



**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Northallerton Town Council
held at 7.00pm on Monday 13th December 2021 in the Town Hall, Upper Hall.**

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

Also present: Cllr C Dickinson, Cllr G Ramsden, Cllr M Robson (Leader HDC), Cllr S Watson, one member of the public, a member of the press and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

21/101 Apologies

**It was resolved that apologies were noted and accepted from Cllr D Calvert and Cllr G Cullen
Cllr Young was not present**

21/102 To Note any Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs Hutson regarding BID items and from Cllr Prest on planning application 21/02470/FUL

21/103 Public Participation

Cllr Robson praised the work of the Town Hall caretaker, Malcolm Rowell and honoured him with a Hambleton Heroes award. Councillors added their congratulations and thanks to Malcolm for the excellent way he represents the Town Council in his work.

The member of the public present had no questions but wished to observe the meeting.

21/104 Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th November be approved

21/105

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 21/116

21/106 Police Report

A report from North Yorkshire Police was circulated along with the annual summary. Officers from NYP attended the basement opening event on Friday and Cllr Cornfoot noted the positive relationship with NYP and the Amateur Boxing Club.

21/107 Reports from County and District Councillors

- Cllr Dickinson had circulated a report in advance, she added that the LED halos for the crossing at Friarage Street should be in place this week and thanks were offered again to Cllr Dickinson by Cllr C Hutson. He also suggested the white lining on this crossing needs to be updated. Cllr Prest noted that traffic in the town is getting worse and he is keen to see the Highways plans for a traffic plan to manage this. Cllr Dickinson will take this up and report back to council.
- Cllr Atkin had circulated a report in advance.
- Cllr Ramsden echoed the issues with traffic around the town and would support a reinvigorated traffic plan.

21/108 Mayors Statement

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

21/109 Administration and Initiatives

A constitution and summary of the development of the Town Team had been developed with focus of the following areas:

- a. Toilets
- b. Coach Party Provision
- c. Engagement and Events

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- 1. It was resolved that Northallerton Town Council will positively engage in the Town Team**
- 2. It was resolved that Cllr P Eames and Cllr Cornfoot be representatives of Northallerton Town Council**

Information was circulated on the Leah's Law campaign with the objective to make it a specific offence to supply drugs to children under 16.

- 3. It was resolved that Northallerton Town Council supports the Leah's Law campaign**

21/110 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:**

Unity Trust Bank £ 142,516.44
HSBC £ 102,108.56

Strategic Plan for 2022 - 2027

The Mayor summarised the process that had taken place to develop the strategic plan with the following priorities:

Environment and Open Spaces
Community Facilities
Engagement and Events

- 3. It was resolved the councils Strategic Plan 2022 - 2027 be approved**

Budget for 2022/2023

Discussion took place regarding the budget requirements for the town council and acknowledgement that the council would need to identify sources of external funding, such as sponsorship and grants.

- 4. It was resolved the budget be accepted and that additional funding required to deliver specific projects will be generated from external sources as required**

Precept requirement for 2022/2023

A summary of the current position with the precept was given. The precept for the town council, currently £305,378, has not been increased for over 10 years. A 6% increase represents £18,322.

Cllr Prest noted that the council has spent money on many projects, which the public appreciate and he added that businesses would be happy to contribute to events and council needs to encourage this.

Cllr C Hutson noted that what the council are looking to achieve is admirable, but the money needs to come from other sources which need to be identified.

The Mayor commented that the Town is keen to see the toilets developed and that the Town Council is the key organisation to deliver this.

- 5. It was resolved that the precept for Northallerton Town Council for 2022/2023 be set at 6% increase**

Tender for Christmas Illuminations install and dismantle contract on a five year programme.

A report had been circulated to councillors in advance of the meeting.

- 6. It was resolved that the quotation be accepted and the contract be issued to provider 3**

21/111 Assets and Facilities

The Applegarth Events Area was discussed, as there have been a number of concerns about the use of this area by dog walkers after the Bonfire event. A quote for replacement fencing has been requested and will be brought to a future meeting.

It was resolved that clear signage will be erected at the Applegarth Events Area after a risk assessment and consultation with council insurers

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d prepared a final amenities report which will be circulated to councillors and the Clerk will action.

21/112 Planning

Planning decisions were noted and planning applications received were reviewed.

1. It was resolved that Northallerton Town Council has no objections to these applications

Path South of Castlegate

There had been some confusion from residents regarding the status of the path south of Castlegate Responses had been from HDC and NYCC which advised that there was no planning condition preventing cycling Constraints at a narrow point which should say cyclists dismount at the pinch points. All stakeholders are keen to ensure that residents are able to travel safely from Castlegate to Town.

2. It was resolved that the information be sent to the press, posted on the NTC website/social media and sent to the schools and residents via a leaflet, if necessary

21/113 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.

- Correspondence from the TIC was circulated to councillors as a result of the meeting on 25th November with council and businesses
- A number of emails had been received regarding Festive Friday, these have been answered, a survey has been published and the results will be shared and a community group is meeting with the Clerk and Mayor on Tuesday 14th.
- Michael Crisp had followed up from the AFVBC meeting to advise he is completing the associated paperwork and hopes to start the group in the new year.
- A quote had been received re Applegarth fence in metal, one for wood has not been received yet.

21/114 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 9th January 2021

21/115 Date of Next Meeting

It was resolved that the time and date of the next meeting will be 7.00pm on Monday 17th January 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 21/116

21/116 Employment and Training

Councillors were updated on a staffing matter. Thanks were offered to the Clerk for her work on this.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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