

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

**COUNCIL**

**Minutes from the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 27th June, 2024  
at 5.00 pm in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Saturday Market Place,  
King's Lynn PE30 5DQ**

**PRESENT:** Councillor P Bland (Mayor)

Councillors B Anota, B Ayres, T Barclay, M Bartrum, P Beal, A Beales,  
S Bearshaw, J Bhondi, R Blunt, F Bone, A Bubb, A Bullen, R Coates, S Collop,  
C J Crofts, M de Whalley, P Devulapalli, S Everett, H Humphrey, B Jones,  
C Joyce, A Kemp, P Kunes, B Long, J Lowe, J Moriarty, J Osborne, S Ring,  
C Rose, J Rust, S Squire, A Ware and M Wilkinson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs J Collingham,  
R Colwell, S Dark, D Heneghan, P Hodson, H Humphrey, J Kirk, A Lawrence,  
S Lintern, C Morley, T Parish, J Ratcliffe, A Ryves, S Sandell, D Sayers,  
Mrs V Spikings, M Storey and D Tyler

**C:23     PRAYERS**

Prayers were led by Rev Canon Ling

**C:24     MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 21 March, 25 April, 13 May and 16 May and 17 June 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

**C:25     DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**C:26     MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

**C:27     URGENT BUSINESS**

There was none.

**C:28     PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Question from Mr Robert Shippey

“Local residents campaigned hard to preserve the eastern side of the Parkway site. It is described as a mosaic of habitats and according to

Cambridge University ecologist Geoffrey Morely who visited in April 2021, it fits the description of an alkaline fen which is a high conservation priority. The previous administration conceded to not build on this side of the site, and in January 2023 the previous administration agreed to work with Norfolk Wildlife Trust to preserve this site. Does the current administration still commit to preserving this site and are you making progress on this?”

Councillor Beales gave the following response:

“I can reassure you that this administration is fully committed to and will deliver both the wildlife area to the east of the Florence Fields development and also additional tree planting between Fairstead and Kings Reach. A detailed [Habitat Management Plan](#) and [Tree Planting Plan](#) have been prepared and both of these documents are available on the Council’s website.

The ecologically significant, alkaline fen nature reserve that you refer to specifically, extends to 5.33 hectares (13 acres or so) and that will see the installation of sluices to regulate water levels in a manner suitable for water voles, installation of a footbridge, circular walking route including boardwalk and connection to existing footpaths. The intention is to improve public access whilst respecting the valuable habitat. Much of this work has been planned in cooperation with Norfolk Wildlife Trust. A budget of £50,000 has been set aside for these works.

In terms of progress, your question has prompted attention to an officer delegated decision needed to formally implement the management plan and this will be done soon. On the ground, there has been some light clearance of scrub by the ever helpful and appreciated volunteers from the Gaywood Valley Conservation Group.

Some of this work was put in train by the previous administration and is being implemented by this one, demonstrating Council wide support for environmental matters and concerns.”

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNCIL BODIES**

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### **Cabinet: 11 June 2024**

Councillor Beales proposed CAB16: Data Protection Policy, which was seconded by Councillor Ring.

**RESOLVED:** The CAB16: Data Protection Policy was approved.

C:30 **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Beales proposed the recommendations and the list of nominees to outside bodies which had been published prior to the meeting. Councillor Ring seconded the proposals.

**RESOLVED:** 1) That the Council appoints representatives to serve on the outside bodies and partnerships listed in the Scrutiny and Regulatory and Parish level and General categories as shown as an Appendix to the minutes.

2) That the reporting arrangements as shown in section 3 of the report and the proposed review as shown in Section 4 of the report are noted.

C:31 **CABINET MEMBERS REPORTS**

Councillor Beales moved the Cabinet reports together.

Councillor Moriarty gave an update on Local Plan Examination situation, he confirmed that the required information had been provided to the Inspectors. The consultation period would now commence in July, but would be for an eight week period to permit responses over the summer holiday period. The Gypsy and Traveller consultation was to be submitted to the Inspectors the following day, and the full Inspection would commence in September.

