

**BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK**

**COUNCIL**

**Minutes from the Meeting of the Council held on Monday, 25th April, 2022  
at 4.30 pm in the Corn Exchange, Tuesday Market Place, King's Lynn**

**PRESENT:** Councillor H Humphrey (Chair)  
Councillors B Ayres, Miss L Bambridge, R Blunt, F Bone, C Bower, A Bubb, A Bullen, Mrs J Collingham, J Collop, S Collop, C J Crofts, S Dark, M de Whalley, I Devereux, P Gidney, G Hipperson, A Holmes, M Howland, G Howman, C Hudson, B Jones, A Kemp, A Lawrence, B Lawton, B Long, J Lowe, C Manning, G Middleton, C Morley, S Nash, E Nockolds, T Parish, J Ratcliffe, C Rose, J Rust, C Sampson, S Sandell, S Squire, M Storey, A Tyler, D Tyler, D Whitby and M Wilkinson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Beal, J Bhondi, A Dickinson, Lord Howard, C Joyce, J Kirk, P Kunes, J Moriarty, S Patel, A Ryves and Mrs V Spikings

**C:93 PRAYERS**

Prayers were led by Canon Mark Dimond

**C:94 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the meetings held on 23 February and 23 March 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

**C:95 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**C:96 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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The Mayor reported sending a telegram to HM The Queen on the occasion of her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday.

He informed Council of the other engagements he had undertaken and was due to undertake in the coming days.

**C:97 APPOINTMENT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER**

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On being put to the vote the recommendation was approved. Councillor Nash wish for his dissention to be noted.

**RESOLVED:** That Alexa Baker, Assistant Director - Legal Services is appointed Monitoring Officer for the Council with effect from 2 May 2022.

C:98 **URGENT BUSINESS**

None

C:99 **PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None

C:100 **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNCIL BODIES**

i **Cabinet : 15 March 2022**

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Councillor Dark proposed the recommendations from the Cabinet meeting on 15 March 2022, seconded by Councillor Middleton.

CAB117: Review of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Procedures and conditions

CAB121: Legal Services Review

On being put to the vote it was:

**RESOLVED:** The recommendations from Cabinet on 15 March 2022 be agreed.

ii **Cabinet: 11 April 2022**

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Councillor Dark proposed the recommendations from Cabinet on 11 April 2022, seconded by Councillor Middleton.

In debating CAB130: Guildhall Creative Hub Options Including Governance Councillor Morley proposed an amendment to recommendation 7 to include :”this authorisation is subject to renegotiated terms being fair and reasonable having regard to market testing and due diligence and not automatically extended on existing or lesser terms.” This was seconded by Councillor de Whalley.

Councillor Dark declined to accept the amendment. Council debated the amendment, and on being put to the vote it was lost. On being put to the vote, the substantive was carried.

The following items were agreed,  
 CAB131: Memorials Safety Policy  
 CAB133: Resourcing – Forward Planning

On being put to the vote it was:

**RESOLVED:** That the recommendations from Cabinet on 11 April 2022 be agreed.

C:101 **NOTICE OF MOTION**

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Councillor Kemp proposed the following Notice of Motion (3/22), seconded by Councillor de Whalley. Councillor Kemp spoke in support of the Motion.

“King’s Lynn and West Norfolk is fully united around the need for a full replacement rebuild of the QEH. The number of temporary props holding up the hospital roof - that are preventing the ceiling from collapsing - has more than doubled to 470, up from 213 at the start of November. The situation is critical. Council therefore will write to the Govt to ask for the QEH to be awarded full funding for the rebuild, with an immediate start-date.”

Councillor Dark proposed the following amendment which was accepted and seconded by Councillor Kemp, so becoming the substantive motion. Council debated the Motion supporting the hospital and the staff operating within it, whilst drawing attention to the critical situation with the infrastructure. Thanks were given to those who had continued to keep the situation in the public domain to seek to persuade the Government of the need for a replacement hospital.

On being put to the vote the Motion was agreed unanimously as follows:

**RESOLVED:** King’s Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council remains fully committed to supporting the QE Hospital in its ongoing bid for a modern replacement. This council formally resolves to continuing working closely with the Hospital’s Senior Leadership Team to support and magnify their bid and strongly urges central government to make a positive announcement re funding a new hospital for Kings Lynn and West Norfolk, out of the long-running NHS ‘new hospital’ prioritisation/selection process at the very earliest opportunity.

**C:102**    **CABINET MEMBERS REPORTS**

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Councillor Dark moved the Cabinet Members reports en bloc.

Councillor Blunt responded to a question raised from Councillor Parish regarding planning appeals.

Councillor Blunt responded to a question from Councillor Devereux on nutrient neutrality and its impact on planning applications.

Councillors Blunt and Sandell answered Councillor Hudson's question regarding cycle paths in the town where consultation would be forthcoming.

Councillor Middleton responded to a question from Councillor Rust on the potential expansion of the school of nursing.

Councillor Blunt agreed to look into a planning issue for Councillor Kemp.

Councillor Middleton responded to Councillor Morley's question regarding the proposed town body for Hunstanton which had been agreed following meetings in the town with stakeholders.

In response to Councillor S Collop's question regarding providing Gluten free sessions for the Councillor Sandell agreed to suggest them to the Food for thought.

Councillors Middleton and Lawrence responded to a question from Councillor Squire regarding the closure of a shop in the town centre.

Councillor Kemp was advised to email Councillor Kunes as portfolio holder regarding a question on the council providing solar panels.

Councillor Blunt gave a response to Councillor de Whalley regarding the proposed start of the public consultation on the proposed incinerator which were based on 5km circles. He set out the process which had to be gone through and the potential for comments to be made.

Councillor Sandell agreed to look into the position of the St Matthew Society property.

Councillor Long gave a response to Councillor Nockolds on the provision of peat free compost and the need for all to ensure litter was not being dropped.

Councillor Morley asked Councillor Blunt about a due diligence framework for major projects which was being developed which he

confirmed he would have look into for the Member Major Projects Board.

Councillor Lawrence responded to Councillor Howman on the issue of the provision of car boot sales in Gaywood.

Councillor Blunt confirmed to Councillor Parish that events such as Earthday would potentially be useful for the Council to take part in. In order the question could be forwarded to Councillor Kunes, Councillor Sandell asked Councillor Rust to email a question regarding the use of green space which she alleged had been used as mitigation on more than one occasion in the planning process.

In response to a question from Councillor Squire regarding the level of response to the sports survey, Councillor Sandell confirmed a large number had now done so.

#### Leader's Questions

In response to Councillor Parish's question on Earth day, Councillor Dark confirmed events previously mentioned by Councillor Kunes were being held in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce.

Following a question from Councillor Crofts, Councillor Dark gave an update on the work the Council and its Partners were doing to support Ukrainian refugees arriving in the country.

Following a question from Councillor Kemp regarding the lack of access to dentistry in the Borough, councillor Dark confirmed that the County Council were the main authority on this matter, but the Borough would add their voice to it.

Councillor Dark gave an update on the spend of the Community grants scheme following a question from Councillor Collingham.

#### C:103 **MEMBERS QUESTION TIME**

None.

**The meeting closed at 6.18 pm**