

NEW MILLS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the FULL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING of NEW MILLS TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, New Mills Derbyshire, on 12th March 2018, starting at 19:00hrs.

Present :-

Cllr Bate (in the Chair), Cllr Allen, Cllr Atkins, Cllr Dowson, Cllr Frost, Cllr Harman, Cllr Lamb, Cllr Tyldesley, Lesley Bramwell (Town Clerk), Sue Mycock (Minute Taker)

15 Members of the Public were also present.

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The Chairman of the meeting may ask people to stop recording and leave the meeting if they act in a disruptive manner.

The Clerk verbally informed the meeting of New Mills Town Council (NMTC) instructions which are to be followed in the event of a fire during a public meeting. These can be viewed on the noticeboard in the main entrance porch of New Mills Town Hall.

PART I – NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION (PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE)

2018/044 To receive and accept apologies for absence (Agenda item 1)

Apologies were received from Cllr Ashton.

2018/045 Variation of order of business (Agenda item 2)

It was RESOLVED that Agenda Item 11 would be discussed after Agenda Item 5.

8 votes **FOR** 0 **ABSTENTIONS** 0 votes **AGAINST**

**2018/046 Declaration of Members Interests
(Agenda Item 3)**

- a) Cllr Bate - Agenda Item 9 - Will remain in the meeting
Cllr Dowson - Agenda Item 9 - Will remain in the meeting
Cllr Harman - Agenda Item 14 - Prejudicial - Will leave the meeting.
- b) **NONE**

**2018/047 Public speaking
(Agenda Item 4)**

- a) The Secretary of New Mills Allotment and Garden Society gave some background to the Society's history and asked that NMTC consider granting a lease for the Hague Bar site to the Allotment Society. (See **MIN No 2018/052**).

A member of the public informed the meeting of a proposed planning application which he intends to submit for a garden centre and community garden. He left details of the application at the meeting.

A member of the public asked for progress on the matter included in a letter (see **MIN No 2018/004**) he had submitted to NMTC previously and when he could expect a reply.

A representative of residents of Broadhey View, off Godward Road, New Mills, expressed concerns about Planning Application Nos HPK/2018/0087 and HPK/2018/0111, both relating to 3 The Risings, New Mills. Some of the concerns were ownership of the land, the designated use of the land, change of use of the land and alterations made to this piece of land. See **MIN No 2018/0054**.

A representative of New Mills Walkers are Welcome asked NMTC to consider extending the opening hours of the Heritage Centre (HC) on Saturday 7th April 2018 to allow participants in an organised walk to buy refreshments at the HC at the end of their walk. See **MIN No 2018/053 e**).

- b) There was no Police Liaison Officer (PLO) present.

There was no County Councillor present.

Cllr Dowson reported further anti-social behaviour and vandalism in the Torrs and around New Mills and encouraged the public to phone 101 to report any of these activities they see.

It was RESOLVED to ask Cllr Ashton to take these concerns to a meeting he has arranged with the Chief Constable.

8 votes **FOR** 0 **ABSTENTIONS** 0 votes **AGAINST**

The public was also encouraged to report any incidents to Crimestoppers which can be done anonymously, if there are concerns about publicity.

Cllr Dowson (for Cllr Ashton) reported that High Peak Borough Council (HPBC) have established a World War Community Fund, which local groups can apply to for funding (up to a value of £500) for a locally organised event.

Cllr Ashton has been appointed Derbyshire representative to the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), which oversees and decides on funding applications from businesses in the two counties.

Cllr Atkins reported that parking would be free before 12 noon and after 3pm in New Mills Car Parks, from 1st April 2018, which will be confirmed by HPBC.

Cllr Atkins reported that the public consultation re Fire Service Authority proposals was still ongoing.

c) NONE

**2018/048 To receive and confirm the Minutes of the:
(Agenda Item 5)**

Meeting 12th February 2018 (NMTC)

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the NMTC Full Council Meeting of 12th February 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting, with the amendment in **MIN No 2018/026**, following Cllr Dowson's statement, insert "Cllr Bate asked Councillors if they wished to continue with the co-option" and the consensus was "Yes they did".

