

**NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL**

**11<sup>th</sup> September, 2019**

The meeting of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council was held at the Town Hall, Nuneaton, on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2019.

**Present**

The Mayor (Councillor J. Tandy)  
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor W.J. Hancox)

Councillors, J.B Beaumont, K. Brindley-Edwards; D. Brown, S. Croft, G. Daffern, S. Doughty, P.M. Elliott, K. Evans, J. Glass, C. Golby, S. Gran, J. Gutteridge, I.K. Lloyd, L. Hocking, J.A. Jackson, K.A. Kondakor, A. Llewellyn-Nash, B. Pandher, N.J.P. Phillips, G.D. Pomfrett, M. Rudkin, A. Sargeant, J. Sargeant, J. Sheppard, T. Sheppard, R. Smith, R. Tromans, H. Walmsley, C. Watkins and K.D. Wilson.

Apologies – D. Brown, B. Longden and D. Gissane

CL24 **Minutes**

Councillor H. Walmsley indicated that the minutes were inaccurate as Councillor Evans' attempt to make an announcement at the previous meeting was not recorded.

Councillor S. Croft seconded the amendment.

A vote was taken to approve the minutes as altered by Councillor Walmsley.

The vote was lost.

[Councillors Walmsley and Evans voted in favour of the altered minutes.]

A vote was taken on the minutes of the last meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 as printed on the agenda.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 were approved and signed by the Mayor.

[Councillors Walmsley, Evans and Gran voted against the motion.]

CL25 **Interests**

Councillor R. Smith declared an other interest in regards to his recent appointment as Trustee for the Bulkington Sports and Social Club.

Councillor A. Llewellyn-Nash requested that her interest as a representative for the Hospice Charity be removed as she has never been a representative. She also declared an other interest by way of being a Governor at Newdigate Primary and Nursery School, Bedworth and a disclosable pecuniary interest by her employment in BMI Healthcare.

**RESOLVED** that the Declarations of Interest for this meeting are as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes, and as above.

**CL26 Announcements**

Councillor A. Sargeant made the following announcement:

“Thanks be expressed to Council officers and residents of Attleborough for all the help they have given to the Attleborough Community Matters group, the help came in many ways from advice, organising and helping to set up events, turning up and supporting the events on the day as well. We have achieved a sense of belonging, getting people involved, talking positively and this is having a real positive impact on the community.”

**CL27 Public Participation**

**Question 1**

**Mrs Michelle Kondakor asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder of Arts and Leisure:**

“We urgently need to plant more trees for climate change mitigation, help with reducing the flooding risk, improving air quality and providing habitats for increased biodiversity however it seems financial and staffing limitations have prevented the Borough Council from planting significant number of trees in the last few years, not even replacing as many as have needed to be felled for safety reasons. There is massive public enthusiasm for planting trees and many members of the public, including myself, would be happy to assist the Council in planting trees. Will the portfolio holder request that staff identify suitable sites for tree planting and invite the public to help plant trees on such sites.”

**Councillor I. Lloyd, Portfolio Holder for Arts and Leisure, responded as follows:**

We would welcome the opportunity to work constructively with the local communities and groups. Whilst we have to take account of our financial responsibilities and available resources. I will ask, again, our officers to investigate and where appropriate, support the development of tree planting schemes can be placed and we will get them to look at all the land in our ownership across the Borough and identify areas where this can take place.

## **Question 2**

**Mr Lubs Cvetkovic asked the following question to the Leader of the Council:**

“Like many other residents I was pleased to hear that national government funding has been secured to help develop Nuneaton Town Centre. This was almost immediately followed by a sense of disappointment.

“The reason for my disappointment is that no funding had been bid for the two other settlements in the Borough. Why have bids not been placed for the development of Bedworth and Bulkington?”

“This Borough is becoming increasingly polarised in the way that NBBC treats its three settlements. Nuneaton is very much at the Core and has dominated the council’s plans for development and investment. Bedworth appears very much on the periphery with hardly any investment....a trip to the Town Centre on a Saturday afternoon with shops shutting up before 3 pm confirms that it is becoming a ghost town. Then there is Bulkington which isn’t even included in the Borough title (perhaps a change of name to Nuneaton, Bedworth and Bulkington Borough Council might help the ruling Labour group remember that there is a third and forgotten settlement) it appears that Bulkington is the forgotten settlement and is lucky to receive financial crumbs from NBBC.

