

**WESTON-SUPER- MARE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON
MONDAY 21st MARCH 2022**

Meeting Commenced: 7.03 pm

Meeting Concluded: 8.21 pm

PRESENT: Councillors James Clayton (Town Mayor), Dot Agassiz, Ray Armstrong, Roger Bailey, Gillian Carpenter, Sarah Codling, Peter Crew, John Crockford-Hawley, David Dash, Peter Fox, Catherine Gibbons, Jan Holloway, Pete McAleer, Robert Payne, Alan Peak, Ian Porter, Sonia Russe, Tim Taylor, Lisa Pilgrim and Richard Tucker.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Malcolm Nicholson (Town Clerk), Sarah Pearse (Deputy Town Clerk, Rebecca Saunders (Mayors Civic Officer/Committee Officer), Fay Powell (Assistant Town Clerk Operational Services), Becky Walsh (Communications Officer), Reverend Peter Ashman (Town Mayors Chaplin), Inspector Graeme Hall (Avon and Somerset Police), David Jolley and Alan Rice (members of the public).

The Town Mayor invited his Chaplain to say prayers.

The Town Mayor invited members of the public to address the meeting.

375	Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutions Apologies for absence were received from Councillors, Mike Bell, Gill Bute, Ciaran Cronnelly and Roz Willis.
376	To receive Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of Received.
377	To approve the accuracy of the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 24th January 2022 PROPOSED BY: Councillor Alan Peak SECONDED BY: Councillor Ian Porter RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.
378	To receive announcements and communications from the Town Mayor The Town Mayor presented the Deputy Town Clerk with a BA Honours degree award. The Mayor's announcements and communications were circulated prior to the meeting. There had been 165 engagements attended by the Mayor, 7 by the Deputy Mayor, which was a total of 173 to date. Significant upcoming events reported were the: 1 st April British Heart Foundation Raffle Draw

	<p>7th April Weston College Easter Dinner 9th April Weston Rugby v Hornets Match 22nd-24th April Hildesheim Visit.</p> <p>The Town Mayor also thanked councillors for their support raising the Ukrainian Flag.</p>
379	<p>To receive the Notes of the Youth Council Meetings held in January and February 2022</p> <p>The notes of the Youth Council meetings had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>Councillor Sarah Codling thanked the town council for welcoming the members of the Youth council in attendance and congratulated the Youth Council for their ongoing work, partially in the mental health and environment areas.</p> <p>A member reported that they had attended the last Youth Council Meeting and was very impressed with their motivation and fantastic ideas.</p> <p><i>7.15 pm Councillor Mark Canniford joined the meeting.</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: That the notes of the Youth Council meetings for January and February 2022 be received.</p>
380	<p>To approve Minutes of Meetings of the Planning Working Party as follows: 29th September, 20th October, 17th November, 15th December 2021, 12th January and 9th February 2022</p> <p>The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that the Planning meetings were held via Zoom and were meeting as a Working party</p> <p>It was noted that a member had been quoted incorrectly on item 276 regarding a disable parking bay.</p> <p>PROPOSED-Councillor Jan Holloway SECONDED-Councillor Timothy Taylor</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That with the above amendments, the minutes from the Planning Working Party be approved.</p>
381	<p>Neighbourhood and Response Policing in Weston-Super-Mare</p> <p>The Town Mayor welcomed Inspector Graeme Hall back to the meeting.</p> <p>Inspector Graeme Hall reported that he now had sole responsibility for drug crimes in the area and county lines continued to be the main issue in the area. The newly formed local remedy team had made 3 arrests and had another 3 suspects under investigation but there was still a lot of work to do, engaging with schools would be key to resolving this problem. Last week operation scorpion had taken place focusing on vulnerable children missing from schools which had been very successful.</p>

Mini Mall in Oxford street had also been successfully closed down due to a drug dealer. Antisocial behaviour was also another key area being focused on and a multi-agency approach had been taken with businesses such as McDonalds in the town centre now employing a security guard fulltime and the town centre team had increased presence and disbursing anti sociable behaviour.

The night time economy had been in the media in recent weeks due to the problems caused by the Young Farmer visit where the response teams had been supported by the remedy team to relive the issues.

More staff were due to come in to support this area and an update from the chief constable was due regarding resources.

Worle now had a new Sargent named Matthew Shaker and the main focus in this area was the Queensway retail park which had already seen good results from increased presence.

7.29 pm Councillor Sarah Codling left the meeting.

A member thanked the inspector for his efforts so far and was pleased to see he had a handle on the drug problems in the town.

A member had read in a press release that there had been 64 arrests in the area which was good to hear, but was saddened that CCTV had not been received and therefore, suggested a letter be sent to North Somerset Council to inform the suppliers that The Council would like the reports.

The issue of dangerous parking on Weston hillside was raised and requested to be reported to the PCSO team.

