

# KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Arts Joint Committee meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
at 3.00 p.m. in the Town Council Offices

---

PRESENT: Keynsham Town Councillors D Cooper, A Crouch, H Mac Fie, A McGuinness and J Wallcroft  
Non-voting Member R Davison

IN ATTENDANCE: D Drury (Deputy Town Clerk KTC)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Tony Crouch was elected Chairman of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2019/20

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

No Vice Chairman was elected for the Municipal Year 2019/20

3. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Committee Councillors C Brennan, D Cooper, T Crouch, R King, H MacFie, A McGuinness and J Wallcroft for the municipal year 2019 - 20, as agreed at the Town Council meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019 was noted.

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference were received and noted.

5. CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP

- (i) The resignation of Joe Tymkow as Arts Consortium representative was received and noted.

RESOLVED

That Judith Cron be appointed as the Arts Consortium representative to replace Mr Tymkow.

6. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors C Brennan and R King (Keynsham Town Council).

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

8. DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (previously circulated) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

It was noted that the 10<sup>th</sup> April and 17<sup>th</sup> July meetings were inquorate.

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

11. BUDGET – ARTS ACITIVITES

- i) To note that no submissions of proposal briefs for specific arts projects were made.
- ii) An update of GWR poster sales was provided to the Committee. To date very few posters have been sold.

RESOLVED

- i) That a smaller version of the posters depicting Artists images of Landscapes in and around Keynsham be produced for the Art Space Exhibition in the Library.
- ii) That smaller versions of the GWR posters in A3 and A4 could be sold on to the public. No price for the on sale cost was agreed, as there were no production cost details available.

12. TIMELINE PROJECT

There was no update available on the Timeline Project as the new access steps from the Park area off Bath Hill East Car Park are yet to be constructed.

13. ARTS NEWSLETTER TIMETABLE

The Arts newsletter timetable was received and noted as follows:

<b>SEASON</b>	<b>CALL OUT</b>	<b>CONTENT SUBMISSION DEADLINE</b>	<b>DISTRIBUTION</b>
Winter 2019	12.11.19	03.12.19	10.12.19
Spring 2020	01.02.20	14.02.20	02.03.20
Summer 2020	18.05.20	05.06.20	22.06.20
Autumn 2020	17.08.20	04.09.20	21.09.20

14. GWR PROJECT – STATION POSTERS UPDATE

RESOLVED

That posters for the Station will be as follows:

- i) January – March 2020– Keynsham through the year – photographic images – update.
- ii) April – June – Gardens of Keynsham – In Bloom images.
- iii) July – September – Split image poster - Retro shop signage and Keynsham Independent shop images (plus one frame reserved for Keynsham Music Festival.
- iv) October – December – Sporting images (Keynsham’s Clubs) including minority sports. BMX (biking for children), Skate Park (action shots).

An update on the new What’s on display board on the Bath bound platform was presented.

15. BANDSTAND PROGRAMME 2019

It was reported that 25 bands/choirs were booked to perform in the 2019 season on the bandstand which is more than 2018. Of these two had to be cancelled, one due to ill health of band members and one due to inclement weather conditions. Our local band Keynsham Brass Band were given the opportunity of a second performance to fill in on one of these dates. The bands were very much appreciated by the public, the audiences were regularly a good size and feedback from the Bands/choirs was very good, with all wanting to perform again in 2020.

There is some budget left.

RECOMMENDED

That the surplus bandstand budget be used to purchase a new fixed noticeboard near the bandstand or a handrail to make a safer route down the steps at the side of the bandstand.

16. THE SPACE UPDATE

It was reported that the Film Works and Comedy Club performances/shows are always sold out. In July, the Space were lucky to have Russell Howard perform as part of the Comedy Club show.

There is usually some type of performance on either the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday or 1<sup>st</sup> Friday every month, with roughly four events per month. Local amateur performances have not really taken off.

Up and coming performances/events in the Space include:

Down to Earth film presented by Transition Keynsham is screening on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 7.00 p.m. for 7.30p.m.

Will Lawton and Band in concert – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30 p.m.

Keynsham Winter Festival performances - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 6 – 9 p.m.

In December, there is the possibility of Stevie and the Masquerades filming for their new single. There is also planned an opera event on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The show will include professional opera singers plus the schools.

Additionally, a series of concerts to support the Keynsham FM station may possibly be planned.

Performances and events are promoted through the Space Facebook page, B&NES website and promotional material has branding that includes Ric's logo.

Suggestions for future events/performances include touring drama groups and a free booking night for community groups/art groups to apply for.

It was agreed that it is a fantastic venue which needs to be promoted to local groups for use.

A recommendation to be considered at the next meeting would be to provide funding in the budget of £100 each month (12 months) for Ric to put on local performances.

Concern was raised that the poster at the entrance of the Space were still advertising the Keynsham Music Festival.

17. KEYNSHAM MUSIC FESTIVAL UPDATE

Ric reported that he thought that it was probably one of the best Keynsham Music Festivals ever. The budget for the Festival was in the region of £90,000. Throughout the performances (the week) leading up to the event and the actual Music Festival weekend there were approximately 20,000 visitors to the performances. The highlight of this year's festival was the Abbey Road Centenary performance which was a sell out and was the best beginning for the Festival.

Ric reported that he had almost secured a performance by the Bonzo Dog Band and he is still in contact with them and this is something that may happen at a future Festival.

There are already a couple of big projects planned for 2020.

The final figures from the Festival accounts are unknown but it was reported that both the Opera and the Swing Dance sales were not good. It has been suggested the opera in the future be a more popular production. The Town Council office not being open was considered as one possible reason for sales being down.

18. UPDATE ON LIVE STREAMING

Hal reported that there had been no action recently. The process of installation needs a bit more work to get this project to conclusion. Hal will be arranging a meeting with Ian Valentine to get an update on this.

19. CURRENT ARTS ACTIVITIES IN KEYNSHAM

By the end of November there will be a fully operating radio station in Keynsham. The station operates out of the @One building (behind St. John's Church) and has two

studios (one for training and one for broadcasting). Eventually, the station will be open to the public at certain times.

It was reported that Jo Tymkow's art activities at Somerdale are going from strength to strength. He now provides numerous art lessons and courses to both residents and the public.

20. NEW STANDING COMMITTEE FROM DECEMBER 2019 ONWARDS

The Committee noted that the Arts Committee is to be merged with the Tourism and Marketing Working Party and the Keynsham Winter Festival Committee to create one single standing Committee to be known as the Arts, Events, Tourism and Heritage Committee. Future meeting dates were noted as follows: -

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 at 4.00 p.m.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 4.00 p.m.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 4.00 p.m.

The Terms of Reference for the Arts, Events, Tourism and Heritage Committee were received and noted.

There were no Recommendations to the Town Council in respect of the new Committee.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The first meeting of the new Arts, Events, Tourism & Heritage Committee is scheduled for **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 at 4pm**. A budget for 2020/2021 will be discussed at this meeting.

Signed: ..... Date: .....  
(Chairman)