

# Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Northallerton Town Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 15th January 2024 in the Town Hall, Upper Hall.

**Present:** Cllr P Cornfoot, Deputy Mayor; Cllr P Atkin; Cllr S Barber; Cllr S Bell; Cllr D Calvert; Cllr M Holmes; Cllr A Hugill; Cllr C Hutson; Cllr J Hutson and Cllr G Ramsden.

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

## 23/110 Apologies

It was resolved that apologies for absence be received and accepted from CIIr A Eames and CIIr P Eames

## 23/111 To Note any Declarations of Interest

Cllr J Hutson declared a non pecuniary interest in items relating to Northallerton BID

## 23/112 Public Participation

No Members of the Public were present.

#### **23/113 Minutes**

- 1) It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 18th December 2023 be approved
- 2) Minutes of the Northallerton and Romanby Joint Burial Committee (NRJBC) meeting on 5th September and draft minutes of the meeting on 28th November 2023 were noted

23/114 Exclusion of the Press and Public by virtue of Public (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960
It was resolved that is was necessary to resolve to exclude members of the press and public by virtue of Public (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, due to the confidential nature of item 23/118 4

# 23/115 North Yorkshire Police

- A report from North Yorkshire Police (NYP) had been circulated in advance.
- 2) It was confirmed that the Community Alcohol Partnership update had been circulated to councillors.

# 23/116 To receive reports from Ward Councillors

Cllr Dickinson had circulated a report in advance and confirmed that the handrail is finished at the Castlegates path. A Household Waste Consultation is available until 31st January.

It was noted that events referred to on the NYC Report are BID events.

Cllr Hugill attended the Local Nature Recovery Programme session and will prepare a response to the survey. Cllr Watson confirmed that the planning application at Allerton Court had been withdrawn.

Potential improvements to footpaths from Castle Hills into town are being considered.

Both councillors noted that a challenge for NYC is looking at the budgets for North Yorkshire moving forward. NYC Councillors have a meeting with NYP on 16th January.

# 23/117 To receive the Mayor's Statement

A statement had been circulated in advance.

#### 23/118 Community Facilities

- 1. It was resolved that the Terms of Reference for the NRJBC be adopted
- 2. It was resolved that the Scheme of Delegation for the NRJBC be adopted
- 3. It was noted that the Town Hall will receive a decarbonisation audit in conjunction with NYC Community Climate Action Grants Programme. This will take place in Q1 and potential improvements will be identified to support a future grant application.

Signed Mayor

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4. To consider action required following a recent incident in the Town Hall. This item was moved to the end of the agenda.

## 23/119 Engagement and Events

1. To consider Planning Applications received. Discussion took place regarding the application for Barclays Bank and the decision regarding Crosby Road noted by councillors at 23/088 1.

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

- 2. A report from Northallerton BID had been circulated to councillors in advance of the meeting. Councillors agreed that this report was useful and that the coach visits are extremely successful.
- 3. Discussion took place around how Northallerton Town Council could urge NYC to place lighted advance warning signs on the approaches to Morton on Swale bridge to inform motorists of its closure. Signage needs to be improved however it is the road that is the problem, not the bridge. It has been a perpetual problem for the economy in Northallerton and Councillors question if there is any long term resolution in the pipeline. A684 has been earmarked as a key route for improvement for some time.
  NYC Cllr A Wilkinson is pursuing this with Highways and Cllr Watson will request it be an agenda item at the Area Constituency Committee Meeting.

# It was resolved that the Clerk will share the council position and, alongside Cllrs Cornfoot and Hugill, will represent NTC as required regarding this matter

4. To update councillors on the Local Transport Event planned for Saturday 10th February 2024. This event is to gather views of members of the public, not to reflect the views of the Town Council. It will be an interactive event with different areas for engagement. Councillors were asked to volunteer and promote the event amongst their own contacts.

## 23/120 Finance

- 1. It was resolved payments be approved and receipts noted
- 2. It was resolved that bank account balances be noted as below and bank reconciliations signed
  - 1) HSBC £155,641.42
  - 1) Unity £ 5,077.26

# 23/121 Staffing

1) Cllr Hugill had attended an Introduction to Planning training session.

## 23/122 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.

## 23/123 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 Friday 9th February

## 23/124 Date of Next Meeting

To confirm the time and date of the next meeting as 7.00pm on Monday 19th February.

19:40 Members of the press and public left the meeting

23/125 from 23/118 4 To consider action required following a recent incident in the Town Hall It was resolved that a person will be banned from Northallerton Town Hall, subject to legal advice

The meeting closed 19:46

Signed Mayor

Date