Councillor Kemp drew attention to the Highly Commended award that had been received from the MJ Awards by the Council's partnership with the Purfleet Trust for the affordable food supermarket the Purfleet Pantry she congratulated all those involved. She invited Councillor Rust to comment on it. Councillor Rust commended the Purfleet Pantry and congratulated all on the very deserving highly commended.

Councillor Blunt welcomed the Local Plan update and asked that a Local Plan Task Group meeting be held to discuss progress with the Local Plan in the last few months.

Councillor Long asked when the spec units at Nora would be occupied, to which Councillor Beales responded that it was hoped for the end of July.

Councillor Devulapalli asked if volunteers would be involved in the Gaywood River study. Councillor Squire explained that it was an IDB led study which would be led by a contractor, and was looking to prevent flooding in King's Lynn looking forward.

There were no questions of the Leader.

C:32 **MEMBERS QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions.

**The meeting closed at 5.21 pm**

**OUTSIDE BODIES APPROVED AT COUNCIL 27 JUNE 2024**

<b>Part Cabinet/part Council appointments Name of Organisation</b>	<b>Number of Representatives</b>	<b>2024-25 Nominations from Groups for approval</b>
Borough Council/College of West Anglia Liaison Board	1 x Cabinet 1 x nominated by E&C (Councillor Osbourne nominated by E&C)	<b>Beales (Cabinet) (No E&amp;C nomination).</b>
Downham Market Leisure Centre Joint Management Committee	1 x Cabinet 2 x Council	<b>Bullen (Cabinet) Osborne and Devulapalli</b>
King's Lynn and West Norfolk Area Museums Committee	1 x Cabinet 3 x E&C 1 x Council	<b>De Whalley (Cabinet) Bland, Bubb and Bill Davison (Council to appoint following E&amp;C nominations) Kemp (Council)</b>

**Council Appointments**

<b>Name of Organisation</b>	<b>Number of Representatives</b>	<b>2024-25 Nominations from Groups</b>
Bexwell Poor's Land Charity	1	<b>Tony White NCC</b>
Brancaster Commons Committee	1	<b>De Winton</b>
Burnham Overy Harbour Management Committee	1	<b>Sandell</b>
Gaywood Allotment Trust	4	<b>Collop, Rust, Wilkinson and Christine Hudson (non-Council)</b>
Hunstanton and District Festival of Arts	1	<b>Bubb</b>
Hunstanton Sailing Club Development Sub Committee Observer	1 x CPP	<b>No rep as recommended by CPP.</b>
John Sugars and Backhams Almshouses Charities	3-2	<b>Bone, Heneghan</b>
King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Charity	2	<b>Bubb and Jones</b>
King's Lynn Community Football	1	<b>Rust</b>
King's Lynn Conservancy Board	4	<b>Ayres, Kunes, Ring and de Whalley</b>
King's Lynn Emmerich Twinning Club	2	<b>Rust and non Councillor Andy Tyler</b>
King's Lynn Town Football Club	1 E&C	<b>Bland</b>
Marriotts Warehouse Limited	3	<b>No nominations being put</b>

		<b>forward.</b>
Norfolk Countywide Community safety Partnership Scrutiny Sub Panel	1 + Sub – E&C	<b>Cllr Ware and Cllr Heneghan</b>
Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1 + sub – E&C	<b>Devulapalli and (no sub nom at E&amp;C)</b>
North End Trust	1	<b>Jones</b>
Outwell Charities	1	<b>Crofts</b>
Queen Elizabeth Hospital Governors Council	1	<b>Kemp</b>
SNAP Downham Market	2	<b>Chair Osborne Vice Chair Rose</b>
SNAP Hunstanton	2	<b>Chair Beal Vice Chair Dickinson</b>
SNAP King's Lynn	2	<b>Chair Ware Vice Chair Bone</b>
Sibelco – Leziate Quarry	2	<b>Devulapalli and de Whalley</b>
West Norfolk and King's Lynn Girls School Trust	1	<b>Sandell</b>
West Norfolk Community Transport Project	1 x E&C	<b>Everett</b>
West Norfolk Youth Advisory Group	1	<b>Rust</b>
William Cleave Educational Foundation	2	<b>Devulapalli and Parish</b>