

# KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the EATH Committee meeting held on  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 4pm in Keynsham Town Council Office

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## PRESENT:

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

Members: Joe Tymkow, Ric Davison, Jude Cron, Deborah Hall and Martin Woodward

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Andy Halliday, Katherine Sears – Deputy Town Clerk, Amanda Leonard – Business and Community Engagement Officer

## 101. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

*RESOLVED:*

*There were none.*

## 102. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

*RESOLVED:*

*There were none.*

## 103. DISPENSATIONS

*RESOLVED:*

*There were none.*

## 104. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

*RESOLVED:*

*There were none.*

## 105. RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

*RESOLVED:*

*That the Minutes of the EATH Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.*

## 106. EATH COMMITTEE BUDGET 2025/26 & 2026/27

Cllr Burton pointed out that there was an error in the total sum of income on the 2025/26 budget. It should state £11,712 and not £17,712.

Cllr Brennan asked where the Miscellaneous income came from – DTC will speak to the RFO and report back at the next meeting.

Cllr Burton asked why there was income from Keynsham In Bloom – DTC explained that this was payment for watering the hanging baskets as the usual contractor was unable to do this this year, so our Grounds team took it on.

Jude pointed out the Good Citizen Award should be £400 as there are now 4 winners – DTC will speak to the RFO and report back at the next meeting.

*RESOLVED:*

*i) To receive and note the budget for 2025/26.*

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

## 107. SPRING SHOW 2026 WRAP UP

There were over 150 more exhibits than last year, this is increasing year on year as the event becomes more well known and popular.

The event is almost too big and busy for the Scout HQ, so this is something that needs to be considered for future years.

Over 900 people visited the Show over the afternoon.

We had to rejig the locations of the face painters when the wind picked up, but this was carried out quickly and efficiently.

It worked well using the Girl Guiding HQ.

All traders were really happy and halls were constantly full.

### **RESOLVED:**

- i) To receive and note the update from the DTC.*
- ii) To receive and note the feedback from the Committee Members.*
- iii) To confirm the date for the 2027 Spring Show will be Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2027.*

## 108. GWR RAILWAY POSTERS

### **RESOLVED:**

- i) To omit numbers 5, 7 and 9 and to proceed with the other 12 as posters for Keynsham Railway.*
- ii) To receive and note the update on other sets of posters available in the KTC store. DTC to look into opportunities to turn these into postcards, gift cards, posters for sale, proposal to be brought to the next EATH Committee meeting.*

## 109. HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2026

Report received from Amanda Leonard, the Business and Community Engagement Officer, on the plans to date for the Heritage Open Days 2026.

Richard Dyson will be including his guided walking tour and a separate talk on the History of Keynsham. Richard will also provide some history on various locations in Keynsham for the event programme.

Keynsham Snap and Stroll are keen to put on an exhibition on Keynsham Past and Present.

St John's will be putting on tower tours and guided Church tours, as well as Bell Ringing. Voluntary donations are permitted at the event, but the event must be free to the public.

The Rachel Shaw Collection of Roman Artefacts will be on show, and the Library have confirmed that they will provide someone to talk through them.

Cllr Biddleston confirmed that there are lots more Roman Artefacts that are in B&NES storage and are rarely displayed. Martin Woodward added that he has spoken to Heritage team in B&NES and they have confirmed that they are considering displaying the Artefacts.

Amanda continued that Allen Richards from KTC will be down at the Cemetery showing people around and that the Albert Mill will also be opened again.

Cllr Biddleston spoke about how, as part of the Music Festival, the performance of a Bridge across the Flood, was reprised. There was another performance of the Keynsham Workhouse. He would like to suggest that the Copyright be purchased by the Town Council.

Amanda reported that there has been a discussion with Ric about bringing back the performance of the Bonzo Dog Doo-Dah Band as part of the Heritage event. There are costs involved in this and as the event need to be free for the Heritage Open Days these would need to be covered. It could be a ticketed event and cover costs, but this would have to run alongside our Heritage Open Days events, with a brief mention of it in the programme but not one of the official events.

Martin Woodward reported on various things that are happening at St John's Church. A group at the Church are in the process of reordering the Church to make it more of an exhibition space, replacing the doors with glass doors, installing a servery and toilets to make it a welcoming and useable space. They are looking for ways of funding this, in particular looking at National Lottery funding and Heritage Fund, so looking to place the history of St John's Church within the context of the whole of Keynsham as it has a fantastic history.

They have been speaking to Stuart Prior from Bristol University and the idea of carrying out ground penetrating radar around the Church, The Paddock, the car parks, and nearby gardens and maybe the Abbey site to get a new picture and look at how to share our history. He has had a meeting with Dawn Dury and Alan Jenner about The Paddock, which was part of the Abbey. The University are willing to carry out the ground penetrating radar for free, and they are also willing, over a three-year period, to carry out some excavation digs.

Spoken to B&NES who are keen for a semi-permanent or permanent display. St John's are keen to "Green up" the grounds, with display boards with information about the history, this would include The Paddock. They are also in talks with the local Schools, Bath Spa University and Bristol University to help raise the profile of Keynsham.

*Cllr Davis left at 5.15pm.*

**RESOLVED:**

- i) To receive and note the verbal update from BCEO on plans to date.*
- ii) DTC to look into the copyright for Keynsham Workhouse performance.*
- iii) To receive and note the update from Martin Woodward, and to invite him to speak to Full Council and recommend a letter of support be written from the Keynsham Town Council on his project.*
- iv) A concert celebrating the Bonzo Dog Doo-Dah Band be organised by Ric. KTC to support him with promotion alongside the Heritage Open Days.*

**110. CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

**RESOLVED:**

*To offer two dates to the Businesses to see which is more popular: 13<sup>th</sup> July and 15<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm.*

**111. KEYNSHAM WINTER FESTIVAL 2026**

**RESOLVED:**

- i) That the Winter Festival will be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November. With the lighting of the Christmas Tree being on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November.*

ii) *To increase all charges to traders by 10%.*

**112. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

*RESOLVED:*

*That the next EATH Committee meeting be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026 at 4.00pm in Keynsham Town Council Office.*

The meeting finished at 5.30pm.

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

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