6 votes **FOR**, 0 **ABSTENTIONS**, 0 votes **AGAINST**

2018/049 Finance
(Agenda Item 6)

a) Accounts for Payment - details to follow

Financial Information for Council - 12th March 2018
(as at 5th March 2018)
Remaining Budget (excluding salaries) - 2017/2018

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	Town Hall		Heritage Centre		Parks		Market		TOTAL		High Lea Hall		Notes
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
2017/18													
Budget 2016/17	100,110	78,547	20,836	21,986	53,982	33,989	3,000.00	3,000.00	178,118	134,522			
UP to 30th Apr	7,727	13,959	2,846	3,395	5,054	5,954	275	275	16,902	23,318			Net of VAT
UP to 31st May	13,259	4,582	874	4,090	5,493	2,608	275	275	19,901	11,219			Net of VAT
UP to 30th June	21,095	9,113	2,779	565	5,237	5,700	275	275	29,386	15,378			Net of VAT
UP to 31st July	7,900	9,530	871	646	2,042	2,398	275	275	11,088	12,573			Net of VAT
UP to 31st AUG	6,155	2,233	1,124	2,776	5,493	3,326	275	275	13,047	8,395			Net of VAT
UP to 30th Sept	5,105	3,783	7,280	1,876	3,301	1,532	275	275	11,463	6,542			Net of VAT
UP to 31st Oct	6,057	9,372	871	534	2,444	4,246	275	275	9,647	14,147			Net of VAT
UP to 30th Nov	6,220	4,779	894	3,395	8,050	510	275	275	15,439	8,684			Net of VAT
UP to 31st Dec	6,989	4,311	2,898	644	8,397	447	275	275	18,560	5,402			Net of VAT / High Lea Hall
UP to 31st Jan	8,027	8,796	894	1,281	2,402	2,690	275	275	11,598	12,758			Net of VAT / High Lea Hall
UP to 28th Feb	6,950	8,579	974	2,892	2,432	4,585	275	275	10,391	16,056			Net of VAT / High Lea Hall
UP to 31st Mar	4,626	-	3,030	-	2,827	-	275	-	10,758	-			
To Date: Budget / Actual	95,484	78,547	17,806	21,986	51,105	33,989	3,025	3,025	167,420	134,522			7,002
To Date: Variance Under (Over) Budget		16,937		(4,180)		17,115		3,025		32,898			(7,002)
Remaining balance		21,563		(1,150)		19,943		3,300		43,556			(7,002)

Sheet2 Expenses

Financial Information for Council - 12th March 2018
 (as at 5th March 2018)
 Remaining Budget (Salaries) - 2017/2018 (Including Employer NI & Pension Contributions)

	Town Hall			Heritage Centre			Parks			Market			Total			Notes
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	
2017/2018																
Budget 2017/2018	94,775	95,811		10,540	2,747		90,084	82,851					192,799	181,509		
15th April 2017	7,901	8,726	825	911	798	(113)	7,325	7,418	93				16,137	16,942	805	April salary
15th May 2017	7,901	8,607	706	911	850	(61)	7,325	7,515	190				16,137	16,872	835	May salary
15th June 2017	7,902	10,175	2,273	911	782	(129)	7,325	7,689	364				16,138	18,645	2,507	June salary
15th July 2017	7,903	8,636	733	911	317	(594)	7,325	7,653	104				16,143	16,587	244	July salary
15th August 2017	7,903	8,398	495	912	-	(912)	7,325	7,667	142				16,140	15,865	(275)	August salary
15th September 2017	7,903	8,777	874	912	-	(912)	7,325	7,772	447				16,754	16,069	(685)	September salary
15th October 2017	7,904	8,517	613	912	-	(912)	7,325	7,486	161				16,141	16,004	(137)	October Salary
15th November 2017	7,904	8,648	744	912	-	(912)	8,691	7,772	(919)				17,507	15,920	(1,587)	November Salary
15th December 2017	7,904	9,081	1,177	912	-	(912)	7,325	7,753	428				16,141	16,834	693	December Salary
15th January 2018	7,904	7,914	10	912	-	(912)	7,325	8,114	789				16,141	16,927	(114)	January Salary
15th February 2018	7,904	8,333	429	912	-	(912)	7,325	7,331	6				16,141	15,664	(677)	February Salary
15th March 2018	7,842	-		912	-		7,325	-					16,079	-		March Salary
To Date Budget / Actual	79,029	95,811	8,878	9,116	2,747	(7,281)	75,434	82,851	192				183,579	181,509	1,789	
Remaining balance		(1,096)		8,193				7,133					14,290			

Sheet3 Wages

The top left-hand cell of the left-hand column of the two previous documents should read Budget 2017/2018.

