KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the EATH Committee meeting held on Wednesday 7th October 2026 at 4pm in Keynsham Town Council Office

PRESENT:

Councillors: D Biddleston, C Brennan and C Davis

Members: Joe Tymkow, Ric Davison, Deb Hall

In Attendance: Katherine Sears (Deputy Town Clerk)

44. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Burton and Cllr Halliday.

45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED:

Cllr Biddleston declared an interest in KLOG when discussing agenda item 12.

46. DISPENSATIONS

RESOLVED:

There were none.

47. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

RESOLVED:

There was none.

48. RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the EATH Committee meeting held on 2nd September 2026, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

49. AGE UK PRESENTATION

Nick Howdle explained to the Committee the work of AGE UK, that they support people to age well, be heard and celebrated. He was impressed with the number of organisations present at our Grants Presentation evening and feels there is an opportunity to bring these key people and organisations together to then provide support for the older residents of Keynsham.

His proposal is to hold a day event, delivering 2 to 4 information sessions, Q&A session and some networking totalling around 90-120mins.

RESOLVED:

To support this event and to cover the room hire.

DTC and Nick to meet to discuss potential dates and produce a list of organisations to invite.

50. EATH COMMITTEE BUDGET 2026/27

RESOLVED:
To receive and note the budget for 2026/27.

51. GWR RAILWAY POSTERS

RESOLVED:
To replace two in the Remembrance set with the newly designed up to date versions.

52. KEYNSHAM WINTER FESTIVAL DRAFT BUDGET 2026

RESOLVED:

i) To proceed with the additional security.
ii) To proceed with the lighting of the tunnel.
iii) To proceed with the entertainment options
iv) To receive and note the draft budget for the Winter Festival 2026..

53. KEYNSHAM WINTER FESTIVAL 2026

Layout

RESOLVED:
To receive and note the update from DTC on layout plans.

Sponsorship

RESOLVED:
To receive and note that the sponsorship budget has been met.

Stall Enquiry Update

RESOLVED:

i) DTC to explain to the trader that the pitch cost stands to be fair to all traders.
ii) DTC to offer the photographer a space for their Christmas Photo Area at the cost of a trader pitch.

Entertainment

RESOLVED:

i) To receive and note the verbal update from DTC.
ii) To proceed with the entertainment options in the draft budget.

Friday Night Christmas Tree Lights Turn On

RESOLVED:

i) To receive and note the tree will be arriving 24th November
ii) To receive and note update from Deb Hall on the plans for the switch on evening.
6pm: Bell will ring.
6.30pm: Countdown and lights will be turned on, followed with carols.
7pm: Stalls, refreshments, children's nativity dress up and launch of peg dolls in the Church.

Window Display Competition

RESOLVED:

i) For judging to take place at 5pm on Monday 23rd November.
ii) To invite May Mike to be the guest judge this year.
iii) To introduce a new category for pubs and restaurants, DTC to contact them to let them know.

Event Permit
RESOLVED:
To receive and note the date of the SAGE meeting is 22nd October.

54. REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE 2026
RESOLVED:
To receive and note the update from DTC.

55. BANDSTAND 2027
RESOLVED:
i) To receive and note the report from KTC's Admin Assistant with regards to adding some family friendly acts to next year's programme.
ii) To proceed with a few child-friendly acts in the Summer, also to approach the senior schools and performance groups (KLOGs and Phoenix) and see if they have any end of year performances that they would like to use the Bandstand for as a dress rehearsal.
iii) To make sure these child-friendly acts are clearly marked on the programme to ensure audience members know what to expect.

56. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC
RESOLUTION:
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. Agenda item 15 to progress financial issues.

57. EATH COMMITTEE BUDGET 2027/28
RESOLVED:
Committee have discussed and recommend the EATH budget to full Council.

58. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
RESOLVED:
That the next EATH Committee meeting be held on Wednesday 4th November 2026 at 4.00pm in Keynsham Town Council Office.

The meeting finished at 5.41pm.

Signed: O'Brennan Date: 4/11/26
(Chairman)