“What I would like to know is putting aside any possible s106 that may or may not be given to Bulkington or Bedworth or even Nuneaton. What investment and what projects are currently in place or planned for the regeneration and improvement of Bedworth and Bulkington? I would also like to know what percentages of the NBBC budget over the last 5 years have been spent on redevelopment and Improvement projects which directly benefit the residents of each of the Boroughs three major settlements.

“I hope that NBBC will sit up and start thinking beyond the development of Nuneaton and remember its own motto “United to achieve”. At the moment the Borough is far from united. “Division and discontent “would perhaps be a more apt motto which more appropriately reflects the feelings of residents of Bedworth and Bulkington who feel left out and often forgotten and unheard by the ruling body of this Council.”

**Councillor J. Jackson, Leader of the Council, responded as follows:**

The very recently announced Town Funds for which Nuneaton was 1 of a 100 places invited to develop proposals was not subject to any application process. However, I am clearly very pleased that Nuneaton was selected along with the other towns to be able to bid for significant amounts of potential funding.

In contrast, the Future High Streets Fund was an application process, however the Round 1 scheme criteria only allowed each Local Authority to make one submission covering one town centre. As a lot of background work had already been completed as part of the Transforming Nuneaton program it was rightly considered that an application for Nuneaton Town Centre would stand a better chance of success in the first instance. However it has always

been my view, that I have stated this in public on previous occasions that an application for Bedworth Town Centre will be submitted as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of applications that Government have indicated will open in 2020. This considered approach allows time for necessary strategic visioning work to be completed to support the Bedworth application. I am pleased to say this visioning work for Bedworth is currently in its final draft stages.

Separately to this bid, projects are underway to support Bedworth Town Centre. Bedworth market has been identified as a venue that has the potential to become a key attractor for Bedworth Town Centre and to provide incubation space for start-up businesses.

In the past two years two businesses have started as market traders, moved on to lock up units in the market and then on to the town centre stores. All the available lock up units were let and so we have recently added two further permanent cabins which were let immediately.

Additionally we have invested in making improvements cosmetically and operationally to Bedworth Market. Replaced fixed stalls with pop up stalls to provide more flexibility of layout and maximise revenue opportunities, introducing new events including craft fairs and classic car shows, and employing a dedicated Bedworth Market Officer.

The Council has a wide ranging programme of capital projects each year but it is not possible to break this down exactly by location. We have a capital investment that brings benefit borough-wide such as purchasing new refuse trucks. There are also projects that are demand led such as Disabled Facilities Grants, which are available to residents across the Borough. The HRA capital programme also includes investment in our stock across the Borough, including Bedworth and Bulkington. There are of course some capital projects in specific locations – for instance, during the last financial year we spent almost £80k on improvements to Bedworth's Miners Welfare Park.

### **Question 3**

**Mr Scott Harbison asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Central Services and Refuse:**

“Can I ask the leader what she intends to do about the dog mess on Edward St, in particular but in many other places; the overhanging foliage causing mobility problems in various places; and the continuing litter problems?”

**Councillor J. Sheppard, Portfolio Holder for Central Services and Refuse responded as follows:**

The Council maintains its shrubs and hedges in accordance with the contractual specification set by the Council. Where overhangs occur for which the Council is responsible, they are cut back as part of a programme that commences from the end of the bird nesting season. Where the hedge is a private hedge, overhanging the public highway, this is a matter that is referred to the County Highway authority to deal with. If Mr Harbison has some specific locations in mind, it would be helpful if he reported them to the officers

through the Council's website, so that they can be investigated and, where necessary, addressed. Either way, appropriate action will be taken to resolve the issues".

Dog fouling and littering is a continued act of anti-social behaviour NBBC are working hard to address in all areas of the Borough. Additional cleansing and enforcement resource have been assigned to a number of 'hot spot' areas including Edward Street in order to tackle local issues and remove waste causing concern. Additional litter bin installations are planned for Edward Street which hopefully will help and be used to control the litter and dog waste problems.