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Supplier Invoices Due

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Supplier From: ZZZZZZZZ
Transaction From: 13543

Date From: 01/01/1986
Date To: 05/03/2018
Exc Labor Payment: No

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Transaction No	Supplier Ref	Supplier Name	Date	Details	Amount	Ytd:	Paid	Outstanding	VAT	PARKS	HERITAGE HALL CENTRE	TOWN HALL	PARKS	HERITAGE HALL CENTRE	TOWN HALL	
A/C: ZCOMM	12861	ZCOMM Ltd	05/02/2018	Website Hosting & Annual Licence	630.00	0.00	630.00	10				630.00				525.00
Total:					630.00		630.00	10				630.00				525.00
A/C: ALLEN	12855	Allen Engineering Ltd	01/02/2018	Gates for High Lea Hall	600.00	0.00	600.00	3							500.00	
Total:					600.00		600.00	3							500.00	
A/C: BAROOK	12850	B for Books	11/02/2018	Dropshire Socker Books	34.59	0.00	34.59	5							34.59	
Total:					34.59		34.59	5							34.59	
A/C: BATE	12895	Berry Bate	21/02/2018	Travelling Expenses - 13/02/2018	32.70	0.00	32.70	10				32.70				32.70
Total:					32.70		32.70	10				32.70				32.70
A/C: BIDV	12896	BIDVEST	08/02/2018	HC Gate Shop Reestablishment	127.84	0.00	127.84	5							117.11	
Total:					127.84		127.84	5							117.11	
A/C: CAT	12848	D J Cartwell	12/02/2018	Details	97.00	0.00	97.00	1							80.53	
Total:					97.00		97.00	1							80.53	
A/C: CFCOM	12856	CF Corporate Finance Ltd	21/11/2017	TH Copier Lease Renewal to 01 Mar 18	126.00	0.00	126.00	10				126.00				105.00
Total:					126.00		126.00	10				126.00				105.00
A/C: CGM	12806	Compton Garden Machinery Ltd	01/03/2018	Annual Service Charges to 01 Mar 18	2236.00	0.00	2236.00	1							1,874.08	
Total:					2236.00		2236.00	1							1,874.08	
A/C: CHSBB	12874	Child Fire & Security Ltd	15/02/2018	Rescue Alarm system	177.48	0.00	177.48	10				177.48				147.50
Total:					177.48		177.48	10				177.48				147.50

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Date To: 05/03/2018
Exc Later Payments: No

Transaction To: 13072

A/C	Type	Name	Date	Details	Amount	Paid	Outstanding	VAT	GROSS	NET
A/C: CPC	Ref	Name	Date	Details	Amount	Paid	Outstanding			
13049	P1	1739	10/02/2018	Parks - Handbooks & Texts	20.51	0.00	20.51	3.42	1	20.51
13049	P1	1739	10/02/2018	TH - LED Lamp Tubes	22.27	0.00	22.27	3.71	10	17.09
13050	P1	1740	01/03/2018	Parks - LED Lamp & Tubes	69.90	0.00	69.90	11.05	1	56.25
13051	P1	1741	01/03/2018	Parks - Urgent Heater	14.28	0.00	14.28	2.38	1	11.90
13052	P1	1742	01/03/2018	HC - LED Lamp Light	102.00	0.00	102.00	17.00	5	85.00
A/C: DALC Name: Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Contact:										
12998	P1	1715	20/02/2018	38 - Training Course Cost	10.00	0.00	10.00	-	10	10.00
A/C: DCC Name: Derbyshire County Council Contact:										
13016	P1	1725	27/02/2018	Peak District Bus Timetables	221.00	0.00	221.00	5	221.00	221.00
A/C: EON323 Name: EON 7060 4633 37 Contact:										
12901	P1	1696	01/02/2018	LEB Electricity 11 Dec to 31 Feb 13	137.18	0.00	137.18	2.32	10	134.86
12993	P1	1721	20/02/2018	Electricity - Library Lecture Room	46.82	0.00	46.82	7.83	10	44.59
A/C: EPCS Name: EPCROW Contact: Henry										
12973	P1	1719	19/02/2018	HC TR Licence Support	60.00	0.00	60.00	10.00	5	50.00
A/C: FERUKAT Name: Fenland Leisure Products Ltd Contact:										
12998	P1	1693	06/02/2018	Playground Equip Replaced Parts	583.24	0.00	583.24	97.21	1	486.03
A/C: FP Name: FP Milling Contact:										
12949	P1	1703	15/02/2018	Fracking Machine Change	72.00	0.00	72.00	12.00	10	60.00
A/C: GRASIDW Name: Grassdale Wildlife Contact:										
12971	P1	1717	23/02/2018	Stock Replenishment	100.76	0.00	100.76	5	100.76	100.76
13068	P1	1750	02/03/2018	HC - Coffee Shop Replenishment	100.76	0.00	100.76			100.76
Total:					100.76	0.00	100.76			100.76

