

KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the EATH Committee meeting held on
Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at 4.00pm in Keynsham Town Council office

PRESENT:

Councillors: D Biddleston, C Brennan, M Burton, C Davis and H MacFie

Members: Joe Tymkow, Deb Hall, Ric Davison and Jude Cron

IN ATTENDANCE: Katherine Sears – Deputy Town Clerk

29. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A Beaumont and Lesley Organ.

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED:

Cllr MacFie declared an interest in the Town's Christmas Tree, agenda item 12.

31. DISPENSATIONS

RESOLVED:

There were none.

32. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

RESOLVED:

There were none.

33. RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the EATH Committee meetings held on 2nd July 2025 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

34. EATH COMMITTEE BUDGET

RESOLVED:

- a) The breakdown of the Christmas Light invoice from B&NES was received and noted.*
- b) The EATH budget was received and noted.*

35. CHRISTMAS IN JULY

RESOLVED:

- a) Cllr Biddleston reported to the Committee that the evening was reasonably attended by Town Centre businesses.*
- b) It was decided that businesses in the Town Centre who are outside of the event footprint of the Winter Festival (Charlton Road, High Street and Station Road) be*

offered a stall in the Christmas Market for £25 inc. VAT. DTC to contact those businesses with this offer.

- c) *Late Night Shopping evening was discussed, results from Town Centre survey were that 15 businesses responded, 8 said not to have this 'event' and 7 said they would like to participate. It was resolved that those 7 be contacted and asked whether they would still like us to promote this event, even though there is only a few taking part.*

36. KEYNSHAM WINTER FESTIVAL 2025 DRAFT BUDGET

DTC reported that the budget is running on track, sponsorship target has been met.

RESOLVED:

- a) *Winter Festival budget was received and noted.*
b) *DTC to investigate whether we can increase the number of attendees on our standard insurance, if the increase is more than the separate insurance then go ahead with separate cover. Cllr Biddleston to enquire with B&NES how they insure their large events.*

37. KEYNSHAM WINTER FESTIVAL 2025

RESOLVED:

- a) *Update of acts booked to date received and noted.*
b) *Extend the Princess Meet n Greet to 4.5hrs to avoid visitors being disappointed.*
c) *Chase Super Pirates for a quote and DTC to book if within budget.*
d) *Companies A and C of the food traders be booked. Cllr Brennan to look into more Vegan options.*
e) *It was decided to mix up the community stalls with the private business stalls. Cllr Biddleston to request from B&NES support with the calculations for the weight restrictions in Riverside Square.*

38. GWR Railway Posters

RESOLVED:

It was resolved that after the Plein Air Competition, Councillors would look at the pieces of art produced whilst they are on display in the Library and report back to the next EATH Committee meeting. Then Joe Tymkow, Jude Cron, Cllr Biddleston and DTC would go through and see which ones would work for the posters.

39. HERITAGE OPEN DAYS – 12th to 21st September

RESOLVED:

Update on forthcoming programme was received and noted.

40. CHRISTMAS TREE

RESOLVED:

Discussed the options and it was resolved to proceed with Option 1.

41. KEYNSHAM SPRING SHOW 2026

RESOLVED:

- i) *Date to be Saturday 28th March 2026.*
ii) *Branding option 1 was chosen.*

42. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**RESOLVED:**

That the next EATH Committee meeting be held on WEDNESDAY 1st OCTOBER 2025 at 4pm in Keynsham Town Council Office.

43. 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 business to be transacted.

44. EATH COMMITTEE BUDGET 2026/27**RESOLVED:**

Committee have discussed and recommend the EATH budget to full Council.

The meeting finished at 6.20 p.m.

Signed:
(Chairman)

Date: