

KESGRAVE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Minutes of the Kesgrave Annual Town Meeting held on Monday 11 April 2022 at 7.15pm
At the Millennium Jubilee Hall (MJH)

In Attendance:

N Beecroft-Smith (Town Council Chairman)
R Gibson
A Comber
A Athwall
G Ward
G Lynch
S Lawson
J Abbott (Town Clerk)
A Dougall (Responsible Financial Officer)
J Catling-Green (Events & Estate Manager)
J Francis (SPARK & KCG)
N Francis (SPARK)
P Athwall (KWMCC)

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

J Abbott confirmed apologies received from District & County Cllr D McCallum and Town Cllr P Carr.

2. Minutes of the last Kesgrave Annual Town Meeting (virtual) held on 19 April 2021

There were no issues raised, Cllr Lynch proposed for these minutes to be agreed, all persons in attendance were in favour. the Chair therefore confirmed he would sign and date the minutes as agreed.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

None.

4. Chairman's Comments

The Chairman's full report is attached to these minutes.

5. Report of the Accounts of the Town Council

J Abbott asked if there were any questions on the Finance report, which had been provided by the Town Councils Responsible Financial Officer – Angela Dougall, no questions raised. (A copy of the report is attached to these minutes).

6. Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

Cllr Gibson confirmed the NP was 'made' on 26 May 2021. 25% of the electorate voted on the referendum and 89% were in favour of the Kesgrave Neighbourhood Plan. This was a good turn out and positive result, considering no promotion of the NP could be undertaken due to local elections and was in the middle of the pandemic.

7. Kesgrave Town Council Business Plan

Cllr Gibson advised the Business Plan was put together following the NP being ‘made’ and is a working document for the Council to have clear objectives in its aim to provide, protect and enhance the Town. The Business Plan was fully reviewed and supported by Council and following a public consultation was adopted on 18 October 2021.

8. General Discussion and other matters raised from the floor

A general discussion between all those present on how the Town Council could attract more residents to become Town Councillors (there are currently 6 vacancies). It was suggested for Cllr Gibson, who is also a KWMCC Trustee to attend one of the upcoming networking events at KWMCC and give a 5min talk on what the role of a Town Councillor is and how to become involved. It was also suggested for the vacancies to be advertised and promoted more via local press and social media.

Written reports, which were requested and received from Kesgrave Organisations are attached to these minutes.

- SPARK
- PCSO H Canning
- Kesgrave Library
- Kesgrave Community Centre (KWMCC)
- Kesgrave Emergency Support Group (Covid-19)
- Kesgrave Conservation Group (KCG)
- KALGA
- 4YP

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.41pm

Town Council Chairman.....Date.....