



**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of
Northallerton Town Council held at 7.00pm on
Monday 16th September 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 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 Ward Members; Sgt C Hughes, North Yorkshire Police and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

24/053 Apologies

It was resolved that apologies for absence be received and accepted from Cllr P Cornfoot

There were no dispensation requests.

24/054 Declarations of Interest

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

Cllr S Bell declared an interest in planning application ZB24/01765/TPO.

24/055 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

24/056 Minutes

1. It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th July 2024 be approved

2. It was resolved that the minutes of the Complaints Committee Meeting held on 22nd July be approved

24/057 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

24/058 To receive a report from North Yorkshire Police

- A police report had been circulated in advance of the meeting.
- Discussion took place about the increase in theft figures, which are unusually high, but Sgt Hughes noted this could be for a number of reasons and would be monitored.
- Misinformation can be an issue for the police locally, especially via social media. Sgt Hughes advised that NYP will always share updates regarding actual crime with requests for information and councillors should focus on these. Due to the process that NYP must follow regarding sharing photos of persons of interest, these may be issued a number of weeks after the event.
- Councillors requested feedback on problems in the vicinity of a well used path to the hospital. Sgt Hughes will forward this to the Community Safety Hub, with a view to looking at the possibility of deploying a mobile camera to the area if appropriate.
- Cycle thefts at Northallerton Railway Station were discussed and Sgt Hughes will request crime recording figures from British Transport Police, to see if there is a spike in bike thefts.

The Clerk offered her thanks to Sgt Hughes for his quick response and reassurance following the recent issue with misinformation and council offered thanks to him for attending the meeting and addressing questions raised.

The next Community Alcohol Partnership meeting is Tuesday 24th Sept.

24/059 To receive reports from Ward Councillors

Cllr Dickinson had sent a report in advance of the meeting and advised council that she had submitted a request for funding for transport feasibility to the Area Committee for the area given the lack of transport infrastructure, to include a bus service improvement plan. This had been agreed subject to detailed development along with work to improve signage at Morton on Swale.

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Councillors were encouraged to complete the Let's Talk Active survey and Cllr Hugill will prepare a response and circulate this to councillors for comment prior to submission.

Cllr Watson updated that a meeting had been arranged with officers and executive members to establish the status of the North Northallerton s106 agreement. Clarity is needed as there is no recollection of this having been returned to Hambleton District Council for amendment, so evidence regarding any changes to the s106 agreement is required. He expects that, given the current position with the s106 at North Northallerton, legal officers should be fully conversant with this issue and to see progress regarding the bus, cycle and footpath provision.

Cllrs Bell and Hugill had attended the Area Committee meeting and gave a verbal update. Discussion had taken place regarding Emergency Resilience as NYC requires all community plans to be fed into them, as the legal responsibility lies with the Unitary Council. Northallerton Town Council position is that we should work together with all stakeholders, taking the lead on this project, which is being progressed under our Engagement & Events Committee.

David Skaith, Mayor of York and North Yorkshire will be asked to attend the next Area Committee meeting and it was agreed NTC would work with NYC Councillors to prepare an appropriate question for the Mayor.

24/060 To receive the Mayor's Statement

A statement had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Coach Friendly Accreditation is a good story for the town and Applegarth now has 4 dedicated coach spaces. Clearing of vegetation along the footpath at Springfield Lane and Tannery Lane was done by a group of councillors and community volunteers and this is a great improvement.

The Mayor commented positively on the inscription on the wall at Treadmills, next to the Ballad of Sophia and wished a warm welcome to the new business opening on Zetland Street.

Council had recently received general positive feedback from visitors to Northallerton, which was pleasing.

24/061 Community Facilities

Draft minutes of the Community Facilities Meeting held on 17th July were noted.

Councillors were advised of the improvements made to the internal accessible toilet.

A report noting safety requirements for the Town Hall building and staff was shared. It was agreed that all measures implemented should be proportionate and appropriate.

It was resolved that the Clerk will prepare a scope and costs for a future Community Facilities meeting

24/062 Engagement and Events

Draft minutes of the Engagement and Events Committee Meeting held on 17th July were noted

Planning Applications were considered.

1. It was resolved that NTC has no objections to these applications

A report from Northallerton BID had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

It was confirmed that the details of the showing of "6 Inches of Soil" film in association with Incredible Edible 12th Oct 2pm and NTC will share the details via social media.

Discussion took place regarding the best way to recognise the success of local sports persons. Allerton Juniors Athletics Club have won their league and golfer Dan Brown is continuing to have success in his field. These are raising the profile of the town, generating support and encouraging young people in our area.

It was suggested that a letter of congratulations be sent from the Town Council signed by the Mayor.

2. It was resolved to add this matter to the next Engagement & Events Committee agenda for a decision

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24/063 Environment and Open Spaces

Draft minutes of the Environment and Opens Spaces Committee Meeting held on 17th July were noted. Councillors were updated on the positioning of the Memorial Stone in Applegarth, which will be put in place by NTC shortly and an event organised to celebrate this with RAF Leeming and Applegarth School.

24/064 Finance

Draft minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 15th July 2024 were noted.

- 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.**

Unity £ 72,777.18

HSBC £106, 561.23

24/065 Staffing

Draft minutes of the Staffing Committee Meeting held on 15th July 2024 were noted. Staff and councillors had undertaken Traffic Management training on 12th August. Cllr Ramsden and the Clerk had attended Standards and Code of Conduct Training on Friday 13th September,

24/066 Complaints

Further work is required to ensure the complaints procedure is fully reflective of council needs and this will be brought back to a future meeting.

24/067 To receive late correspondence

No further correspondence was received.

24/068 To receive items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting

Active Travel and feedback on recognition of local achievements will be added to a future meeting.

24/069 Date of Next Meeting

It was resolved that the time and date of the next meeting is Monday 21st October 2024 at 19:00

The meeting closed at 20:20

Signed
Chairman
Date