#### **Question 4**

**Mr Stephen Hey asked the following question to the Leader of the Council:**

"I welcome the Borough Council news mentioning success in a bid with a possible investment of up to £25million from a government fund. Would the leader of the council please advise me what has been the involvement of Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council in securing the Future High Street bid towards the town centre regeneration?"

**Councillor J. Jackson, Leader of the Council, responded as follows:**

Thank you Mr Hey for your question.

I am delighted that our Stage 1 application to the Future High Streets Fund for Nuneaton Town Centre has made it through to Stage 2 of the bidding process. This initial application was drawn up by a team of Borough Council officers supported by officers from Warwickshire County Council. The same team of Borough Council officers has now started working on putting together a much more detailed application that will be required at Stage 2 of the bidding process and they again will be working with colleagues from Warwickshire County Council. We will also be using money from the £150,000 grant provided to us by Government to engage appropriate consultants to help us pull all the required information together in what are very tight timescales we are committed to do so.

#### **Question 5**

**Mr Joseph Bevan will ask the following question to the Leader of the Council:**

"I note with great pride that 22nd November marks the bicentenary of the birth of George Eliot, arguably Nuneaton and Bedworth's most famous novelist. With this in mind, I ask for an update on what the borough is doing to mark this momentous occasion?"

**Councillor J. Jackson, Leader of the Council, responded as follows:**

Thank you Mr Bevan for your question.

This weekend we will see a host of events in homage to George Elliot as part of heritage weekend the George Elliot fellowship is organising a range of events in both Nuneaton and Bedworth including displays and residents in traditional costume at the Almshouses. A brand new exhibition at Bedworth Heritage Centre and the Bicentenary Flag festival. In Nuneaton on Sunday, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council will hold a George Elliot celebration day in George Elliot Gardens packed with family fun, live music and entertainment, to honour this special 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Council will also be unveiling a new interactive town centre George Elliot quotation channel which will include fabulous modern day interpretations of the quotes by local school children.

In November we are hoping to honour the anniversary date with a plaque in Nuneaton Town Centre but I say to all residents please come along to these events at both Bedworth and Nuneaton, I am sure they are going to be fantastic, fun, and informative and I have had a sneak preview of the George Elliot trail videos that young children have done and they are absolutely fantastic, hope you enjoy them.

**CL28 Special Urgency Decisions**

**RESOLVED** that the Special Urgency Decision taken on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 regarding the Council House Conversion – Increase to Capital Programme and Treasury Indicators 2019/20 be noted.

**CL29 Urgent Decisions**

**RESOLVED** that Annual Review of Urgent Decisions taken in 2018/19 as printed below be noted

<u>Item</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>
General Fund, Housing Revenue Account and Capital Outturn 2017/18	13/06/2018
Kerbside Recycling Collection	13/06/2018
Borough Plan – Consultation on Main Modifications	25/07/2018
Borough Plan – Consideration of Further Main Modifications	05/09/2018
Draft General Fund and HRA Budgets 2019/20	31/10/2018
Procurement of Single Supplier Framework – Modular Housing	31/10/2018
Procurement of Insurance Policies	28/11/2018
Local Council Tax Support Scheme	06/02/2019
Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Programme – 2019/20	13/02/2019
General Fund Budget and Capital Programme 2019/20	13/02/2019
The Allocation of Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Rough Sleeper Initiative (RSI) Funding	10/04/2019

Timetable of Meetings 2019/20 and 2020/21	10/04/2019
Sub-Regional Materials Recycling Facility	10/04/2019

CL30 **Annual Report 2018/19 of Overview and Scrutiny Panels**

The Council gave consideration to the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Panels during this municipal year.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

CL31 **Sub-Regional Material Recycling Facility**

The report of the Executive Director – Operations and Executive Director – Resources was submitted for consideration by Council.

Councillor K. Wilson proposed the following amendment to the recommendations:

“Insert recommendation 2.2:

2.2 The Executive Director – Operations and Director for Arts, Leisure and Democracy prepare a report for the next Full Council to outline recommendations for establishing a robust method of scrutinising and overseeing the establishment and work of the Sub Regional Material Recycling facility, and how NBBC’s shareholding in the new Asset Co is exercised.”

Councillor H. Walmsley seconded the amendment.

