

KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held in The Space on Thursday 21st April 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor C Fricker - Vice Chairman. Councillor A Wait (for part of the meeting),
Councillors and Parishioners – see attached attendance list.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dawn Drury - Town Clerk

1. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL KEYNSHAM TOWN MEETING HELD ON 28th APRIL 2021.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 28th April 2021 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors C Buxton, D Cooper, A Halliday and A Wait (for part of the meeting) and from Mike Crane (resident).

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIRMAN OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

The Vice Chair's announcements included information on recent, forthcoming Town Council events and Council/Community matters as follows: -

Cllr Fricker gave details of the Town Council's forthcoming Platinum Jubilee Picnic in the Park on Saturday 4th June 2022 and invited attendees to all join the picnic in the Keynsham Memorial Park from 12 noon - 6.00 p.m. He also explained the Town Council's proposed film to celebrate the Jubilee – Keynsham's Jubilee Conversations. Filming will take place in the Memorial Park just prior to the bandstand performances over early weekends of May. The final film will be screened in the Baptist Church on the day of the Jubilee Picnic in the Park between 12 noon and 6.00 p.m.

Other events promoted by the Vice Chair included:

- Keynsham Music Festival during the last week of June leading up to the main event on the first weekend of July.

- The Town Council's Grants Presentation evening on 21st July 2022.
- The Town's annual Remembrance Parade on 13 November 2022.

He also encouraged attendees to tune into our local radio station KTCRfm.

4. GUEST SPEAKER – CLIVE SETTER OF HEARTSAFE AND PHILIPPA WALKER OF GREAT WESTERN AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE

A presentation, demonstration and instructional video in respect of matters relating to the location, set up and use of defibrillators was given by Clive Setter of HeartSafe and Philippa Walker of Great Western Air Ambulance Service. The Town Council stressed the need to increase the number of defibrillators across Keynsham, to ensure that they are all in working order and maintained sufficiently, and the need to improve public awareness of the locations of defibrillators in the town and provide the opportunity for training in the use of the same. The newly formed Town Council Defibrillator Working Party will be looking at all aspects highlighted above.

The Vice Chairman thanked Clive and Philippa for their excellent presentation.

5. PRESENTATION OF KEYNSHAM GOOD CITIZENS AWARDS 2020 and 2021

The recipients of the Keynsham Good Citizen Awards 2021

Anthony French (Keynsham Scouting organisation) – over 25 Award.

Wilf Harrison (Keynsham Scouting organisation) – over 25 Award.

Jim Bernard (Keynsham In Bloom) – over 25 Award.

Mary Burnard (Keynsham Talking Newspaper) – Lifetime Achievement Award.

All received a framed certificate and £100 payable to the organisations of their choice.

A further late Lifetime Achievement award from 2020 was awarded to Adrian Inker.

6. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL 2021/2022

The Annual Report is available and downloadable from the Town Council website or as hard copy from the Town Council office. Copies were available at the meeting.

There were no questions or comments on the Annual Town Council Report.

7. PUBLIC FORUM

- (a) Question/comment from Shirley Hobbs of The Hydes

Shirley asked why the alleyway between the High Street and Keynsham Memorial Park had not be improved as part of the High Street upgrade? It is currently full of potholes and the lighting is very poor.

This matter will be referred to B&NES Parks Team to take forward for improvements as part of the Keynsham Memorial Park four-year plan.

(b) Question/comment from Jonathan Cooper of The Hydes

Mr Cooper commented on the poor design and the number of accidents that have occurred since the High Street has re-opened following the upgrade. He commented that those on the pavement needed to be protected from walking into the cycle lane (with the installation of fencing or similar).

He also commented that the crossing on Charlton Road is too close to the junction with the High Street and should be moved further up Charlton Road for safety reasons.

He also raised the dangers in respect of children on E scooters riding on the pavements and the potential for a serious accident.

It was agreed that Cllrs will press for a risk analysis in respect of both matters.

(c) Comment from Jim Bernard

Jim made a request for a better Police presence on the High Street.

This matter will be taken up at a future Keynsham Area Forum meeting.

8. DATE OF 2023 KEYNSHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the next Annual Town Meeting will be held on Thursday 20th April 2023.

The meeting ended at 8.55 p.m.

SIGNED:
(Chairman)

DATE: