



**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of
Northallerton Town Council held at 7.00pm on
Monday 18th September 2023 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 A Hugill; Cllr C Hutson; Cllr J Hutson; Cllr M Holmes and Cllr G Ramsden.

Also present: Cllr C Dickinson and Cllr S Watson, NYC Ward Councillors; a member of the press and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

23/047 Apologies

It was resolved that apologies be received and accepted from Cllr D Calvert

23/048 To Note any Declarations of Interest

Cllrs J & C Hutson declared an interest for items relating to Northallerton BID.

23/049 Public Participation

No members of the public present.

23/050 Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 17th July 2023

Minutes of the JBC meeting 6th June and draft minutes of the meeting 5th September were noted.

22/051 Exclusion of the Press and Public by virtue of Public (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

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

23/052 North Yorkshire Police

A report from North Yorkshire Police and the Police Report Summary had been circulated in advance.

The next Community Alcohol Partnership meeting is scheduled for 19th September.

Cllr Atkin noted disappointment that the Police Report did not include updated hate crime information, but he had contacted the police and it was agreed to await their response.

23/053 To receive reports from Ward Councillors

Cllr Dickinson's report had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Cllr Dickinson confirmed that NYC and herself have responded to the consultation re ticket office closures. A key part of the attractiveness of Northallerton as a destination is the presence of the ticket office.

Cllr P Eames had submitted questions to the Area Constituency Committee (ACC) which had been answered at their meeting.

1. Free school at the Grammar School site - the ACC advised that the DfE is deciding the footprint of what is required and, until NYC have got this, they are unable to commit the rest of the land for other use. NYC is hoping to interview potential academy partners later this year.
2. North Northallerton Sports Village are currently establishing the sports pitches to be fit for use. A Contractual handover has not been completed and maintenance of the area is tied in with the contract. NYC is aware of issues with graffiti and overgrown hedgerows and they reiterate that it will be maintained. There is a dedicated section on the NYC website for Northallerton Sports Village.

It was resolved that a written copy of these responses will be requested by Cllr P Eames

Cllrs Bell and Hugill had attended the ACC meeting and felt it was useful to understand the issues NYC is facing

Cllr Hugill noted that Connor Fox, Youth Parliament representative, spoke to the ACC about Free School Meals and the matter of Youth Councils were raised and himself and a NYC Officer would be keen to develop a youth council. The Clerk will follow this up and bring it back to a future meeting.

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NYC councillors will consider matching the donation from NTC to Youthspace, but they will need an application.

Cllr J Hutson gave a verbal update on the coach parties visiting Northallerton, supported by BID, HCA and the Tourist Information Centre. There are six ambassadors working with the visitors, a new voucher booklet is being produced with Autumn offers and coach trips are booked in until September.

23/054 To receive the Mayor's Statement

A statement had been circulated in advance.

23/055 Community Facilities

1. A short report was circulated by the Clerk to update councillors on the recently opened public toilets, the Mayor noted that this is a really positive step forward for the council and the town. Cllr Atkin supported the comment that NTC has bucked the trend by opening new facilities and Cllr Cornfoot reiterated the importance of the town's coach friendly status being supported by these new toilets.
2. The Clerk updated councillors on the Town Hall building redecoration, including a paintwork refresh which improves the longevity of the woodwork

23/056 Engagement and Events

Planning Applications

ZB23/01704/ADV This store has been wrapped. It is not clear what is being sold and there is no visibility for the inside of the shop. It is not in keeping with the rest of the high street, especially given that NYC is working with English Heritage to improve shopfronts.

1. It was resolved NTC object to this application on the grounds of appearance in a Heritage Action Zone

Cllr Cornfoot noted that 20/01687/OUT had been granted. Landscaping, with the inclusion of a path to continue the pedestrian and cycleway into NTC land, was approved. The applicant made these changes based on NTC recommendations, which is extremely positive.

The Clerk will look into two matters of signage enforcement at the Bridal Outlet and Living Fires.

2 To consider and agree a response to a policy consultation document from NALC on local plans
In developing the Local Plan it is important that NYC considers transport as part of this.

2. It was resolved that a short summary will be developed by the Deputy Mayor and Cllr Hugill

To consider an invitation to join Community Speedwatch in South Parade and agree next steps

3. It was resolved that NTC is supportive of this and will take the next steps in this process

To agree how to recognise Miss Holdens success in the European Schools Boxing Final on 25th August

4. It was resolved that this will be agreed at the next Events and Engagement Committee

To update councillors on the Remembrance Day arrangements for 2023

A brief update was given and councillors were notified that a Traffic Management company would manage the closures for the parade on 12th November.

To consider how NTC wishes to commemorate D-Day 80th Anniversary in June 2024

Northallerton will host a Freedom Parade 31st May which will be a celebration of the Armed Forces in 2024.

5. It was agreed to delegate the decision to the Events and Engagement Committee

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To receive a verbal report from the Town Team meetings

Cllr P Cornfoot gave a short verbal update. Heritage Hub funding has been made available for 2 more years and the Hub will be helping with the 150 yrs of the Town Hall celebration. Heritage Action Zone has some funding available for shop fronts for eligible businesses.

23/057 Environment and Open Spaces

To consider requesting a formal update from NYC regarding the North Northallerton Sports Facility and planned maintenance programme for the hedgerows.

It was noted that this item had been covered in 23/053.

23/058 Finance

1. It was resolved payments be approved and receipts noted

Councillors noted the excellent fundraising on behalf of the Christmas Event.

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

HSBC £131,049

Unity £ 19,823

23/0059 Staffing

The Clerk has undertaken Risk Management training.

The Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Finance Officer have undertaken Food Safety in the Workplace training.

23/060 To receive late correspondence

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

23/061 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 9th October 2023

23/062 Date of Next Meeting

It was resolved that the time and date of the next meeting is 7.00pm on Monday 16th October 2023

To note the closure of the meeting as 8.14pm

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