A vote was taken and the amendment was carried.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the Borough Council’s capital programme and treasury management strategy be appropriately amended, as set out in Appendices 1a and 1b of the report, to allow a capital loan of up to £3.3m to be made and up to £96,000 of shares in the Local Authority owned MRF operating company to be purchased to allow the new MRF to be built and become operational; and
- b) the Executive Director – Operations and Director for Arts, Leisure and Democracy prepare a report for the next Full Council to outline recommendations for establishing a robust method of scrutinising and overseeing the establishment and work of the Sub Regional Material Recycling facility, and how NBBC’s shareholding in the new Asset Co is exercised.

CL32 **Cabinet**

The Leader of the Council submitted her report on behalf of Cabinet. The report highlighted matters considered at the Cabinet meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019, and also details of reports from the West Midlands Combined Authority

Board, which have a direct impact on NBBC, namely the Board meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.

CL33 **Recommendations from Cabinet and other Committees**

a) **Overview and Scrutiny Guide 2019**

Councillor T. Sheppard, Chair of External Overview and Scrutiny Panel, reported on the recommendations made at the External Overview and Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2019, in respect of the above and moved a motion for their approval.

Councillor Evans seconded the motion.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

For: Councillors K.L. Brindley-Edwards, S. Croft, K. Evans, C. Golby, S. Gran, J. Gutteridge, K.A. Kondakor, A. Llewellyn-Nash, B. Pandher, A. Sargeant, J. Sargeant, R. Smith, R. Tromans, H. Walmsley and K.D. Wilson.

Against: Councillors J. Beaumont, G. Daffern, S. Doughty, P.M. Elliott, J. Glass, W.J. Hancox, L. Hocking, J.A. Jackson, I.K. Lloyd, N.J.P. Phillips, G.D. Pomfrett, M. Rudkins, J. Sheppard, T.E. Sheppard, J.A. Tandy and C.M. Watkins

Absentions: None

**RESOLVED** that the Overview and Scrutiny Guide as amended with additional amendments, as stated in the agenda be rejected.

b) **Annual Treasury Management Report 2018 - 2019**

Councillor J. Jackson, Leader of the Council, reported on the recommendations made at the Cabinet meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 in respect of the above and moved a motion for their approval.

Councillor I. Lloyd seconded the motion.

A vote was taken and the motion was carried.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) the actual 2018/19 Treasury and Prudential Indicators detailed in the report and summarised in appendix 1 of the report be approved; and
- b) the Annual Treasury Management report for 2018/19 be noted.

CL34 **Notice of Motions**

a) **Future High Street Fund**

Councillor K. Wilson moved the following motion:

“This Council welcomes the Government’s announcement that Nuneaton is one of 50 towns to benefit from the Future High Streets Fund. This Council requests the Leader of the Council to confirm in a statement to the Council, that the Council intends to prepare a separate bid for Bedworth Town Centre, ahead of the second round of applications in 2020.”

Councillor S. Gran seconded the motion.

Councillor J. Jackson moved a procedural motion 4.13.11 that Council move to the vote as enough debate had taken place.

This was seconded by Councillor N.J.P Phillips.

A vote was taken, the motion was lost and debate continued.

A recorded vote was taken on the motion as follows:

For: Councillors, J.B Beaumont, K. Brindley-Edwards; D. Brown, S. Croft, G. Daffern, S. Doughty, P.M. Elliott, K. Evans, J. Glass, C. Golby, S. Gran, J. Gutteridge, I.K. Lloyd, L. Hocking, J.A. Jackson, K.A. Kondakor, A. Llewellyn-Nash, B. Pandher, N.J.P. Phillips, G.D. Pomfrett, M. Rudkin, A. Sargeant, J. Sargeant, J. Sheppard, T. Sheppard, R. Smith, R. Tromans, H. Walmsley, C. Watkins and K.D. Wilson.

Against: None

Abstentions: None

**RESOLVED** that the motion was carried.

b) **Bedworth Civic Hall**

Councillor K. Wilson moved the following motion:

“This Council is seriously concerned that the Bedworth Civic Hall has shown a consistent inability to operate within an approved budget over consecutive financial years. Therefore this council resolves to procure the services of an independent external auditor to conduct a detailed review, into financial operation and management of the Bedworth Civic Hall. With the view to improving value for money and service delivery to residents. The funding for the external audit shall be taken from the unallocated general reserves (General Fund).”

Councillor K. Evans seconded the motion.

**(Councillor K. Wilson moved in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4A.21 to suspend standing orders, as the maximum time for the meeting should not normally exceed 3 hours and that this amount of time had passed. Members were in agreement to continue the meeting until the motions on notice were completed.)**

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

For: Councillors K.L. Brindley-Edwards, S. Croft, K. Evans, C. Golby, S. Gran, J. Gutteridge, K.A. Kondakor, A. Llewellyn-Nash, B. Pandher, A. Sargeant, J. Sargeant, R. Smith, R. Tromans, H. Walmsley and K.D. Wilson.

Against: Councillors J. Beaumont, G. Daffern, S. Doughty, P.M. Elliott, J. Glass, W.J. Hancox, L. Hocking, J.A. Jackson, I.K. Lloyd, N.J.P. Phillips, G.D. Pomfrett, M. Rudkins, J. Sheppard, T.E. Sheppard, J.A. Tandy and C.M. Watkins

Absentions: None

**RESOLVED** that the motion be rejected.

**c) Section 106 Contributions**

Councillor K. Wilson moved the following motion:

“This Council believes that there should be a general assumption in favour of section 106 contributions being spent within the locality, where the development that has generated such funding has taken place”

Councillor N.J.P Phillips seconded the motion.

A vote was taken.

**RESOLVED** that the motion was carried.

**d) Adoption of the IHRA definition of Anti-Semitism**

Councillor K. Wilson moved the following motion:

“The Council is alarmed by the rise of Anti-Semitism across the UK. Nuneaton and Bedworth has a diverse community that we are very proud of, and therefore we must ensure that racism and hate crime is tackled in all forms. Therefore this Council resolves to:

- 1) Reaffirm its condemnation of all forms of hate crimes and racism
- 2) Adopt the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition of anti-Semitism as the working model for

challenging and confronting incidents of this form of hate crime and racism.”

Councillor C. Golby seconded the motion.

Councillor J. Jackson moved the procedural motion 4.13.11 that Council move to the vote as enough debate had taken place.

Councillor N.J.P. Phillips seconded the procedural motion.

**The Mayor suspended the meeting pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 4.19.5 of the Council’s Constitution and left the Chamber.**

**After an interval the Mayor re-entered the Chamber and recommenced the meeting.**

A vote was taken on the procedural motion to move to the vote. The motion was carried.

A vote was take on the substantive motion.

**RESOLVED** that the motion was carried.

The Mayor moved pursuant to Council procedure Rule 4.13.11(a)(iv) that the meeting be adjourned and item 14e. be considered at the next meeting of Council.

Councillor I. Lloyd seconded the motion.

A vote was taken on the procedural motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried.

**RESOLVED** that the motion was carried and the meeting be adjourned.

[Councillor K. Evans voted against the motion.]

### CL35 **Questions by Members**

The following questions were submitted by members of the Council and received the following written responses.

#### **Question 1**

**Councillor Keith Kondakor will ask the following question of the Leader of the Council:**

“Earlier this year BBC Coventry and Warwickshire asked councils how much the spent on non-disclosure agreements (commonly known as gagging orders) in the last five years. The figure reported for Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council was £209,154.96p.

“Can the leader give us a breakdown of this total by council department, tell us how these are authorised and tell us why it is in the public interest to use these agreements so widely?”

**Councillor J. Jackson, Leader of the Council responded as follows:**

The £209k referred to in the BBC article was for non-disclosure agreements – “NDA’s” - across 4 council Directorates - Housing, Communities & Economic Development; Business Improvement; Regeneration & Public Protection and Governance & Recreation.

To ensure that the Council does not fall foul of privacy and confidentiality laws we cannot provide a breakdown of individual NDA’s for each Directorate.

The Borough Council does not use NDA’s widely.

Any NDA’s that are used are authorised in accordance with Borough Council policies and procedures.

## **Question 2**

**Councillor Anne Llewellyn-Nash will ask the following question of the Leader of the Council:-**

"Many months ago the External Overview and Scrutiny Panel agreed plans set out by the Town Centres Manager to create a Bedworth Town Team. This would be a group of Residents, Councillors, and local business owners who get around the table to discuss how we can improve Bedworth Town Centre; to date I have not been told about developments with this initiative. Can the Leader of the Council give us an update on when the Town Team initiative will commence, and will Bedworth Councillors be given the chance to join the Team?"

**Councillor J. Jackson, Leader of the Council responded as follows:**

Our Town Centre Manager was asked in February to report on the feasibility of a Town Team for Bedworth, the report was submitted as requested during February EOSP.

It was RESOLVED that:

- a) the content of the report be noted; and
- b) an update be brought back to Panel as and when necessary.

EOSP made no recommendations to Cabinet at the time of the report and no recommendations have been received from OSP to Cabinet on the topic of a Town Team for Bedworth.

Support has been offered to help facilitate a BID feasibility study for Bedworth Town Centre. Should any such report indicate the support from the business community for a BID, at that point a constituted body would need to be formed by the business community to develop the BID proposal.

### **Question 3**

**Councillor Kyle Evans will ask the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities:-**

"Can he outline what steps the Housing Department take to ensure the grounds and gardens on our housing complexes are kept to a high standard?"

**Councillor C. Watkins, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities, responded as follows:**

Thank you for your question and the answer is that the Housing Officers will continue with their Estate Walks and I will also try to attend every Estate Walk whilst I am Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities. The Housing Officers will continue to report any problems that they find on our housing estates and from November we have the new ground maintenance contract guide to follow (see attached) I have also attached a list of Estate Walks for you to take a look at and the Housing Officers will email the Ward Councillors, myself and anyone else who has shown an interest in doing the Estate Walks in the past.

I hope this answers your question in full, however if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

### **Question 4**

**Councillor Sebastian Gran will ask the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Central Services and Refuse:-**

"My residents have to put up with extortionate amounts of fly tipping on Woodlands Lane in Bedworth on a regular basis; a problem we've now been experiencing for many years. I'm asking the Portfolio Holder why the Waste Department will not conduct weekly pickups on Woodlands Lane to collect the fly tipping, and for the Waste Department to install CCTV on Woodlands Lane to identify those who dump the rubbish, so the Council can serve a penalty notice on those individuals who wish to ruin the image of our Borough?"

**Councillor J. Sheppard, Portfolio Holder for Central Services and Refuse responded as follows:**

Councillor Gran, thank you for your question.

Woodlands Lane has no council land, there is highways land which we have a statutory duty to remove littering, the rest of the land in Woodlands Lane is private land owned by Arbury Estates, I have asked officers to write to land owners to ensure they remove any fly tipping littering.

At present cleansing resource is needed to respond to all area of the Borough with regard to littering and fly tipping issues it is not always possible to target area's on a weekly frequency.

Enforcement is another reason why fly tipping is not removed automatically as there is a need to investigate incidents with a view to collecting evidence from waste in order to build a prosecution case this requires a co-ordinated approach with waste officers and our enforcement partners.

Cleansing are in the process of procuring CCTV to be deployed to hotspots within the borough with the intention to utilise footage in order to prosecute offenders for illegally disposing waste.

### **Question 5**

**Councillor Kris Wilson will ask the following question of the Leader of the Council:**

“Given the recent exciting news that we have been earmarked by the Conservative Government for investment up to £25 million in Nuneaton Town Centre from the new Government Towns Fund, can the Leader outline how she intends to work positively with our partners at Warwickshire County Council, CWLEP, our MP and other agencies to ensure that we maximise the opportunity for this once in a generation investment in Nuneaton Town Centre?”

**Councillor J. Jackson, Leader of the Council, responded as follows:**

We are very pleased to hear that Nuneaton town centre is one of the 100 towns shortlisted for the new towns fund, this fund is in addition to the news received last month that Nuneaton has been short listed for phase 2 of the Future High Streets Fund.

It is understood that the government will shortly publish a prospectus to guide towns through the funding process and set eligibility criteria for the new fund, at which stage we will be putting a teams to development both applications.

