



**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of
Northallerton Town Council held at 7.00pm on
Monday 17th October 2022 in the Town Hall, Upper Hall.**

Present: Cllr P Eames (Mayor), Cllr P Atkin, Cllr S Barber, Cllr S Bell, Cllr P Cornfoot, Cllr A Eames, Cllr M Holmes, Cllr A Hugill, Cllr C Hutson, Cllr J Hutson and Cllr G Ramsden.

Also present: Cllr C Dickinson, Cllr S Watson, Sgt Hughes and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

A minutes silence was observed in memory of HM Queen Elizabeth II

22/049 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr D Calvert.

22/050 To Note any Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs C & J Hutson for any items relating to the BID.

22/051 Public Participation

No members of the public present

22/052 Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 18th July 2022 were approved

Minutes of the JBC Meeting on 28th June and 22nd Sept (draft) were received for information only.

Minutes of the Finance Committee 11th July were received for information only.

22/053 Exclusion of the Press and Public by virtue of Public (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

It was resolved that there was no requirement to exclude members of the press and public

22/054 North Yorkshire Police

- 1) A report from North Yorkshire Police was received.
Cllr Hughes updated the council on a number of local matters.
- 2) An update on the Community Alcohol Partnership had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The Town Council are supporting this with sharing of literature and social media.
- 3) ASB in Applegarth was discussed. Cllr Atkin commented that there appears to be a significant amount of ASB during weekend afternoons in this area and suggested that the Town Council needs to consider Street Marshalls to help diffuse these issues, finding funding from HDC/Government. Sgt Hughes added that their staffing levels are still at a low level currently and offered that, whilst the marshalls may have a place, they would not have powers which limits their effectiveness. He also commented that social media and reports to the police do not always correlate and encouraged residents to use 101 to report issues. He also reiterated that NY is the safest county and Northallerton, along with Richmond, are the safest towns.

It was resolved that the role of NTC in providing street marshals may be raised at a future meeting

22/055 To receive reports from County and District Councillors

A written report had been circulated in advance from Cllr Dickinson. It was noted that the focus of the Unitary Council working groups is working towards being Safe and Legal. Thanks were offered to Cllr Dickinson for setting up a meeting with NYCC Head of Transport Planning.

Cllr Watson echoed the work that is being done towards the Unitary Council and the importance of reassuring staff. Local Councillors for the Unitary Council had met with Sgt Hughes and had noted CCTV coverage and the concerns with using a custody suite at a significant distance. North Northallerton bridge is progressing and pedestrian access is now open. Street lighting is being adjusted and the local MP is showing an interest in getting this bridge open.

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Cllr Atkin raised the matter of the Town Council requesting that sparklers were not brought to the Bonfire event, as he feels this is unnecessary. The Clerk reiterated the reasons for this to be published, following advice from the medical team, security team and the Safety Advisory Group and this matter will be kept under review. Feedback from the public will be noted, to inform the event for the future.

22/056 Mayor's Statement

A statement had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Cllr C Hutson wished to endorse comments that the floral displays in town are excellent this year and commended the team for an excellent job.

The Mayor offered thanks to the staff and those councillors involved throughout the period of mourning for the late Queen as the council carried out its duties effectively.

Thanks were also offered to all who attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning, which raised £170 and dates for the bi-monthly coffee mornings will be circulated to councillors.

22/057 Administration and Initiatives

1. It was resolved that an updated Strategic Plan be approved

Discussion took place regarding making representation to NYCC following their announcement to submit a proposal to the Department for Education for the development of a new special school on the former Grammar School site. A statement had been drafted for councillors consideration.

2. It was resolved that the statement would be sent to NYCC

22/058 Finance

1. It was resolved that payments be made & receipts noted

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

Unity Trust	£79,375
HSBC	£94,730

A question was asked regarding the Virtual Assistant and the roles they are undertaking for the council currently. This is under ongoing review and will be considered further at the next finance meeting.

It was noted that RIALTAS, who the council used for its finance software, has been bought by a Canadian company but the council has been reassured that this will be business as usual.

22/059 Assets and Facilities

1. It was resolved that an application to the Land Registry for land rear of Castle Close will be completed

Consideration was given to which community or public assets in the town NTC may wish to put forward to North Yorkshire Council for the Town Council to manage in future. A report was circulated to councillors for consideration.

2. It was resolved that the Clerk will put forward this list to N Irving at NYCC as an expression of interest

22/060 Planning

- 1) To consider Planning Applications received.

It was resolved that the Clerk will feedback comments to the planning authority

22/061 Employment and Training

- 1) The Clerk had attended two training courses within the Dignity & Respect programme
- 2) One Amenities Operative has started the Horticultural Course at the Askham Bryan on day release

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22/062 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.

22/063 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 midday on Monday 7th November

Confirmation of approval of the Standing Orders

Agreement of the Precept Requirement 2023/2024

22/064 Date of Next Meeting

It was resolved that the time and date of the next meetings will be 7.00pm on the following dates:

Monday 21st November and Monday 19th December 2022.

The meeting closed at 20.42

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