

KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the EATH Committee meeting held on
Tuesday 4th August 2026 at 4.45pm in Keynsham Town Council Office

PRESENT:

Councillors: D Biddleston, C Brennan, C Davis, H MacFie and A Halliday (Substitute)

Members: Joe Tymkow, Ric Davison, Jude Cron

In Attendance: Katherine Sears (Deputy Town Clerk)

19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Burton.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED:

Cllr MacFie declared an interest on the Christmas Light budget.

21. DISPENSATIONS

RESOLVED:

There were none.

22. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

RESOLVED:

There was none.

23. RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the EATH Committee meeting held on 3rd June 2026, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24. EATH COMMITTEE BUDGET 2026/27

Question from Cllr Brennan asking why the Remembrance Day budget was over budget.

DTC explained the HVM barriers are the largest cost pushing this over budget.

Question from Cllr Biddleston regarding Christmas Lights: The budget is £18,000, how much are we expected to spend and what would the excess be spent on?.

There was discussion and a number of suggestions as to how any unspent budget could be used.

RESOLVED:

i) To receive and note the budget for 2026/27.

ii) DTC to bring a detailed budget of Christmas Lights to next EATH meeting with suggestions of suitable options for any unspent amount.

25. FOOD FESTIVAL**RESOLVED:**

DTC to seek costs and update from external companies who would manage such events.

26. GWR RAILWAY POSTERS**RESOLVED:**

- i) To receive and note that the posters are now up and on display at the Railway Station and receiving positive feedback.*
- ii) The Heritage 'Then and Now' set is to be displayed for Heritage Open Days.*
- iii) DTC to bring the Remembrance Day set to next EATH meeting.*

27. HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2026**RESOLVED:**

Received and noted an update from the Business and Community Engagement Officer.

28. FARMERS' MARKET**RESOLVED:**

- i) Received and noted update from DTC on this month's Farmers' Market.*
- ii) The following Councillors will be available at the weekend's Farmers' Market: Cllr Biddleston, Cllr Brennan and Cllr Davis. DTC to also ask the other Councillors not present at the meeting.*
- iii) DTC to email the Farmers' Market to see whether there was scope for more frequent Farmers' Markets.*

29. COAT OF ARMS**RESOLVED:**

- i) To receive and note the update from the DTC that the Coat of Arms was discussed at Town Council in 2016 and 2017 and it was decided not to proceed with adopting it as the Keynsham Town Council branding.*
- ii) Keynsham Town Council branding to be discussed at the next Full Council meeting.*

30. KEYNSHAM WINTER FESTIVAL DRAFT BUDGET 2026**RESOLVED:**

- i) To receive and note the draft budget for the Winter Festival 2026.*
- ii) The third face painter to be added to the budget.*

31. KEYNSHAM WINTER FESTIVAL 2026**a) Layout****RESOLVED:**

- i) Face Painters to be positioned in The Space.*
- ii) Signage to be placed on the lift in the Library, asking people to use it only if necessary.*
- iii) DTC to contact B&NES to investigate the use of the empty unit on Riverside Terrace.*
- iv) DTC updated that the use of MakeSpace is unconfirmed as there is a tenant going into this unit.*

b) Stall Enquiry Update

*RESOLVED:**DTC reported that there has been a record number of applications.*

c) Entertainment

*RESOLVED:**Super Pirates to be booked again, subject to availability.**DTC to investigate whether a Climbing Wall could be erected on Riverside Square.**DTC to investigate a silent disco.*

d) Theme - Nutcracker

*RESOLVED:**It was agreed to proceed with the design shown with the two Nutcrackers.**Thanks to be recorded to Jacob, a student from Wellsway who was on work experience at the Town Council, for designing the initial graphic for the event.*

32. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

*RESOLVED:**That the next EATH Committee meeting be held on Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at 4.00pm in Keynsham Town Council Office.*

The meeting finished at 6.10pm.

Signed:
(Chairman)

Date: