keynsham Scout Group	£750
Age UK (Bath & North East Somerset)	£500
Avon Wildlife Trust (Keynsham Branch)	£5
Bristol History & Archaeology Society	£750
Broadlands PTA	£750
Chandag Infant School PTA	£500
Chandag Junior School PTA	£994.95
Combe Down Holiday Trust	£1000
Community @ 67	£550
Dementia Friendly Keynsham	£700
Focus Counselling	£1000
The Friends of Manor Road Community Woodland	£600
Fry Club Netball	£600
Golden Oldies Charity	£1000



Hawthorn Court Association	£400
Keynsham Allotments	£500
Keynsham & District Mencap Society	£1000
Keynsham & Saltford History Society	£1000
Keynsham Hockey Club	£1000
Keynsham Explorer Scout Unit	£1000
Keynsham Life Saving Club	£700
Keynsham Town Junior Football Club	£600
Keynsham Walkers Are Welcome	£800
Keynsham Wombles	£750
Phoenix Keynsham Youth Theatre	£175
Queens Road Methodist Church Pre-School	£275
Revitalise Respite Holidays	£708
Royal British Legion	£750
Saltford Football Club	£250
St. Dunstan's Church	£500
St. John's Church	£590
St John's School Association	£350
St John's Mother & Toddler Group	£400
Swan Advice Centre	£600
The Woodwork Project	£350
Triumph Over Phobia	£500

ALLOTMENTS



Carol Duckett

Chair
Allotments Committee

For a further year I report that I have enjoyed the meetings I have chaired with the allotments committee.

The members of the committee are very committed to keeping the allotments in good order in a very dedicated way.

Attending their annual general meeting I noted that a high number of those who hire an allotment attended – giving their independent views for the future of the allotments.

I wish allotment holders and the allotment committee every best wish for a very good year of growing!

Our Town Councillors

- ▶ Keith Baker – North
- ▶ Dave Biddleston – South
- ▶ Judith Cron – East
- ▶ Tony Crouch – South
- ▶ Robert Elcome – East
- ▶ Clive Fricker – East
- ▶ Brian Simmons – North
- ▶ Kate Simmons – South
- ▶ Mathew Blankley – East
- ▶ David Brassington – North
- ▶ Carole Duckett – North
- ▶ Siri Edwards – South
- ▶ Hal MacFie – East
- ▶ Lisa O'Brien – North
- ▶ Allan Sinclair – South

If you need to contact a Town Councillor then please contact the Town Council Office:

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Services

Keynsham Town Council currently provides the following activities and services:



- ▶ 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 Park



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.



- ▶ 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 Forum
- ▶ Neighbourhood Development Programme



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

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