The Town Mayor reported that a letter had been sent to the Young Farmers Association and a meeting was due to take place.

7.34 pm Councillor Sarah Codling re-joined the meeting.

RESOLVED- That the Town Clerk write to North Somerset Council regarding The receiving of CCTV reports.

382 Designation of Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor for the year 2022/2023

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Peter Fox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Peter Crew

A vote was taken and **carried**.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Sonia Russe be designated Town Mayor for the year 2022/2023.

It was therefore

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Catherine Gibbons
SECONDED BY: Councillor Timothy Taylor

	<p>A vote was taken and carried.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Councillor Peter McAleer be designated Deputy Town Mayor for the year 2022/2023.</p>
<p>383</p>	<p>To Approve the Draft Calendar of Meetings for June 2022 to May 2023</p> <p>The proposed calendar of meetings had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>A member enquired if setting meetings in the Summer months of July and August would be a good idea due to holidays.</p> <p>The Town Clerk advised there had been a request 3 years ago to admit meetings from both Tourism & Leisure and Heritage & Arts in July and August but not Policy & Finance, although these dates had been avoided as much as possible.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mark Canniford SECONDED BY: Councillor Sarah Codling</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the draft Calendar of Meetings for June 2022 to May 2023 be approved.</p> <p><i>7.48 pm The members of the Youth Council left the meeting.</i></p>
<p>384</p>	<p>To approve budget for the free door entry system at Grove Park toilets excluded from the original proposal in January 2022</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk reported that in principle, it had been agreed that all Town Council toilets would be free but Grove Park had not been included in this decision as they had been closed. The decision had now been taken to reopen the site and permission was now being sought to approve an over spend of an estimated £5-7,000 per door to enable free access.</p> <p>It was questioned by a member that their understanding of the decision was that this included Grove Park toilets and so was disappointed to see this was back on the agenda.</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the estimated spend of £24-£28,000 would not be sufficient to cover the cost of replacing all site doors including Grove Park and so the procurement would need to be extended.</p> <p>It was suggested that the item go back to Policy & Finance Committee for discussion as the requested amount was substantial and also suggested that the Community Services Committee revisited the opening times for the site, to reduce the risk of vandalism.</p> <p>It was questioned by a member that the motion taken previously, had stated that all toilets would be free.</p> <p><i>7.56 pm Councillor Mark Canniford left the meeting.</i></p> <p>It was felt that this decision needed to be delayed as full costings would be needed for members to make an informed decision.</p>

7.59 pm Councillor Mark Canniford joined the meeting.

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Robert Payne

SECONDED BY: Councillor Peter Fox

A vote was taken and **carried** 13 for and 9 against.

RESOLVED: That once estimates for the three new doors for Grove Park toilets had been obtained, the decision to approve the over spend be referred to the Policy & Finance Committee and the Community Services Committee to decide opening times for the site.

8.02 pm Inspector Graeme Hall left the meeting.

385 Annual Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

The Standing Orders and Financial Regulations had been previously circulated.

The Leader informed that these had been scrutinised and was happy to propose them.

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Alan Peak

SECONDED BY: Councillor Ian Porter

A vote was taken and **carried**.

RESOLVED: That the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be approved.

386 To Approve the Updated Procurement Guide

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Alan Peak

SECONDED BY: Councillor Ian Porter

A vote was taken and **carried**.

RESOLVED: That the updated Procurement Guide be approved.

387 Preferred Options Local Plan Consultation

The Report of the Town Clerk was tabled due to the fact that the consultation had only been published 2 days previously.

It was noted that the published document was in the third stage of the local plan and was a large 166-page document that members could collect and read from Grove House.

There were links for responses online either individually, as a body or as a group.

It was advised by a dual hatted member that in relation to Weston-Super-Mare the local plan would not make a large impact as the town was fully developed to the boundary.

8.05 pm Councillor Marcia Pepperall left the meeting.

A member requested a debrief from NSC was requested and a meeting held for residents and councillors to submit comments and public attendance.

It was questioned whether this would be a good use of NSC Officer time considering the lack of impact the report had on Weston.

8.12 pm Councillor Marcia Pepperall re-joined the meeting.

It was noted that there would be a presentation of highlighted points displayed at The Campus.

PROPOSED-Councillor Helen Thornton

SECONDED-Councillor Alan Peak

RESOLVED-That the Town Clerk write to North Somerset Council requesting a zoom meeting be set up for Weston-Super-Mare residents and the Town Council to advertise the already set Facebook livestream on the subject.

The Town Mayor thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

There being no further business, the Town Mayor closed the meeting at 8.21 pm.

Signed: Dated:

Town Mayor

Weston-super-Mare Town Councillors Committee Membership & External Liaison Bodies

2022/2023 (TO BE APPROVED @ TC on 19th May 2022)

NB Political group column indicative only (based on method of calculation for principal councils) but can be changed by agreement of Town Council.