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Exc Later Payments: No

Transaction To: 13072

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A/C:	INVOICE Name:	Date	Details	Amount	Deb	Cred	Outstanding	WAT	PARKS	HIGH LEA	HERITAGE	TOWN HALL	PARKS	HIGH LEA	HERITAGE	TOWN HALL
A/C:	WAT	1730	1730	183.80	0.00	183.80	183.80	1	1	3	5	10	1	3	5	10
A/C:	WAT	1716	23/02/2018	183.80	0.00	183.80	183.80	5	5	10	10	10	1	3	5	10
A/C:	WAT	1809	02/02/2018	6.00	0.00	6.00	6.00	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1
A/C:	WAT	1730	27/02/2018	83.33	0.00	83.33	83.33	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1
A/C:	WAT	1744	26/02/2018	83.33	0.00	83.33	83.33	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1
A/C:	WAT	1745	26/02/2018	71.39	0.00	71.39	71.39	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
A/C:	WAT	1746	26/02/2018	85.02	0.00	85.02	85.02	10	10	10	10	10	1	1	1	1
A/C:	WAT	1747	26/02/2018	1001.22	0.00	1001.22	1001.22	10	10	10	10	10	1	1	1	1
A/C:	WAT	1704	06/02/2018	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	10	10	10	10	10	1	1	1	1
A/C:	WAT	1725	22/02/2018	420.00	0.00	420.00	420.00	10	10	10	10	10	1	1	1	1
A/C:	WAT	1729	26/02/2018	574.54	0.00	574.54	574.54	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1
A/C:	WAT	1749	26/02/2018	958.45	0.00	958.45	958.45	10	10	10	10	10	1	1	1	1
A/C:	WAT	1749A	22/02/2018	599.27	0.00	599.27	599.27	10	10	10	10	10	1	1	1	1
A/C:	WAT	1697	02/02/2018	281.10	0.00	281.10	281.10	10	10	10	10	10	1	1	1	1
A/C:	WAT	1706	05/02/2018	107.64	0.00	107.64	107.64	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1
A/C:	WAT	1751	28/02/2018	345.39	0.00	345.39	345.39	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1
A/C:	WAT	1749	09/02/2018	190.80	0.00	190.80	190.80	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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Transaction From: 13072

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Exc. Later Payments: No

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A/C No	Type	Name	Date	Details	Amount	Tax	Paid	Outstanding	VAT	Highlea Hall	Heritage Centre	Town Hall	Parks Hall	Highlea Hall	Heritage Centre	Town Hall		
A/C: 13589	PC	UNIV/16	15/02/2018	to resposible ofc UN/1358	145.78	0.00	0.00	145.78										
A/C: 12889	PI	WASH	07/02/2018	Paper & Document Wholes	43.70	0.00	0.00	43.70										
A/C: 1729	PI	WASH	21/02/2018	Sanitary ware	870.00	0.00	0.00	870.00										
A/C: 1728	PI	TRACT	21/02/2018	Tractor Factory	1954.78	0.00	0.00	1954.78										
A/C: 1714	PI	BEST	22/02/2018	Best Hearing	245.80	0.00	0.00	245.80										
A/C: 1714	PI	PALE	22/02/2018	Public works Loan Board	3544.07	0.00	0.00	3544.07										
Grand Total:									20,955.11	2,172.80	5,385.83	3,118.06	3,046.09	3,423.75	4,594.52	2,745.20	7,892.19	8,579.40

20,955.11 2,172.80 5,385.83 3,118.06 3,046.09 3,423.75 4,594.52 2,745.20 7,892.19 8,579.40

20,955.11 18,782.31 2,172.80

12861 - The website is being worked on.

12955 & 13020 - Better gates to lessen vulnerability.

12900 - Caretakers' uniforms

12959 - Repairs to Flagpole to enable Flag to be hung correctly.

PWLB - Repayments to Public Works Loan Board

b) Payments received - February 2018

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Financial Information for Council - 12th March 2018
 (as at 5th March 2018)

Bank Balances

Statement date	Balance	Account
28/02/2018	£8,000.00	Current
28/02/2018	£77,378.49	Business Select Instant Access
28/02/2018	£47,391.07	Business Select 14 Day
28/02/2018	£33,783.40	Business Select 14 Day
Total	£166,552.96	

Payments banked

Date	Ref.	Amount	Description
01/02/2018	384	£108.11	HC Banking 23/01/18
05/02/2018	385	£273.29	TH Cheques
05/02/2018	BAC	£482.76	Derbyshire CC
07/02/2018	386	£156.82	HC Banking 04/02/18
12/02/2018	BAC	£3,143.19	NM Volunteer Centre
13/02/2018	BAC	£183.60	NHS Blood
16/02/2018	387	£176.64	HC W/e 11/02/18
16/02/2018	388	£180.00	TH Cash
21/02/2018	390	£270.65	HC W/e 18/02/18
21/02/2018	391	£256.80	TH Cheques
22/02/2018	389	£570.00	TH Cheques
23/02/2018	BAC	£138.24	Derbyshire CC
23/02/2018	BAC	£750.00	HPBC
28/02/2018	393	£290.92	HC W/e 25/02/18
Total		£6,981.02	

Expenditure (incl. of VAT)

Department	Amount
Town Hall	£9,433.25
High Lea Hall	£3,119.96
Heritage Centre	£3,046.09
Parks	£5,355.81
Market	£0.00
Total	£20,955.11
Town Hall - Other	-
Grand Total	£20,955.11

Sheet1 Bank Receipts Expenditur

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Financial Information for Council - 12th March 2018
(as at 5th March 2018)
Supplier Payments (Incl. of VAT)

TOTAL	<u>£ 18,782.31</u>
Parks	
	£ 4,584.52
Town Hall	
	£ 8,579.40
High Lea Hall	
	£ 2,726.20
Heritage Centre	
	£ 2,892.19
TOTAL	<u>£ 18,782.31</u>
Additional Payments	
HMRC PAYE / NI	
	22/03/2018 <u>£ 2,802.04</u>
Derbyshire CC Superannuation Fund	
	19/03/2018 <u>£ 3,357.21</u>

Sheet4 Summary Payments

It was RESOLVED that the Accounts for Payment and Payments Received be approved.
8 votes **FOR**, 0 **ABSTENTIONS**, 0 votes **AGAINST**

c) Account opened with Unity Trust Bank

The Clerk confirmed that an application to open an account with the Unity Trust Bank had been accepted and that the process for completing the operation of the account was in progress.

A report from the Parks Manager (PM) was presented about the implications to the condition of lamp-posts and the cost of hanging baskets and their maintenance. The PM asked for Council to consider not having hanging baskets this year to allow the PM to consider alternative ways to have a more dynamic floral impact.

Following discussion.

It was RESOLVED that the PM be asked for a financial report about the suggestions in his request; this report would be needed for the next Full Town Council meeting.

8 votes **FOR** 0 **ABSTENTIONS** 0 votes **AGAINST**

2018/050 The Torrs - an update on the bridge (Agenda Item 7)

The Clerk provided Council with the financial figures relating to the associated works required to install the replacement bridge in the Torrs. These works are unavoidable and the accepted quotation had been deemed to be Best Value.

2018/051 Heritage Centre Committee and to discuss the Constitution (Agenda Item 8)

Cllr Bate informed the meeting that the proposed Constitution and Terms of Reference for New Mills Heritage and Information Centre Committee (NMHICC) had been fully discussed at the EGM of NMTC on the 5th March 2018.

Cllr Dowson questioned whether the proposed NMHICC should be a sub-committee of an NMTC Committee of elected Councillors.

Following discussion.

It was RESOLVED that the proposed Constitution and Terms of reference of the proposed New Mills Heritage and Information Centre Committee be accepted.

6 votes **FOR** 2 **ABSTENTIONS** 0 votes **AGAINST**

**2018/052 Allotments - in general and a request for a Hague Bar lease
(Agenda Item 9)**

Following a wide-ranging discussion.

