



**Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting
held at 18:30 on Monday 12th May 2025
in Northallerton Town Hall Upper Hall**

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

Also present: Cllr C Dickinson, North Yorkshire Council (NYC); two members of the public and three Town Council Staff; along with representatives from the following groups:

Rotary Club Northallerton	Hambleton Community Action
Incredible Edible	Climate Action Northallerton
One Northallerton One Planet	Air Cadets
Northallerton BID	Northallerton Tourist Information Centre

APM25/01 Community Groups, Guests and Councillors arrived at 6.30pm.

APM25/02 A welcome from the Mayor, Cllr Phil Eames was delivered. He offered thanks to all attendees both for coming along to the meeting and also the work they do within the town throughout the year. Thanks were also offered to Northallerton Town Council (NTC) staff.

APM25/03 Minutes of the previous meeting held 13th May 2024 were noted.

APM25/05 A short summary was given on the following items:

1. Music & Arts in Northallerton (MAiN) - Since the last Annual Meeting, a commitment has been made to establish a new venue for local artists and musicians. Cllr P Eames will be a trustee of this in a personal capacity and is delighted to see it coming to fruition, which is testament to the work of Jo Rose and others.
2. Air Cadet's Mayor's Cadet - In order to further formalise the relationship between NTC and the Air Cadets, a Mayor's Cadet will be chosen annually to work as an ambassador alongside the Mayor, attending events and forming closer links between the young people and the Council.
3. Rihanna Holden has achieved considerable success in boxing recently, including 4 national championships at her weight and is looking towards competing in the Olympics in 2028. A sponsors' event will be organised and NTC will offer support with this to celebrate her excellent achievements.
4. Mayor of York & North Yorkshire urban area investment plans were discussed and NTC is working with Northallerton BID and other stakeholders to request that some of this funding be directed to appropriate projects in Northallerton.
5. A Northallerton School & Sixth Form College Community Action Day will take place on 12th July and all are encouraged to attend to support the school and its young people.
6. Developing the next Town Council Strategic Plan is a priority for NTC in the coming year and all attendees are encouraged to give feedback at this meeting to help develop the 2027 - 2032 plan.

APM25/06 A number of other matters were discussed as follows:

1. Commemoration of VJ Day, in August. NTC will link in with RAF Leeming and the Air Cadets to arrange a suitable event. This will be discussed at the next NTC Engagement & Events Committee.
2. A lack of communication from NYC was noted as the reason for lack of progress on the double devolution of Northallerton market. NTC is still waiting for financial information so a business case can be prepared.
3. Concern was raised at the recent introduction of charging for charities on the Town Square by NYC, as this is making local fundraising more difficult. Cllr Dickinson is going to look into this matter.
4. A request was made to consider the needs of older children when NTC develops its play areas.
5. NTC is in the process of organising a stakeholder meeting for all those interested in the ongoing success of the Food Festival. A date for this will be arranged asap and next steps will be agreed at that meeting.

APM25/07 The date of the next Annual Town Meeting was confirmed as Monday 11th May 2026

APM25/08 Open discussion and refreshments followed and the meeting closed at 19:46