No of Members	Political Group	Town Councillor	Responsible for/to	Meeting Frequency	Chairman / Vice Chairman
Policy & Finance Committee (Quorum 5)			Expenditure & Governance WP & Civic Consultation Group	Bi-monthly	Chairman / Vice Chairman
1	CON	Ian Porter			
2	CON	Sarah Codling			
3	CON	Lisa Pilgrim			
4	CON	Pete Fox			
5	LAB	Alan Peak			
6	LAB	Tim Taylor			
7	LAB	Dave Dash			
8	LAB	Helen Thornton			
9	LIB DEM	Robert Payne			
10	LIB DEM	Mark Canniford			
Tourism and Leisure Committee (Quorum 5)			Tourism Promotion and Marketing, Water Park, Play Areas, Parks	Bi-monthly	Chairman / Vice Chairman
1	CON	Pete Crew			
2	CON	David Hitchins			
3	CON	Jan Holloway			
4	CON	Marc Aplin			
5	LAB	Richard Tucker			
6	LAB	Catherine Gibbons			
7	LAB	Dot Agassiz			
8	LAB	Dave Dash			
9	LIB DEM	John Crockford-Hawley			
10	LIB DEM	Ray Armstrong			
Community Services Committee (Quorum 5)			Amenities, Grants, Youth Cafe, Dog Bins, Allotments	Bi-monthly	Chairman / Vice Chairman
1	CON	Pete Fox			
2	CON	Roz Willis			
3	CON	Roger Bailey			
4	CON	Sarah Codling			

5	LAB	Helen Thornton			
6	LAB	James Clayton			
7	LAB	Gillian Carpenter			
8	LAB	Pete McAleer			
9	LIB DEM	John Crockford-Hawley			
10	LIB DEM	Clare Morris			
Planning Committee (Quorum 4)			Planning Applications	Four Weekly	Chairman / Vice Chairman
1	CON	Jan Holloway			
2	CON	Dave Hitchins			
3	CON	Marc Aplin			
4	LAB	Alan Peak			
5	LAB	Tim Taylor			
6	LAB	Dot Agassiz			
7	LIB DEM	Ray Armstrong			
8	LIB DEM				
Personnel Committee (Quorum 4)			Staffing structure and establishment HR policies, Regradings, Appeals Sub	Quarterly and as required	Chairman / Vice Chairman
1	CON	Pete Fox			
2	CON	Ian Porter			
3	CON	Gill Bute			
4	LAB	Tim Taylor			
5	LAB	Dave Dash			
6	LAB	Catherine Gibbons			
7	LIB DEM	Ray Armstrong			
8	LIB DEM	Mike Bell			
Heritage Arts & Culture Committee (Quorum 3)			All heritage, arts and culture related issues, Weston Museum and Blakehay Theatre	Bi-monthly	Chairman / Vice Chairman
1	CON	Pete Crew			
2	CON	Jan Holloway			
3	CON	Marcia Pepperall			
4	LAB	Catherine Gibbons			
5	LAB	Pete McAller			
6	LIB DEM	John Crockford-Hawley			

Expenditure & Governance Working Party (Quorum 4)			Reporting to Policy & Finance Committee	Bi-monthly	Chairman / Vice Chairman
1	CON	Marcia Pepperall			
2	CON	Roger Bailey			
3	CON	Pete Crew			
4	LAB	Catherine Gibbons			
5	LAB	Alan Peak			
6	LAB	Richard Tucker			
7	LIB DEM	Robert Payne			
8	LIB DEM	Mike Bell			
Civic Consultation Group			Reporting to Policy & Finance Committee	As required	Chairman / Vice Chairman
1		MAYOR			Chairman
2		DEPUTY MAYOR			Vice Chairman
4	CONS	GROUP LEADER OR DEPUTY			
3	LAB	GROUP LEADER OR DEPUTY			
5	LIB DEM	GROUP LEADER OR DEPUTY			
Youth Council			Reporting to Policy and Finance Committee	6weekly @ YMCA	Chairman / Vice Chairman
1	CON	Sarah Codling			
2	CON	Gill Bute			
3	LAB	Ciaran Cronnelly			
4	LIB DEM	Clare Morris			
Youth Cllrs	N/A				
Weston In Bloom Working Party			Reporting to Community Services Committee	July–Jan every 2 months, Feb–June monthly	Chairman / Vice Chairman
1	CON	Roz Willis			
2	LAB	Dave Dash			
3	LIB DEM	Ray Armstrong			
& co-opted members (10)					
Climate Change Working Party			Town Council	Bi-Monthly	Chairman / Vice Chairman
1	CON	Roger Bailey			
2	LAB	Catherine Gibbons			
3	LIB DEM	Robert Payne			
& co-opted members (??)					