We are grateful to Warwickshire Council, the CWLEP and our MP for their support for our initial applications to the Futures High Street Fund and we will be inviting these and other stakeholders to further support our application to the new town centres fund.

We will continue to work closely with Warwickshire County Council at both Senior Officer and cross party Elected Members levels, as well as CWLEP in developing the Transforming Nuneaton program which will gives the overall strategic context in which our detailed bids will be developed. I have also asked Officers to set up meetings with our MP to ensure that he has the opportunity to make appropriate inputs into the bids and also to be able champion them with Government.

### **Question 6**

**Councillor Daniel Gissane will ask the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Arts and Leisure:-**

“Glendale's latest lucrative deal for the upkeep of grounds maintenance across our Borough is set to come into effect in November yet they are still

struggling to cope with the current workload and with rumours of problems with staffing, equipment, and finances, it already seems as if we are going to receive the same old service with the same old excuses.

“I would ask all members when was the last time you walked around your wards and didn't notice an issue that Glendale should have dealt with, like overgrowth covering important signage, or nettles protruding from hedges ready to sting anyone that dares to walk along a footpath?”

“Whilst it is clear we are never going to be in the running for any In Bloom awards any time soon with Glendale massacring our green areas I would ask the Portfolio Holder if he agrees that we are in a crisis due to his own poor management of the grounds maintenance contract and if he will do the honourable thing of resigning so that one of his colleagues can at least try to enforce the terms of the latest contract and salvage something before the time comes to hand it over to a Conservative member to try to sort out after the elections next May.”

**Councillor I. Lloyd, Portfolio Holder for Arts and Leisure, responded as follows:**

No

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Mayor

## Council - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2019/2020

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	General dispensations granted to all members under s.33 of the Localism Act 2011			Granted to all members of the Council in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Housing matters</li> <li>- Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992</li> <li>- An allowance, payment given to members</li> <li>- An indemnity given to members</li> <li>- Any ceremonial honour given to members</li> <li>- Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992</li> <li>- Planning and Licensing matters</li> <li>- Allotments</li> <li>- Local Enterprise Partnership</li> </ul>
	J. Beaumont		Board member of Bulkington Community Library CIC in addition to an unpaid Manager of the library. Board member of Bulkington Village Centre Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nuneaton and Bedworth Older People's Forum</li> </ul>	
	K. Brindley-Edwards	Teacher and Head of 6 <sup>th</sup> Form at Beauchamp College	Representative on the following Outside Body: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• King Edward VI College Foundation - Trustee</li> </ul>	
	D. Brown	Employed by H.M Land Registry		
	S. Croft	Employed at Holland & Barrett Retail Ltd	Treasurer of the Conservative Association	
	G. Daffern	Trainee teacher at Sidney Stringer Academy, Coventry; Teacher of History, Etone College, Nuneaton	Co-opted Governor at Newdigate Primary School	
	S. Doughty	People in Action Cherville Limited	Unite the Union	
	P. Elliott	Employee of CW Mind ASD Support Service Mentor	Governor at Stockingford Nursery Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friendship Project for Children</li> </ul>	

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	K. Evans	Employee of Wildlife Fundraising (Central) Ltd.	Executive Officer at the North Warwickshire Conservative Association	
	J. Glass	None	None	
	D. Gissane		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
	C. Golby		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
	S. Gran		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
	J. Gutteridge	Startin Tractors	Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age UK (Warwickshire Branch)</li> </ul>	To speak and vote on any matters involving the Borough Plan related to land at Leyland Road Bulkington
	W.J. Hancox		Unite the Union  Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Control Partnership Steering Group</li> <li>• Hammersley Smith &amp; Orton Charity</li> </ul>	
	L. Hocking	Employed by Openreach	Unite the Union	
			Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Groun</li> </ul>	
	J.A. Jackson	Any matter relating to the employment policies and procedures of Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council or any matter relating to the contractual arrangements with Sport & Leisure Management Ltd.		Dispensation to speak and vote on matters that do not relate specifically to her husband's contract of employment.
			Non Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited	Dispensation to speak and vote
			Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coventry, Warwickshire &amp; Hinckley and Bosworth Joint Committee</li> <li>• District Leaders</li> <li>• Local Government Association</li> <li>• Local Enterprise Partnership</li> </ul> West Midlands Combined Authority	
	K.A. Kondakor		Member of Warwickshire County Council	

