



**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of
Northallerton Town Council held at 7.00pm on
Monday 21st October 2024 in the Town Hall, Upper Hall.**

Present: Cllr P Eames, Mayor; Cllr P Akin; Cllr S Bell; Cllr S Barber; Cllr D Calvert; 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 and Cllr S Watson, North Yorkshire Council (NYC) Ward Members; two representatives from Allerton Junior Athletics Club; two representatives of One More Gymnastics and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

24/070 Apologies

All Councillors were present.

24/071 Declarations of Interest

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

24/072 Update from Allerton Junior Athletics Club

A summary of the activities of the club were shared by the two coaches. Now 10 years since the club was formed, it is fantastic seeing young people develop through sports, learning good sportsmanship and becoming rounded individuals. Allerton Juniors recently won the NE Youth Development League which, as a small club with around only 100 members, was a huge achievement. Some young people compete at county level but some just want to train and it was noted how vital this is for children since COVID including those with additional needs. There is not enough sport for them to participate in in the town and the hope is to see facilities, including a 400m running track; long jump and high jump, available in Northallerton in the future.

Cllr Hutson echoed the fantastic job that the young people are doing, bringing tremendous results for the Town and Cllr P Eames offered thanks and congratulations to the young people and coaches and committed that the Council will work with them towards improved sports facilities for Northallerton.

24/073 Public Participation

Two representatives of One More Gymnastics Club shared their experience of their gymnastics club, which is thriving in the Town Hall. They have 149 members, the majority from Northallerton, but could expand to 500 members with suitable premises. They agree with Allerton Juniors that there is a need for improved sports facilities in the area, particularly for young children and want to engage with councillors in Northallerton and become part of the town. Thanks were offered from Cllr Eames who reiterated NTC's support for improved sports provision.

24/074 Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th September 2024 be approved

24/075 Exclusion of the Press and Public by virtue of Public (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

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

24/076 Report from North Yorkshire Police

A report had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Cllr Holmes noted a recent arrest of shoplifters in Northallerton. Cllr Atkin had attended a crime event last week and commented on the use of facial recognition, which seems to be working in deterring theft.

Cllr Bell circulated a report from the last CAP meeting on 24th October and thanks were offered to her for this.

24/077 Reports from Ward Councillors

A report had been circulated in advance of the meeting and the Let's Talk Money annual budget consultation has been launched today. Cllr Dickinson feels that the sports area at Northallerton School is underused and could be adapted for use by both Allerton Junior Athletics and as a gymnastics facility. Cllr Holmes added that this was under the control of the Arete Trust and approaching them would be the first steps.

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It was resolved that the NTC Engagement and Events (EE) Committee consider these matters on their next agenda and establish how they can support local groups to develop facilities

Cllr Watson added that NYC is still waiting for the sports village to be signed off, but that there will be opportunity for an application for use for this space. NTC are raising a question about this matter at the next Area Committee Meeting.

Cllr Eames confirmed that NTC has made a start on the Community Resilience Plan and is engaging with stakeholders via the EE Committee.

24/078 Mayor's Statement

The statement had been shared and no further comments were received.

24/079 Community Facilities

Draft minutes of the Community Facilities Committee Meeting held on 27th September were noted.

24/080 Engagement and Events

1. Draft minutes of the Engagement & Events Committee Meeting held on 27th September were noted. The Clerk confirmed that the donations are received to the NTC Sumup account then securely transferred to the Unity Trust Current Account.
2. A report from Northallerton BID had been circulated and feedback from those who took part was that Restaurant Week went well.
3. Planning Applications

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

A meeting had taken place between the Head of NYC Development Planning, councillors and the Clerk to discuss issues with the planning process and how to engage better with them. This was a positive meeting, a number of matters were raised and reassurance was given that the Director would support NTC if needed.

4. A survey regarding North Yorkshire Police & Crime had been received. Discussions took place about the issue of transport of prisoners from Northallerton being an issue and concerns about CCTV management and whether this will be managed to the same level as it is now.

It was resolved that Cllr Hugill will complete and submit this response

5. A meeting with D Hern, Transport lead at the Combined Authority, confirmed that the York and NY Mayor may have funds to support a Transport Delivery study, using Northallerton as a pilot. As there has been significant work with stakeholders and NYC Officers already, a brief will be prepared and submitted to the Mayor's office detailing this request.

It was resolved that the Clerk, Cllr Cornfoot and Cllr Hugill will prepare and submit this brief

6. NYC Parish Council Liaison sessions.

It was resolved that any Councillors who are available will attend and share the view that NTC are keen to engage effectively with NYC

7. The Clerk shared a verbal update from the Western Area Prepare and Protect group, which meets quarterly, to consider the local position on safety for the public attending events and activities in our town.

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24/081 Environment and Open Spaces

1. Draft minutes of the Environment & Open Spaces Committee Meeting on 27th September were noted.
2. Cllr Hugill had shared a brief update on the showing on 6 Inches of Soil which was interesting and well attended. A follow up film will be shown on 3rd November.
3. Councillors were updated on a meeting held with DfE in relation to the former Grammar School playing fields. This had taken place with two representatives of the DfE and was as positive as could be expected, given the early stages of the development of the SEND School, they now have a good understanding of the NTC perspective. No guarantees or commitments were given at this stage, although the academic trust is also open to discussion with NTC. Technical Specification for the building and development is now underway which will take some time and a future meeting will be arranged as appropriate.

24/082 Finance

1. Draft minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 9th October were noted.
2. **It was resolved payments be approved and receipts noted**
3. **It was resolved that bank account balances be noted as below and bank reconciliations signed.**
UNITY £ 65,725.13
HSBC £324,237.73
4. Receipt of the External Audit Report with no "except for" matters was noted.
Thanks were offered to the team for their work to ensure this positive outcome.
5. It was confirmed that publication of the Notice of Conclusion of Audit had taken place.

24/083 Staffing

The Clerk had attended a Hostile Vehicle Mitigation seminar and will include recommendations from this in future event management plans.

24/084 To receive late correspondence

A Community Group had shared details of a Nature Towns and Cities funding opportunity and it was agreed that this would be investigated further and an expression of interest prepared.

24/085 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 11th November 2024.

24/086 Date of Next Meeting

1. **It was resolved that the time and date of the next meeting is Monday 18th November 2024 at 19:00**
2. The meeting closed at 20:23

Signed
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