Representatives on External Organisations		Meetings arranged by the organisation
Organisation	Representative(s)	Comments
Armed Forces Champions	Roz Willis	
Allotments Champion	Dave Dash	
Birnbeck Regeneration Trust	John Crockford-Hawley Gill Bute	
Bristol Airport Consultative Committee	Ian Porter	
Citizens Advice Bureau	Robert Payne	
Fair trade Weston Steering Group	Pete McAleer	
North Somerset Council standards sub committee	Tim Taylor	
Single and Street Homelessness Partnership	Catherine Gibbons	
Town Centre Partnership (3 representatives)	Robert Payne Dot Agassiz Roger Bailey	
Weston Placemaking	Alan Peak Ian Porter	
Winter Gardens Community Board	Alan Peak	
Wyndham Lecture Trust	Catherine Gibbons	
YMCA	Ciaran Cronnelly	

Political Group 2022/23	Political Group Leader 2022/23	Dep Political Group Leader 2022/23
Conservative	Ian Porter	Sarah Codling
Labour	Alan Peak	Helen Thornton
Liberal Democrat	Robert Payne	Ray Armstrong

Signed:

Leader of the Town Council:

Deputy Leader of the Town Council:

(as resolved at Town Council on the 19th May 2022)

WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS JUNE 2022 – MAY 2023

MEETING	DAY/TIME & VENUE	FREQUENCY	2022							2023				
			JUNE	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
Town Council	Mon, 7pm @ Town Hall	Bi-monthly (Jan budget & May Mayormaking)		18		19		21		23		20		18 Thur 5pm
Policy & Finance Committee	Mon, 7pm @ Museum	Bi-monthly	20		15		17		12		20		17	
Expenditure & Governance Working Party	Thu, 10am Remote	Bi-monthly		14		29		24		19		30		25
Community Services Committee	Mon, 7pm @ Museum	Bi-monthly		4		12		7		16		13		
Heritage, Arts & Culture Committee	Thur, 10am @ Museum	Bi-monthly (exc. peak season)	30				6		8		9		27	
Tourism & Leisure Committee	Tue, 2.30pm @ Blakehay	Bi-monthly (exc. peak season)	14				4		6		14		4	
Planning Committee	Wed, 7pm @ Blakehay	Every 4 weeks	1 + 29	27	24	21	19	16	14	11	8	8	5	3
Personnel Committee	Wed, 11am @ Museum	4 x per year		13			26				22			3*
Climate Change Working Party	Thur, 3pm Remote	Bi-monthly		14		15		17		12		9		25
Youth Council	Thur 5.30pm @ the YMCA	Monthly	tba	tba	tba	tba	tba	tba	tba	tba	tba	tba	tba	tba

- *If required
- Allotments are managed by the Allotment Club reporting to the Grounds department
- Civic Consultation Group to be held as and when necessary
- Weston In Bloom Working Party recommend to the Community Services Committee or approval
- Annual Town meeting provisional date 6.30pm Monday 20th March 2023

REPORT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL – 19TH MAY 2022

9. RESPONDING TO THE DEVELOPMENT SITES CONSULTATION REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

North Somerset Council are seeking parish and town councils' views as part of a wider public consultation on development sites. The consultation ends at 9am on Monday 20th June and there is no Town Council or committee meeting before then that can decide the Town Council's response.

I have arranged a session earlier on 19th May with an officer from North Somerset Council's planning team as an opportunity for councillors to receive a briefing and have a discussion in relation to the Development Sites consultation. It is suggested that the Town Clerk collate individual councillors' comments and, in consultation with Group Leaders, forward these to North Somerset Council as the Town Council's response.

North Somerset Council's Development Sites consultation is separate to the Local Plan consultation. It asks specifically about sites in the ownership of North Somerset Council and whether or not they should be developed – and if so, how. Consultees are also asked about their priorities for any sites that are taken forward – for example, the relative importance of affordable housing, sustainability, quality of design etc.

This consultation is particularly important for Weston because there are a number of major sites in the town and surrounding area which could be developed, including:

- Weston Town Centre sites:
 - Locking Road Car Park,
 - Sunnyside Road,
 - Dolphin Square Phase 2,
 - Walliscote Place.
- Land at Oldmixon Recreation Ground.
- Land at Hutton Moor playing fields.
- Parklands Village phases 2 and 3.
- In general, whether any car parks are suitable for development.

Councillors are also encouraged to respond direct to the consultation. Full information on the consultation and how to respond can be found at [HERE](#)

Recommendation

That councillors be asked to send their comments to the Town Clerk by Monday 13th June for the Town Clerk, in consultation with Group Leaders; to collate the Town Council's response to the consultation and forward it to North Somerset Council.

Malcolm L Nicholson LLB (Hons), DMS, PSLCC
Town Clerk
11th May 2022