

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Northallerton Town Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 15th November 2021 in the Town Hall, Upper Hall.

Present: Cllr P Eames (Mayor), Cllr P Atkin, Cllr S Barber, Cllr D Calvert, Cllr P Cornfoot, Cllr A Eames, Cllr C Hutson, Cllr J Hutson and Cllr J Prest.

Also present: Cllr D Blades, Cllr C Dickinson, Cllr G Ramsden, a member of the press and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

21/085 Apologies

It was resolved that apologies were noted and accepted from ClIr C Young and ClIr G Cullen

21/086 To Note any Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs Hutson regarding BID items & Cllr Prest for all Grant Applications as he is associated with the applicants.

21/087 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

21/088 Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th October be approved

21/089 It was resolved to exclude members of the press and public by virtue of Public (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, due to the confidential nature of the item 21/099

21/090 Police Report

A report from North Yorkshire Police was circulated and it was noted that figures are reduced. Disbursal tickets have been used and these are being used successfully.

A summary from the meeting between Cllr Eames, NYP and staff was discussed. Cllr Eames noted that this was a positive and productive use of time. The Clerk will follow up on the actions from this meeting.

21/091 Reports from County and District Councillors

- Cllr Dickinson had circulated a report in advance, gave a short update on the Heritage Action project and the Town Square and added:
 - The lining on the Zebra Crossing has been refreshed and she is using locality budget to replace the halos. Cllr C Hutson offered thanks to Cllr Dickinson for supporting this improvement.
 - Cllr Prest reiterated the importance of the highways authority looking closely at the safety of crossing areas around the town. Cllr C Hutson also noted the safety at Friarage Street roundabout needed review.
- A report had been circulated by Cllr Atkin in advance of the meeting. He considered that the Thurston Road matter will be reviewed when the development is completed. Concern was raised that information has been shared on a community Facebook page regarding bikes being ridden on the path at Castlegate, as this is a shared cycleway/footpath.
 - It was resolved that the Clerk will write to HDC and NYCC Highways to confirm the status of this path under the planning consent
- Cllr Blades discussed the Skate Park as there have been some issues with litter. This is being dealt with by himself as the Chairman. He advised he is using some locality budget to improve accessibility for wheelchair users on the high street.
- Cllr Ramsden supported the call for improvements to the roundabout at Friarage Street and encouraged the Town Council to also put their efforts behind this.
- Discussion took place about the issues with pulling out of the car parks at Marks and Spencer and Asda and it was recognised that this is an ongoing problem. Cllr Cornfoot suggested NTC write to the Highways to request a study be undertaken around this area to measure the traffic issues.

Signed:
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21/092 Mayors Statement

A statement had been circulated by the Mayor in advance of the meeting.

The Mayor noted that D Richardson had resigned from the council on 12th November and Electoral Services had been advised. Thanks were offered to Mr Richardson for his service to the council as Mayor and a councillor. Cllr Eames emphasised the success of the Bonfire night and thanks were offered to all staff and councillors who were involved. Wreath Laying took place on 11/11 and the event on Remembrance Sunday had been well organised and attended. A meeting had taken place with the Yorkshire Regiment representative regarding setting up an Armed Forces Breakfast Club in Wetherspoons and it is hoped this will start in January. The Clerk is taking part in the Safe and Secure meetings with BID and other organisations

21/093 Administration and Initiatives

Councillors were given the details of upcoming events as follows:

25th November Drop In Consultation 5.00 - 8.00 pm

3rd December Festive Friday 6.00 - 8.00 pm

10th December Boxing Club Opening 6.00 - 7.30 pm

21/094 Finance

A payment schedule was presented to councillors.

- 1. It was resolved that payments be made
- 2. It was resolved that bank account balances be noted as follows and reconciliations signed:

a. Unity Trust Bank £ 21,922.77

b. HSBC £ 245,501.53

3. It was resolved that the updated Financial Regulations be adopted

Grant applications were considered from four organisations.

4. It was resolved the following grants be made:

Northallerton Scout and Guide Group £500

Northallerton Mens Shed £450

Northallerton Town Jnrs £250

Northallerton School and Sixth Form College £600

21/095 Assets and Facilities

Actions required for the Amenities areas were as follows:

Help was requested with bulb planting.

Applegarth play area hedge will be reduced to the height of the fence.

Applegarth school will be invited to be the first to try the new equipment and there will be new signage, with braille, for the play area.

North Northallerton development.

It was resolved that the Town Council will provide a notice board for north Northallerton development

21/096 Planning

Planning decisions were noted and planning applications received were reviewed. 21/02100/FUL

- 1. It was resolved that Northallerton Town Council wishes to see this application refused as this has a negative impact on the neighbourhood
- 2. It was resolved that Northallerton Town Council has no objections to the other applications

Signed: Mayor

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21/097 To receive late correspondence

Emails for information have been circulated between meetings and require no further action.

Late correspondence requiring a decision will be placed on the next agenda.

A minor injury had been received by a member of the public at the bonfire and this is being looked into by the Clerk

21/098 To receive items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting

Items to be added to the next agenda should be notified to the Clerk by 6th December 2021
The following will be included:
Strategic Plan & Budget
Precept

21/099 Date of Next Meeting

It was resolved that the time and date of the next meeting will be 7.00pm on Monday 13th December 2021

It was resolved to exclude members of the press and public by virtue of Public (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed in 21/098

21/100 Employment and Training

Consideration was given to the recognition of our staff member who is retiring in December after 20 years service. It was resolved that the Clerk, Mayor and Deputy will arrange a tree to be planted, a commemorative plaque and a suitable gift. A presentation will take place at 10.30 am on Christmas Eve in the Town Hall

The meeting closed at 8.18 pm.

Signed: Mayor Date: