

**Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 in The Space, Market Walk at 7.30 pm.**

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**PRESENT:** Cllrs A Beaumont, D Brassington, C Brennan, D Cooper, C Fricker, A Greenfield, A Halliday, H MacFie, B Simmons, A McGuinness and A Wait (Chair).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dawn Drury – Town Clerk

**NOT PRESENT:** Cllrs C Buxton and J Wallcroft

**275. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

*Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs D Biddleston and A Sinclair.*

**276. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of Interest were received from:

*Cllrs A Beaumont, C Brennan and A Wait in respect of KeynshamNow.*

**277. DISPENSATIONS**

There were none.

**278. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were two members of the public present.

**279. RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:**

*That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (previously circulated) be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.*

**280. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman thanked all the Town Officers for supporting the existing Council over the past four years. He commented that the Council have worked hard to ensure that there is a good, strong staffing team going forward.

He also thanked all Councillors present and those that had not made the meeting for their service, giving a special thank you to Councillor McGuinness for all his hard work (as he is not standing for re-election).

He mentioned that Keynsham Town Council is contested in respect of the Election with twenty-four candidates nominated for the fifteen Council positions available. He wished

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all those re-standing good luck. He said that the quality of candidates for all three wards was good, so he hoped that a strong Council would be in place following the Election.

The Chairman reminded Councillors about the forthcoming Annual Town Meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m. in The Space.

The Chairman also reminded Councillors about the forthcoming Annual Town Council Meeting that will be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 8.00 p.m. in the Baptist Church. This will be a short meeting to appoint the Chair and Vice Chair of Council and to appoint members to the Planning and Development Committee and the Finance and Policy Committee.

Appointment to all other Committees, Working Parties and Outside Bodies will be made at the Town Council meeting on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023. Nominator and Seconder paperwork will be handed out at the Annual Town Council meeting for all Committees, Working Parties and Outside Bodies as this may assist in the process at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

The Chairman reminded Councillors to return their computer tablets.

## 281. KEYNSHAMNOW

Amelie from KeynshamNow reported as follows: -

- The members have been working on an article about discrimination to be published in The Week In.
- Some of the members will be attending a B&NES meeting on mental health.
- They are developing a sign to deter people from throwing things in the local rivers.
- They are continuing their recruitment drive and have recently gained five new members. One, who has joined after seeing the recruitment posting on the Keynsham Community Facebook page. A few of the older members will probably be leaving once they reach the age of 20 years old.
- The members have been drawing up a list of areas in the town that need more lighting.
- They are planning a spring cycle ride on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 to raise funds for MacMillian Charity and Off the Record.
- They will be looking at the future of local bus services.
- KeynshamNow's next litter pick is on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023.
- The members have been talking about issues on the High Street and what can be done to improve it.

## 282. BRISTOL AIRPORT – FUTURE PLANS – PRESENTATION BY JACQUI MILLS AND JAMES COX

A presentation was given by James Cox and Jacqui Mills of Bristol Airport.

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They informed the Town Councillors on matters relating to flights, flight routes and noise, parking and the future of the airport as follows: -

- The Airport has 90% recovered following COVID. In 2019, pre COVID there were approximately 8.9 million passengers, and the figure was recorded at 7.9 million in 2022.
- Bristol has had the fastest recovery since COVID began than all other airports.
- There is a split of 80/20 in respect of arrivals and departures with most planes taking off to the west.
- Keynsham is affected to some degree by arrivals mainly, with aircraft passing over at a height of between 5000 – 6000 feet. In respect of departures aircraft are not permitted to turn unless they are over 3000 feet.
- The flight routes have not moved and are the same as pre COVID.
- The airport tracks and reports all flight movements and there is an online tracking tool that is accessible via their website. The tracking records the types of aircraft, the descent approaches and much more.
- All data including complaints can be found in their Annual Monitoring Report.
- The Airport has an ambitious target in respect of reducing noise.
- Their incentive for quieter aircraft has seen a 5% improvement in noise levels year on year.
- Noise complaints that are logged and recorded in the Annual Monitoring Report.
- Airlines are fined for not meeting the Airport's noise targets.
- Bristol Airport has aviation sustainability at heart and is already ahead of their set targets.
- The Airport operates 24/7 with restricted flight numbers between 11.00 p.m. and 6.00 a.m.
- In respect of the application for expansion that has gone on to appeal, this will equate to 4000 night flights during the whole year.

The Chair opened the floor to questions and the following questions were asked by Councillors: -

Q. Is there some recording of the noise reduction using the gradual glide into the Airport?

A. Yes, but I do not have exact figures but could provide these.

Q. 4000 flights a night equates to 22 flights per night. Has the number of night flights increased?

A. There is no change in respect of the number of flights passing over residents' homes as the flights were originally split per season but will now be split across all seasons whereas the period was shorter, previously. This information is publicly available.