20:56 It was RESOLVED to suspend the meeting to confirm the date of the proposed EGM.

8 votes **FOR** 0 **ABSTENTIONS** 0 votes **AGAINST**

20:57 It was RESOLVED to reconvene the meeting

8 votes **FOR** 0 **ABSTENTIONS** 0 votes **AGAINST**

It was RESOLVED that an EGM of NMTC would be held on the 26th March 2018 at 19:00 in the Council Chamber. This subject would be the only variable Item on the Agenda.

8 votes **FOR** 0 **ABSTENTIONS** 0 votes **AGAINST**

**2018/053 - Correspondence
(Agenda Item 10)**

a) DALC Circulars

Cllr Bate encourage Councillors to read and complete a survey in a previously electronically distributed Circular.

b) Museum Development Training

The Clerk reminded Councillors about information re this subject which she had circulated to all Councillors.

c) Application from Revive Church to hold an Easter Egg Hunt at High Lee Park

This has been deferred until later in the year.

d) Letter regarding the Co-option process

A letter had been received from some residents of New Mills about the co-option process (see below).

Agenda Item 10(d)

The Clerk.

New Mills Town Council.

With reference to the report issued by NALC in September 2017, following endless discussions/consultations over the council's co-option process since 2015, we would ask councillors to consider how they are going to address the conclusions in the report.

Following the publication of the report it was voted to 'note' the report. Of those who voted one councillor was co-opted under the flawed system and by another whose co-option should not have been ratified and was through an unfair process. The question of a candidate for the Thornsett Ward is still being ignored.

At the last council meeting in February, a councillor asked for a review of the decision to only 'note' the report. This again was defeated including by a newly co-opted councillor, no doubt unaware of this document. As another new councillor will join soon, it is imperative all councillors understand fully the report's decisions and its implications. Natural justice should be observed over this flawed process.

The report states "although the actions of the co-opted councillors are not invalid and council business has not been damaged ---nevertheless there were serious failings in the co-option process and those failings MUST BE REMEDIATED".

We understand some efforts over the issue of warding have been made to redress this.

Linda Kendall	Kath & Barry Dent	Joan Clark
22 Watford Road	12 Aldersgate	Park Lea
New Mills	New Mills	Hague Bar Road
High Peak	High Peak	New Mills
SK22 4HJ.	SK22 3BT	High Peak
		SK22 3EA

Discussion about the content of the letter followed. Some Councillors felt that, following advice from National Association of Local Council's (NALC) solicitor, Council had taken measures to resolve this issue; other Councillors disagreed with this.

Cllr Dowson asked for the following recommendations which had been made by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) to be recorded, for the benefit of new Councillors.

- 1) "New Mills Town Councillors represent a Ward and it is not possible to have any Town Councillors who do not represent a Ward. At the co-option process five Councillors should have been co-opted for Ollersett Ward from those that applied for that Ward. I understand that only one application was for Thornsett Ward."
- 2) "As the co-option process was by interview it was inappropriate for a candidate to be co-opted despite the fact that they had not been available for interview. In doing so the Town Council operated an unfair process which was in breach of the Town Council's own Resolution as to how to process the applications. As you have correctly identified it was not possible to reverse that decision except by special motion on notice under Standing Order."

The Clerk, when asked for her opinion on NALC's recommendations, did not feel that the letter from NALC required interpretation.

After further discussion, Cllr Bate stated that the majority of the Council had accepted that Cllr Allen was a co-opted Councillor.

For the complete NALC report see **MIN No 2017/213**.

It was RESOLVED to note the contents of the above letter.

Cllr Dowson asked for a named vote:-

Cllr Allen	YES
Cllr Atkins	YES
Cllr Bate	YES
Cllr Dowson	NO
Cllr Frost	YES
Cllr Harman	YES
Cllr Lamb	NO
Cllr Tyldesley	YES

6 votes **FOR** 0 **ABSTENTIONS** 2 votes **AGAINST**

e) Request from New Mills Walkers are Welcome for extended opening hours for the Heritage Centre

It was RESOLVED that the Heritage Centre would remain open for an extended period on Saturday 7th April 2018 and that the volunteers would ensure the closing and locking of the Heritage Centre.

