



**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of
Northallerton Town Council held at 7.00pm on
Monday 20th March 2023 in the Town Hall, Upper Hall.**

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

Also Present: Cllr Mark Robson, Leader of Hambleton District Council, Cllr S Watson, a member of the press and Alexandra Robson, Clerk

22/129 Apologies

It was resolved that apologies be received and accepted from Cllr A Eames

Apologies were also received from NYCC Cllr C Dickinson.

22/130 To Note any Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest

22/131 Public Participation

No Members of the Public present

22/132 Minutes

To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 20th February 2023

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 20th February 2023 be approved and draft meeting minutes of the following committees be noted:

- a) Finance 27.02.2023
- b) Staffing 27.02.2023
- c) Community Facilities 10.02.2023
- d) Engagement & Events 24.02.2023
- e) Environment and Open Spaces 24.02.2023

22/133 Exclusion of the Press and Public by virtue of Public (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

It was resolved that it was not necessary to resolve to exclude members of the press and public

22/134 North Yorkshire Police

A report from North Yorkshire Police and the Police Report Summary were noted.

Cllr J Hutson referenced a number of incidents which have happened in the town, which have been reported to the police. Discussion took place regarding additional incidents and an increase in graffiti.

Councillors expressed sincere concern about these incidents.

It was resolved that the Clerk will engage with the police to establish further information

A verbal update on the Community Alcohol Partnership was given by Cllr P Cornfoot.

Good engagement is now happening, more businesses have become involved and, although ASB is an issue, and the police are acting on it. A Community Day of Action had been well attended and successful.

Cllr Atkin made reference to an Independent Police Review into North Yorkshire Police which was not positive, with several areas for improvement required.

22/135 Reports from County and District Councillors

Reports had been received from Cllr C Dickinson and Cllr P Atkin in advance of the meeting.

Cllr Cornfoot noted that the Town Hall toilet project, whilst receiving funding from HDC, is a Town Council project with loss of income from the units impacting the Town Hall and both initial and ongoing running costs being funded by the Town Council

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Cllr Ramsden reiterated that HDC have represented the area very well and considers the move to Unitary will bring uncertainty for some time. A key role of NTC is now to strongly represent the people of Northallerton.

Cllr S Watson commented on the progress towards transport links and advised that the legal documents are in place. There has been graffiti at Halfords and B&M, which is being dealt with by the stores.

Darlington Road resurfacing starts next week

Hedge at Brompton Road was cut under ecologist guidance and was checked for nesting prior to the cutting.

Cllr M Robson thanked the Town Council for the opportunity to attend the meeting. He commented that for 24 years the relationship between NTC and HDC had its challenges but the relationship has vastly improved. He feels disappointed for the residents of Hambleton, particularly that local connections will be lost and reiterated that NTC has to be positive and engage with the new authority.

Cllr Robson then presented the Northallerton Rural District Council Chain of Office 1895 -1974, which had been held at HDC, to the Mayor of Northallerton.

Cllr P Eames thanked HDC for their support in recent years and in particular for the financial support that has been forthcoming to support key projects. He also offered thanks to HDC for completing the green space in North Northallerton, as this will be a great asset to the town.

22/136 Mayor's Statement

The Mayor's Statement had been received in advance of the meeting.

22/137 Administration and Initiatives

A draft Town Council response to the NYC Parish Charter had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

1. It was resolved that this response be submitted

A draft Town Council response to the Let's Talk Climate Survey had been circulated. Cllr Barber wished to note that he is against this process, as people would prefer money to be spent on local matters such as potholes and housing. Cllr Atkin covered a number of matters relating to climate.

Cllr Cornfoot noted these but suggested that the Town Council needs to engage with this process.

2. It was resolved that this response be submitted

Agreement of details to support an award at Northallerton School

3. It was resolved that the Town Council will support Northallerton School with an initial trophy and a replica and voucher to the value of a maximum of £100 pa for two awards

An upcoming Councillor Coffee Morning date of 29th March was noted.


Volunteers had been requested to support the Imaginosity project at Mill Hill School, further to circulation of a mentor programme.

4. It was resolved that volunteers will advise the Clerk if they wish to participate

A review of the Town Council's position on double devolution expressions of interest took place.

Discussion had developed with NYC, after the submission of informal expressions in October under 22/059 2 and this area is the one which NTC can progress currently.

Northallerton and Thirsk are the only two markets in Hambleton which will be run by NYC and councillors are keen that the markets be maintained and improved, to ensure vibrancy moving forward. NTC also considers that this collaboration will bring opportunities for mutual benefits across Northallerton and Thirsk. It was agreed that much more information is required before a final commitment is made but that the two councils should move forward

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positively with a combined expression of interest to signal intent that Northallerton and Thirsk Markets stay as healthy as they can be. It was also noted that this expression could be refused by NYC.

5. It was resolved that a formal expression of interest in the joint running of Northallerton and Thirsk Markets will be submitted, in collaboration with Thirsk Town Council

22/138 Finance

1. It was resolved payments be agreed and receipts noted

It was resolved that bank account balances and sign bank reconciliation.

Unity £22,484

HSBC £211,063 (Earmarked)

2. It was resolved that a contribution of £500 will be made to the Homegrown Food Festival

An update to the Financial Regulations 6 11 was made to add an extra tier for checking of bank payments.

3. It was resolved that this update be adopted

4. It was resolved that C & GB Associates be appointed as the Internal Auditor for 2022 2023

22/139 Assets and Facilities

Commencement of the Public Toilet works was noted and opening is anticipated in early May.

A notice will be produced to advise passers-by of the work and projected opening timeframe.

22/140 Planning

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

22/141 Employment and Training

The following was noted:

- Finance Officer has successfully completed FiLCA
- Amenities Operatives will undertake Felling and ChainSaw courses
- Play Area checking training will be arranged in house, to include councillors

22/142 To receive late correspondence

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

- 1) Late correspondence requiring a decision will be placed on the next agenda.
- 2) Correspondence had been received relating to Bankhead Allotments
- 3) Speeding on South Parade had been notified to NYP


22/143 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 midday on Monday 10th April 2023

22/144 Date of Next Meeting

To confirm the time and date of the next meeting as 7.00pm on Monday 17th April 2023

Meeting closed at 20.21

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