Q. In respect of those living in the flight path have there been any studies on the impact that the 22-night flights may have on their lives?

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A. Previously, there were 17 mail delivery flights per night landing between 11.30 p.m. and 02.30 a.m. every night, except Christmas night, but this is no longer happening due to advancement in technology and the use of emails. These flights have been replaced by some flights but not every night, do we have 17 or more flights landing. So, there are still the same number of night flights as in the past, and yes there are a large number of studies that have been carried out on the impact of night flights and people's health and wellbeing.

Q. What is the percentage difference between commercial flights and domestic flights?

A. There are no freight airlines using Bristol Airport and there is a small number of business jets compared to domestic and a breakdown can be given on request. There are also a few Flight School flights and national grid helicopters taking off during daylight hours.

Q. What are the Airport's plans for future expansion?

A. The Airport is the subject of a planning appeal to expand the airport to 12 million passengers per year. If the appeal is not approved the matter will go to the Court of Appeal for a hearing. It could not become a Heathrow or anything like it and we have no plans presently to go beyond 12 million.

Q. You have mentioned noise pollution but what about air quality pollution?

A. Yes, we have air quality monitoring around the Airport and the results are recorded in the Annual Monitoring Report. In respect of transportation to the Airport this is harder to monitor because of all the different routes into the airport by road.

Q. The smell from fuel discharge when aircraft comes into land, can this be reported too?

A. Yes, this can be reported through the website.

With agreement from full Council Standing Orders were suspended to take a question from a member of the public.

Mr Patrick Rayburn – resident in the community.

Q. You have mentioned everything apart from carbon emissions, which is surprising as we are in a time where a climate emergency has been declared. Scientists are constantly telling us how important it is to reduce carbon emissions, even so Bristol Airport is doubling their emissions to more than the whole of Bristol's total. How do you square this and aim for net zero. Bristol Airport needs to hear the cry for saving the Planet.

A. There are 100,000 people in the South West employed in the air industry not only at the Airport but at Airbus and other local air industries. So, the area is full of



companies looking at innovation in this area. As an airport it has its own emissions targets of Scope 1 and Scope 2, aiming towards net zero and it is hoped that Bristol will be the first UK airport to achieve this.

Of course, this does not cover surface access emissions and we are encouraging Airport users to shift to electric cars and will be the only Airport to have its own grid surface electric charging station.

We have very ambitious transport targets. There are zero emission buses already serving the Airport. In respect of aircraft, Bristol are the founding members of Hydrogen Southwest trying to accelerate the move to hydrogen aircraft. Easy Jet are big partners in this plan and Bristol is being used as a test bed for getting hydrogen equipment set up in the background.

In respect of data in 2008, 6.3 million passengers were recorded as using the Airport and in 2018 this had increased to 8.6 million passengers. However, in 2008 there were 76,5000 flights and in 2018 79,000 flights. This was due to the average loading and aircraft size being slightly larger.

Bristol Airport is taking this seriously.

Remark: Businesses should be taxed that have involvement in the Airport.

#### **Standing Orders were raised.**

- Q. Why cannot Bristol Airport get a rail link to reduce the emissions.
- A. This is tied up with a mass transport link for the whole of Bristol and the Airport would love to have one or even a tram link and the Airport has been lobbying for years in respect of this matter and will continue to push for one. To resolve this there will be some sort of financial agreement between the parties. Bristol Airport gave a considerable amount of money into the development of the Bristol South link road.
- Q. All Political parties voted against the Bristol Airport Expansion. What are your views on Democracy?
- A. A poll was undertaken, and the majority of people were in support of the Airport expansion.

#### **283. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

It was reported that the Music Festival plans are going well. They do need more support and volunteers.

There are a few concerns in respect of the ECO Fest side of the event, the booking of speakers and the selling of the tickets for this side of the Festival.

**RESOLVED:**

*To receive and note the verbal report.*

## 284. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Date 2022</u>	<u>Status</u>
Planning & Development Committee	6 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	APPROVED
Planning & Development Committee	27 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	APPROVED
Planning & Development Committee	17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	DRAFT
Environment & Sustainability Committee	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	DRAFT
Finance & Policy Committee	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	APPROVED
Finance & Policy Committee	11 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	DRAFT

### **RESOLVED:**

- (i) *That the Minutes of the above meetings are received and noted.*
- (ii) *That the recommendations that are not subsequent Town Council Agenda Items are approved.*

## 285. TO NOTE AND RECEIVE UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING DELEGATED ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2023

In accordance with the Schedule of Delegation approved on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021, to note the delegated decision made in advance of the April 2023 scheduled payments taken by the Town Clerk in consultation with Members.

