



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Newmarket Town Council

held on Monday 22nd July 2024 at 6:15 pm at the Memorial Hall

Attendance:

Councillor P Winter (Town Mayor)
Councillor J Berry
Councillor J Borda
Councillor J Clover
Councillor L Crissall
Councillor J Harvey
Councillor R Hood
Councillor J Jarvis

Councillor R Jones
Councillor J McHugh
Councillor R Nobbs
Councillor S Perry
Councillor A Drummond
Councillor F Unwin
Councillor K Yarrow

Also Present: J Ashton – Minute Assistant, Mr J Schunmann – CEO Newmarket Charitable Foundation and 1 Member of the Press.

Minute

24/07/1 Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the new Councillor, Fiona Unwin.

The Chairman read the Fire safety notice and confirmed that proceedings were being recorded by the Minute Assistant and asked if anyone else intended to record the meeting.

24/07/2 Apologies for Absence – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hulbert and Starkey. Cllr Anderson was absent.

24/07/3 Declaration of Members Interests & to Remind Councillors of the Need to Keep up to Date Their Register of Member's Interests and to Consider any Requests Received for Member's Dispensation

None noted. There were no requests for Member's Dispensation.

24/07/4 To Receive and Confirm the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 24th June 2024 and any Matters Arising.

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th June 2024 were presented and the following was agreed:

24/07/4.01 Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24th June 2024 be adopted and signed as a correct record by the Town Mayor.

Mr Schunmann joined the meeting.

There were no matters arising.

24/07/5 Public Open Session

No members of the public were present.

24/07/6 Police Report

None Noted.

Cllrs Berry and Borda joined the meeting.

24/07/7

Newmarket Charitable Foundation

Josh gave a short presentation on the Newmarket Research Project being conducted by Metro Dynamics. The research included engagement with stakeholders from SCC, WSC, NTC, Love Newmarket, Newmarket BID, Jockey Club, NHRM etc. It also analysed data from footfall, jobs, job skills, salaries etc. It considered the heritage, location, transport access and applying for Royal status.

The project will now look at meeting the objectives of re-adjusting the economic structure of Newmarket, rejuvenating the Town Centre, and having a stronger programme of events and attractions.

Interventions on proposals for growth include a specialist equine veterinary and animal science centre providing education facilities with a research and development department. A National Equine Centre of Excellence with an arena for show jumping and dressage events and training. For the Town centre, provide space in empty units for pop-up businesses and manage the market to attract more stall holders. To add other events to the yearly programme of the racing festivals with food festivals, comedy festivals etc. and to focus on the strong heritage of Newmarket and Royal connections.

Josh took questions and was requested to send copy of the presentation to the Town Clerk to circulate to all members. More questions may follow on the accuracy of the statistics.

Josh gave thanks and left the meeting.

24/07/8

Councillor Reports

SCC – Cllr Hood reported that SCC had produced all age strategy for autism. SCC Highways confirmed there was no impediment to moving the Market back to the High Street.

SCC and WSC have each pledged £2 million for a sports hub potentially at the St Felix site; this is intended as part of the Sport Strategy.

Cllr Drummond reported that SCC had prosecuted the developer of the flats on the former De Niro's nightclub site for producing false building completion certificates and was found guilty.

Cllr Nobbs reported that the property was still on the Air BnB website.

Cllr Yarrow asked Cllr Hood to find out the details of the free holder for this property.

West Suffolk Council (WSC) – Cllr Perry gave feedback from the BID meeting she had attended, and they are giving levy members access to an online training package with 270 courses available free of charge. 19 grants have been awarded from the shopfront improvement scheme. The Food Festival is on this weekend with lots of activities in the Guineas. There will be an Olympic themed shop window competition in August. She has set up regular meetings with the BID Manager to work together on promoting events etc.

WSC are now holding regular meetings with the Horse Industry to improve collaboration. Priorities have been set for housing, travel and innovations for industry and promoting Newmarket as a destination to visit. She had participated in a walk

regarding the chalk stream organised by the Chalk Stream Trust who have applied for funding to conduct an ecological survey.

Ward – Cllr Drummond reported that the work on Rayes Lane and the signal crossing on Fordham Road had changed from a Section 106 scheme enacted by SCC now to the developers of Hatchfield Farm who are implementing the project. It was noted that the management of this project had been appalling; however, residents have now been consulted and have a better understanding of the project. It is hoped that the new arrangements for horses, cars and pedestrians will make a positive improvement.

Cllr Yarrow reported that he had contacted the Academy regarding the overgrown footpath behind the Academy but has not received a response. The owner of the path is not clear, but it could be SCC however, the brambles have now been cut back. Matthew Fox attended a site visit regarding the steep concrete steps and is looking into the possibility of building a ramp to make it accessible to all users.

Outside bodies

None noted.

24/07/9

Mayors Announcements

The Mayor reported that, in addition to attending committee meetings, working groups and other meetings, her activities included the following:

28th June 2024 – welcomed the students from the Lexington Link to a reception at the Heath Court Hotel.

1st July 2024 – went on the tour of the Town with Newmarket BID for National Independents week.