8 votes **FOR** 0 **ABSTENTIONS** 0 votes **AGAINST**

f) Consultation by Derbyshire County Council on the future of school crossing patrols

Following discussion it was agreed that NMTC would write to the School Heads and Governors Group offering to participate in their discussions on this matter.

8 votes **FOR** 0 **ABSTENTIONS** 0 votes **AGAINST**

g) Enquiry re possible suitable sites for an Air Soft Centre

Following discussion.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk reply to the letter informing that there are no suitable sites in the area.

8 votes **FOR** 0 **ABSTENTIONS** 0 votes **AGAINST**

h) A request from a Salford school for permission to bring 50-100 girls for a trip to High Lea Park on the 3rd May 2018

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk contact the organisers advising them that, in principle, NMTC had no objections, but advising them of NMTC's standard requirements for use of NMTC land.

8 votes **FOR** 0 **ABSTENTIONS** 0 votes **AGAINST**

**2018/054 Planning Applications
(Agenda Item 11)**

a) Applications received and circulated

(Those Members who are on the High Peak Borough Council Planning Committee, indicate that their views are provisional, and they reserve final judgement on the application until the matter comes before the Planning Committee, when they will have before them all the material considerations including the Planning Officers report).

Agenda Item
Planning Applications to 12th March 2018



Representations to be made by	Application No.	Proposal	Site Address	Applicant	Comment
8/03/2018	HPK/2018/0054	Change of Use from a Motor Repair Garage to a Dog Day Care Centre	Unit 3 Watford Bridge Industrial Estate Watford Bridge Road New Mills	Mr J Fernley	No comment
14/03/2018	HPK/2018/0103	Conversion of Redundant Bank to 4 No Apartments	National Westminster Bank 25/27 Union Road New Mills	Mr Tilley	Concern about parking
20/03/2018	HPK/2018/0099	Replace garage with single storey extension	4 Diglands Avenue New Mills	Mr B Potts	No comment
26/03/2018	HPK/2018/0087	Change of use from roadside verge to a garden and single storey rear extension	3 The Risings Godward Road New Mills	Mr T Ogden	See below
28/03/2018	HPK/2018/0111	Change of use from extended roadside verge to garden within the ownership of the applicant and curtilage of the property	3 The Risings Godward Road New Mills	Mr T Ogden	See below

Comments on Application Nos HPK/2018/0087 and HPK/2018/0111

NMTC strongly object taking into account the design and appearance of the development - Cllr Atkins to call these applications in.

It was RESOLVED that the above comments and proposed actions be minuted.

7 votes **FOR**, 1 **ABSTENTION**, 0 votes **AGAINST**

2018/055 Adverse weather and thanks to staff

(Agenda Item 12)

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk write to NMTC's Parks Team thanking them for their efforts during the recent spell of adverse weather conditions.

8 votes **FOR** 0 **ABSTENTIONS** 0 votes **AGAINST**

**2018/056 New Data Protection Laws
(Agenda Item 13)**

The Clerk and the Chair have been on training courses about the new Data Protection Laws which come into force on the 25th May 2018. A Data Protection Officer will need to be appointed. Councils and their associations are making representation to the Government about the impact on local Councils and a response is awaited.

21:15 It was RESOLVED to extend the meeting.
6 votes **FOR** 0 **ABSTENTIONS** 0 votes **AGAINST**

21:15 It was RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items because there may be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12 A for the Local Government Act 1972.

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL (PRESS AND PUBLIC EXCLUDED)

21:25 Cllr Harman left the meeting.

**2018/057 Rental of High Lea Hall - an update
(Agenda Item 14)**

After a wide-ranging discussion about High Lea Hall.

It was RESOLVED that a Feasibility Study be undertaken into the costs and other implications of relocating the HC to High Lea Hall.
5 votes **FOR** 2 **ABSTENTIONS** 0 votes **AGAINST**

21:35 Cllr Harman returned to the meeting.

**2018/058 Staffing matters and updating of contracts and update on salaries
(Agenda Item 15)**

Following discussion about the above issues and the formation of an NMTC Staffing Committee.

It was RESOLVED that an EGM would be necessary and this would be the only variable Item on the the Agenda. Councillors were asked to contact the Clerk, as soon as possible, with their availability for such a meeting towards the end of March 2018 and the beginning of April 2018.

8 votes **FOR** 0 **ABSTENTIONS** 0 votes **AGAINST**

21:45 It was RESOLVED to close the meeting.