### **RESOLVED:**

*That there were no delegated actions.*

## 286. MATTERS FROM FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023:

### APPROVAL OF ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS TO TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023:

## FP1. FLAGSTONE INVESTMENTS

### **RESOLVED:**

*To receive and note that:*

- (1) Aldermore – 12 months at 4.30%, account opened 24.10.22 and as at 03.04.23 interest accrued equates to £1,157.36
- (2) Aldermore – 18 months at 3.75%, account opened 05.10.22 and as at 03.04.23 interest accrued equates to £1,479.45
- (3) Charter Savings Bank – 12 months at 4.40%, account opened 05.12.22 and as at 03.04.23 interest accrued equates to £1,456.21

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(4) HSBC (first account opened) 12 months at 3.87%, account opened 05.12.2022 and as at 03.04.2023 interest accrued equates to £1,543.75

(5) HSBC 6 months at 3.34% account opened 24.11.2022 and as at 03.04.23 interest accrued equates to £944.35

FP2. YOUTH SERVICE RESIDENTIAL

*RESOLVED:*

*To note the budget changes for the Youth Residential.*

FP3. EE PRICE INCREASE

*RESOLVED:*

*To note the price increases from EE of 14.4%*

FP4. BATEMAN SKIPS PRICE INCREASE (ATTACHED)

*RESOLVED:*

*To note the price increases from Bateman Skips of 7%.*

287. FINANCIAL QUARTERLY REPORTS (MONTHS 10, 11, 12 – JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH 2023)

*RESOLVED:*

*That Town Council receive and note the reports.*

288. SCHEDULE OF INVOICES DUE FOR PAYMENT – APRIL 2023 (MONTH 1)

*RESOLVED:*

*That the attached Schedule of Invoices be approved for payment.*

The Town Clerk informed the Council that an invoice from the Contractor at the Manor Road Pavilion for the Stage One payment had only just arrived today, hence this invoice (as per the costing in the recent email to Councillors) would need to be paid under delegated powers before the next meeting.

289. UPDATE ON MANOR ROAD PAVILION REFURBISHMENT

The Contractor has been making good progress and to date the roof has been finished so the building is now watertight, and the dehumidifiers removed, 13 roof joists have either been replaced or repaired, all upper windows have been replaced with new security grills.

The painting of the outside of the Pavilion will be undertaken, next week. Then internal works will take place including re-wiring. It is hoped that the whole project will be completed by mid to end of May 2023, ready for bookings from June 2023. The refurbishment will give the building life to at least 2028 when our lease comes to an end. The new Council will have to consider whether to extend the lease or as part of the 4-

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year plan look for grant funding to enable the re-development and construction of an upgraded Pavilion.

The new Finance and Policy Committee will have to take a look at booking fees for next season.

Councillors requested a tour of the building once it is completed and the Town Clerk will arrange this.

The refurbished Pavilion will have an alarm and defibrillator included.

**RESOLVED:**

***That the above update in respect of the Manor Road Pavilion be received and noted.***

**290. CEMETERY CHAPEL – URGENT WORK**

Manns Surveyors have supplied the information for the works to tie in the East Chapel Wall with stainless bars. This will avoid costly underpinning work, the alternative, plus an archaeological survey of any underground works.

Tenders will be sought shortly and brought back to full Council. A Faculty from the Diocese is also to be sought giving permission for the works to be undertaken.

The design works required for the steeple have been received and again tenders will be sought shortly and brought back to full Council. A faculty from the Diocese is also to be sought giving permission for the works to be undertaken at the same time as the request for the faculty for the Chapel works.

**RESOLVED:**

***That the above notes in respect of the urgent works to the Cemetery Chapel be received and noted.***

**291. CORRESPONDENCE**

**(i) EARLY NOTICE OF GWR CUSTOMER AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR BIDS**

**RESOLVED:**

***To receive and note.***

Cllr Andy McGuinness left the meeting at this point.

**(i) WESTLOCAL IDEA**

**RESOLVED:**

***That this matter be deferred to the May 2023 Town Council meeting when Council consider setting up a Working Party to consider this matter fully.***





292. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**RESOLVED:**

To note that the date for the Town Council's next meeting is Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 the Annual Town Council meeting at 8.00 pm in the Baptist Church.

293. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

**RESOLVED:**

*In accordance with Standing Order 3(d) to RESOLVE that pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business by reason of the confidential nature of the matter to be transacted items 20 - 22 to progress sensitive and financial matters.*

294. B&NES RECEIPT AND PAYMENTS OF CIL

**RESOLVED:**

*To receive and note the confidential report.*

This document is to be signed outside the meeting by the Chair.

295. UPDATE ON SECTION 106 MATTERS AND FURTHER REPORT ON SECTION 106 PAYMENTS

**RESOLVED:**

*To receive and note the report.*

296. OFFICE MOVE

**RESOLVED:**

*To note there was no new update.*

The meeting finished at 9.05 p.m.

Signed:  (Chairman)

Dated: 11/5/23

