



**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of
Northallerton Town Council held at 7.00pm on
Monday 21st July 2025 in the Town Hall, Upper Hall**

Present: Cllr A Hugill, Mayor; Cllr P Atkin; Cllr S Bell; Cllr D Calvert; Cllr A Eames; Cllr P Eames; Cllr M Holmes; Cllr A Hugill, Cllr C Hutson and Cllr J Hutson.

Also Present: Cllr C Dickinson and Cllr S Watson, North Yorkshire Council (NYC) Ward Councillors; two members of the public; Flight Sgt O Blumer and Alexandra Robson, Clerk

25/034 Apologies

It was resolved that apologies be received and accepted from Cllr S Barber; Cllr P Cornfoot and Cllr G Ramsden

25/035 To Note any Declarations of Interest

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

25/036 Public Participation

No comments from members of the public.

25/037 Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 16th June 2025 be approved

25/038 Exclusion of the Press and Public by virtue of Public (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

It was resolved that it was necessary to exclude members of the press and public by virtue of Public (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, due to the confidential nature of any agenda items 25 046 4

25/039 North Yorkshire Police

- 1) A report from North Yorkshire Police had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Concern was raised over the behaviour of two homeless people, who had caused upset to visitors using the Town Hall toilets. NTC staff had contacted the Police who had supported the team and it was noted that, should further disruption occur, this should be reported to 101.
- 2) An updated action plan from the Community Alcohol Partnership was noted.

25/040 To receive reports from Ward Councillors

1. A Ward Councillors report had been circulated in advance and included a short update on the NYC charging policy for events held on NYC land. A question was raised about charging for events in parks, particularly as the Northallerton parks belong to NTC. She will meet with NTC executive members and update following that.
2. When looking at the Nature Recovery Strategy consultation, Cllr Bell reported that she couldn't get on to the map. Cllr Dickinson will have this looked into.
3. Cllr Watson added that at the recent Full Council meeting NTC leaders had advised that it would be a challenging year, financially and the old Hambleton District Council offices at Stone Cross are to be sold to a Care Home provider. A new wing has now been opened at the Friarage, bringing benefits for the local community and parking issues have eased now that contractors have gone.
4. Finkles Way is being resurfaced next week.

25/041 To receive the Mayor's Statement

A statement had been circulated in advance.

25/042 To formally appoint the Mayor's Air Cadet, Flight Sergeant Blumer

Cllr Hugill appointed the Mayor's Air Cadet, who is going to work with the Mayor and TC over the coming year. Council hopes this becomes a model for other organisations and will encourage involvement of young people in local democracy. Congratulations and welcome were offered to Flight Sergeant Blumer.

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25/043 Community Facilities

1. A condition report for the Christmas Illuminations was noted. Councillors expressed disappointment that M&S have not been cooperative with the installation of a power supply to allow illuminations to be put in the tree at the corner of the store. It was hoped to reuse lights that are currently situated in Walkland Way and Friarage Street businesses are keen to have some form of illuminations

It was resolved that the Clerk will continue to progress the matter and further discussion will take place at a Community Facilities Committee meeting

2. Consideration was given to the results of an opening hours survey for the public toilets. This had been extremely positive and helpful in gathering the views of residents and visitors using the facilities. Feedback had shown that users would be happy to pay a small amount for use of the toilets and the caretaker will monitor the QR codes in place in the facilities to ensure these have not been tampered with.

It was resolved that staffing will be reviewed and updated and opening hours extended to include Sundays

25/044 Engagement and Events

1. Planning Applications were discussed. A change of use application for the former Fire Station on Thurston Road, to accommodate a SENDS school for around 60 pupils, was discussed. Councillors were concerned this may negate the development of the former Grammar School site and this application will be monitored.
2. A report from Northallerton BID was circulated. The recent Food Market had been a taster event to see if it would work and BID may look to do a similar seasonal event with more stallholders. Sample street cleaning is being done, with the aim that NYC Highways will approve the works to be done in early August. Cllrs Hugill and Cornfoot had met with the BID Chairman and Manager to consider available grant funding for projects in Northallerton.
3. Thanks were given to all councillors for attending the Community Action Day at Northallerton School and to the Clerk for producing the promotional boards. Cllr Hugill gave a summary of the event and had been particularly pleased to meet the new Headteacher, Mr Broom who is keen to engage with the Town Council. Cllrs Holmes and P Eames added that they felt it had been a useful event and the presence of councillors had been noted positively. Mr Broom will be included on the VIP list at NTC events and a visit, as suggested by the Head, will be undertaken as soon as possible. Cllr Bell had also made contact with Mrs Brosnan about the school's garden area, as they are keen to develop this.

25/045 Environment and Open Spaces

A recent hosepipe ban was noted and it was confirmed that the council is actively collecting water and using stored water for their plants during this time.

25/046 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

HSBC £ 173,580

Unity £ 81,500

Small Grant requests were received from Northallerton Carnival; Allerton Juniors and Northallerton Town Cricket Club. Councillors are supportive in principle of these and consider it positive to encourage young people in organised sports.

3. It was resolved that £297.06 will be given to the Carnival committee to cover the cost of their insurance and the decision on both other requests will be delegated to the next Finance Committee Meeting

4. A request had been received from Dolci Deli to transfer their lease to an alternative business providing a similar range of services.

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It was resolved that this request be approved, subject to the satisfactory handover of the units and the incoming business completing a lease agreement

25/047 Staffing

No items to report.

24/048 To receive late correspondence

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

25/049 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 7th September.

25/050 Date of Next Meeting

It was resolved that the time and date of the next meeting is Monday 14th September at 19:00.

19:46 Members of the press and public left the meeting

Item 25/046 4 was discussed.

The meeting closed at 19:51

Signed
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