

KIDDERMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of Kidderminster Town Council held in the Council Chamber,
Wyre Forest House on Wednesday 12th April 2023 at 6:00pm**

Present:

- Councillor K Gale (Chair)
- Councillor Bishop
- Councillor Chambers
- Councillor Connolly
- Councillor Dyke
- Councillor N. Gale
- Councillor Hine
- Councillor Hopkins
- Councillor Miah
- Councillor Oborski (MBE)
- Councillor Phillips
- Councillor Rayner
- Councillor Rook
- Councillor Ross
- Councillor Stokes

In Attendance:
Mr L. Jakeman, Chief Executive

C.090 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Smith and Councillor Muir.

Absent: Councillor Aston

C.091 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

C.092 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members were informed that no public questions had been received.

C.093 MINUTES

RESOLVED: Members approved the minutes of the meeting of Kidderminster Town Council held on Tuesday 23rd February 2023.

C.094 **STAFFING COMMITTEE**

Members noted receipt of the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 8th March 2023.

C.095 **EVENTS COMMITTEE**

Members noted receipt of the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 16th March 2023.

C.096 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Members noted receipt of the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 28th March 2023.

C.097 **FINANCE AND OVERVIEW**

Members noted receipt of the minutes of the Finance and Overview Committee meeting held on 29th March 2023.

C.098 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members noted the mayoral engagements attended during February and March 2023.

- Friday 10th February – Mayor’s Skittle Evening.
- Friday 17th February – Canal and River Trust Open Day Event.
- Thursday 23rd February – Town Council Meeting.
- Monday 27th February – Specsavers Royal Visit.
- Friday 3rd March – Lord Lieutenant Drinks Reception.
- Sunday 5th March - Worcestershire Civic Service.
- Sunday 12th March – Chairman of Wychavon’s Civic Service.
- Friday 17th March – Mayor of Bewdley’s Ball.
- Tuesday 21st March – King Charles School Awards (DEPUTY).
- Thursday 23rd March – Evening of Gardening.
- Friday 24th March – Mayor of Kidderminster’s Quiz Night.
- Saturday 25th March – Kidderminster Choral Society Concert.
- Saturday 25th March – Valentines Concert (DEPUTY).
- Sunday 26th March – Wyre Forest Symphony Orchestra Concert.

C.099 **DEPUTY MAYOR ELECT**

TC/60/22-23

Members considered appointing a Deputy Mayor Elect for the civic year 2023/24.

RESOLVED: Members appointed Councillor Connolly as Deputy Mayor Elect for the civic year 2023/24.

C.100 **UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND**

Members noted that the Town Council has been notified that it has been successful in its grant application to the UKSPF £95k for works to improve Exchange Place as an enhancement to planned refurbishment works of the Town Hall. We are currently advised the £80k is approved for capital works and £15k for revenue costs. Formal and detailed terms of conditions have yet to be received as the funding will not be made available until the beginning of FY 24/25.

Members noted that the Kidderminster BID has been successful in obtaining a grant from the UKSPF for circa £178K over a period of approximately 2 years, and that a steering group will be set up to include representation from the Town Council to oversee the project delivery. In general terms, the grant funding is intended to support the provision of community related events that can promote footfall and growth in the Town Centre during the period of the closure of the Town Hall and for a period after its reopening.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Bishop be nominated as the Town Council's representative to the Kidderminster Business Improvement District (BID) UK Shared Prosperity Fund Steering Group.

C.101 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: in terms of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and it is, therefore, **RESOLVED** that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded.

(Note: While the discussions are confidential the decisions made are documented for the public record)

C.102 **CONTRACTS**

Members noted the contents of a confidential report (TC/61/22-23).

C.103 **STAFFING**

Members noted a confidential report following the Staffing Committee meeting held on 8th March 2023.