5th July 2024 – attended the Newmarket Rotary Club Community Awards at the Jockey Club.

24/07/10 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Development & Planning Committee Meetings held on 1st, 8th & 15th July 2024

The Chairman of the Development & Planning Committee presented the minutes and recommendations from the Development & Planning Committee meetings held on 1st, 8th & 15th July 2024. There were no recommendations.

24/07/11 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 1st July 2024

The Chairman of the Community Services Committee presented the minutes and recommendations from the Community Services Committee meeting held on 1st July 2024. There were no recommendations.

24/07/12 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Performance & Audit Committee Meeting held on 8th July 2024

The Chairman of the Performance & Audit Committee presented the minutes and recommendations from the Performance & Audit Committee meeting held on 8th July 2024.

24/07/12.01 Resolved (P/24/07/8.01 Recommendation)

That the Transport & Parking Working Group convene a meeting to discuss and consider the matter and report back to D&P.

24/07/13 To Receive the Minutes and Consider and Approve any Recommendations from the Finance & Policy Committee Meeting held on 15th July 2024

The Chairman of the Finance & Policy Committee presented the minutes and recommendations from the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 15th July 2024.

24/07/13.01 Resolved (F/24/07/6.01 Recommendation)

That the ratification of the schedules of payments for the period 01/05/2024 – 30/05/2024 and 01/05/2024 – 30/06/2024 (Cash Book 1 - 4) be received and adopted.

24/07/13.02 Resolved (F/24/07/9.01 Recommendation)

That the following signatories for the CCLA Account be approved:

C Whitaker – Town Clerk.

P Winter – Mayor & current signatory on UTB accounts.

J Harvey – Deputy Mayor & Chair of Finance & current signatory on UTB accounts.

K Yarrow – Chair of HR & current signatory on UTB account.

24/07/14 Working Group Reports

None noted.

24/07/15 Newmarket Neighbourhood Plan

The re-written objective 1 was presented for Members to consider and to send any comments to Cllr Harvey (deadline for submissions to be notified).

24/07/16 Approach to Newmarket Railway Station

Cllr Perry advised that the land is maintained by “Railscape Ltd” who had agreed to clear the weeds. However there is an issue of ongoing maintenance of the area and whether something more substantial can be done. Town Clerk had written to SCC asking for the funding to improve the Station to be used for this as the funding was still available. Cllr Perry was asked to arrange a meeting with SCC, Cllrs Perry, and McHugh regarding the funding.

24/07/17 Sunnica

The Decision of the Secretary of State to approve the Sunnica application was noted with great disappointment. Parties such as SCC, WSC, ECC and Cambs County are looking into the detail and process of the decision to investigate the possibility of a Judicial Review. The following was agreed:

24/07/17.01 Resolved

That NTC does not support the Secretary of State’s decision to approve the Sunnica application. NTC does support parties such as SCC, WSC, ECC and Cambs County to review the detail of the process of the decision and to investigate the possibility of a Judicial Review.

24/07/17.02 Resolved

That a letter be sent to the Secretary of State to look at the scheme in Italy to ban solar farms on farmland and to consider making it a law.

24/07/17.03 Resolved

That Delegated Powers be given to Cllrs Drummond, Harvey, and Jones to draft

the letter to the Secretary of State.

24/07/18 Fly Posting

The issue of fly-posting during the election has now been resolved

24/07/19 Correspondence

A thankyou card from Lexington Link was noted.

24/07/20 Date of the next Meeting

Monday 27th August 2024 in the Memorial Hall at 6.15pm.

Meeting closed at 7:26pm

Signed: _____ Cllr Harvey _____

Date: _____ 27.08.24 _____

Summary of Resolutions

Resolution	Resolution Wording
<u>24/07/12.01 Resolved (P/24/07/8.01 Recommendation)</u>	That the Transport & Parking Working Group convene a meeting to discuss and consider the matter and report back to D&P.
<u>24/07/13.01 Resolved (F/24/07/6.01 Recommendation)</u>	That the ratification of the schedules of payments for the period 01/05/2024 – 30/05/2024 and 01/05/2024 – 30/06/2024 (Cash Book 1 - 4) be received and adopted.
<u>24/07/13.02 Resolved (F/24/07/9.01 Recommendation)</u>	That the following signatories for the CCLA Account be approved: C Whitaker – Town Clerk. P Winter – Mayor & current signatory on UTB accounts. J Harvey – Deputy Mayor & Chair of Finance & current signatory on UTB accounts. K Yarrow – Chair of HR & current signatory on UTB account.
<u>24/07/17.01 Resolved</u>	That NTC does not support the Secretary of State's decision to approve the Sunnica application. NTC does support SCC, WSC and ECC to review the detail of the process of the decision and to investigate the possibility of a Judicial Review.
<u>24/07/17.02 Resolved</u>	That a letter be sent to the Secretary of State to look at the scheme in Italy to ban solar farms on farmland and to consider making it a law.
<u>24/07/17.03 Resolved</u>	That Delegated Powers be given to Cllrs Drummond, Harvey, and Jones to draft the letter to the Secretary of State.