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	A. Llewellyn-Nash	Employee of BMI Healthcare	<p>Treasurer of Exhall Multi-cultural Group</p> <p>Representative of the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospice Charity</li> </ul>	
	I. Lloyd	Employee of Jaguar Land Rover	<p>Non Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited.</p>	Dispensation to speak and vote
			<p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nuneaton &amp; Bedworth Sports Forum</li> <li>• Camp Hill Urban Village and Pride in Camp Hill</li> <li>• Poor's Piece Charity</li> <li>• Committee of Management of Hartshill &amp; Nuneaton Recreation Group</li> </ul>	
	B.J. Longden		<p>Daughter and son-in-law work in the NHS</p>	
			<p>Member of the Stockingford Community Centre</p>	
			<p>Ex-Officiate of the Veterans Contact Point Board</p>	
			<p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust – Public/User Board</li> <li>• George Eliot Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Governors</li> <li>• Armed Forces Covenant Meeting</li> <li>• Astley Charity</li> </ul>	
	B. Pandher		<p>Member of Warwickshire County Council  Treasurer &amp; Trustee of Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple;  Coordinator of Council of Sikh Temples in Coventry;  Secretary of Coventry Indian Community;  Trustee of Sikh Monument Trust  Vice Chair Exhall Multicultural Group</p>	
	G.D. Pomfrett	None	None	

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	N. Phillips	Employee of DWP	<p>Member of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A5 Sterling Group (Council Representative)</li> <li>• Nuneaton Labour CLP</li> <li>• The Fabian Society</li> <li>• The George Eliot Society</li> <li>• The PCS Union</li> <li>• Nuneaton Credit Union</li> </ul> <p>Non-Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited.</p>	NABCEL – to speak and vote on any matter where the Council or Cabinet is asked to approve any funding arrangement; grant; or other legal instrument with the company but this dispensation shall not apply where any Non-Executive Director benefits from the arrangements in a personal capacity.
	M. Rudkin	Employee of Coventry City Council	<p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A5 Member Partnership</li> <li>• PATROL Joint Committee</li> <li>• Warwickshire Health &amp; Wellbeing Board</li> <li>• Building Control Partnership Steering Group</li> </ul>	
	A. Sargeant		<p>Unite the Union</p> <p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bedworth Neighbourhood Watch Committee</li> </ul>	
	J. Sargeant	SATCOL Charity Project Manager		To speak and vote on any matters related to the Salvation Army Charity (SATCOL) or related bodies, unless the matter directly affects the contract of employment of the Councillor
	J. Sheppard		Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local.	

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			Director of Wembrook Community Centre.	Dispensation to speak and vote on any matters of Borough Plan that relate to the Directorship of Wembrook Community Centre
			Member of the Management Committee at the Mental Health Drop in.	
			Champion for Safeguarding (Children & Adults)  Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Government Superannuation Scheme Consultative Board</li> <li>• Warwickshire Direct Partnership</li> <li>• Warwickshire Waste Partnership</li> <li>• West Midland Employers</li> <li>• Nuneaton Neighbour Watch Committee</li> </ul>	
	T. Sheppard	Employee of Dairy Crest	Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warwickshire Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel</li> </ul>	
	R. Smith		Director of Volunteer Friends, Bulkington; Board of Directors at Bulkington Village Community and Conference Centre	
	J.A. Tandy		Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local.  Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nuneaton Festival of Arts</li> <li>• Warwickshire Race Equality Partnership</li> <li>• Warwickshire Race Equality Partnership</li> <li>• West Midlands Combined Authority Audit Group</li> </ul>	
	R. Tromans	Director of RTC Ltd		
	H. Walmsley	Chief of Staff to Julian Knight MP Self-employed Public Relations Consultant.	Chartered Institute of Public Relations	

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	C.M. Watkins	Landlord of a privately rented property	Representative on the following outside bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nuneaton and Bedworth Home Improvement Agency.</li> <li>• Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership.</li> <li>• Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board.</li> <li>• Warwickshire Housing Support Partnership.</li> <li>• Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel.</li> </ul>	
	K.D. Wilson	Employee of the Courts Service	Non Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited	Dispensation to speak and vote