

**Minutes of the Advisory Committee for the Old Library Project  
held at Manor Close Community Centre on Thursday 28 October 2010 at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Councillor de Barr, Councillor Brown, Mr J Coughlan, Ms H Gundry and Mr C Grumbley. Councillor Gunton arrived during Agenda Item 5.

**Also Present:** 11 Members of the public and the Town Clerk, Ms V Ellis.

1. The Committee resolved to elect Councillor Brown to be Chairman.
2. The Committee resolved to accept apologies from Councillor Cossins.
3. Councillor De Barr declared an interest as the Library Project is a Town Council Project and property.
4. The Committee resolved to elect Mr J Coughlan as Deputy Chairman.
5. A discussion was held on the background to the Old Library Project, why the Community Office owned by Ryedale District Council was discounted as an option, the facilities' requirements of Kirkbymoorside Town Council, how the Town Council works at present and the accessibility of the Town Council staff to the public.
6. A discussion was held on the issue of accommodation in Church House and how the Town Council structures its work.
7. A discussion was held on other courses of action. It was resolved that:
  - The Clerk would contact the Parochial Church Council to find out if their letter about wanting to purchase the Old Library and/or use it which was sent to the Town Council in 2008 was still pertinent
  - Councillor De Barr would contact Mr Tony Clark MBE to find out if Ryedale Folk Museum had any interest in the building
  - Councillor Brown would contact Mrs S Ridley, Administrator of the Memorial Hall, to see if there were any options available.
  - The Clerk would contact the Conservation Officer at Ryedale District Council about the possibility of PV panels on the Old Library

Other issues discussed were:

- Disabled access, groups approaching the Town Council with costings, gaps in existing provision in town at the moment – for example for young people and the possibility of funding
- the requirements of the Clerk and her assistant and changes in working practices
- that the Council has an asset in the town which is deteriorating.
- Ideas for upstairs use of the Old Library including a museum, youth club, centre of alternative technology and museum of the future.
- The consultation on the 20<sup>th</sup> November and whether groups could be invited to do a presentation. The Committee would like to find out what ideas the community would like pursued and then a shortlist of costed options put forward.

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Councillor De Barr is to contact Ryedale District Council about a facilitator for public sessions.

Standing Orders were suspended at this point to allow members of the public to speak and were then reinstated.

A discussion was held on the powers and duties of the council. A brief account of non-statutory work was given.

Councillor Brown will provide information on the running costs of the Old Library for the public consultation on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

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The Committee resolved that:

- The Clerk be asked to prepare a list of the current Statutory and Non-Statutory work of the Council, to define the statutory obligations and provide information on the current cost of facilities used by the Town Council.
- The Clerk find out how the sum for the dilapidations from North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) was arrived at.
- Mr Coughlan to contact NYCC about the use of Church House as a meeting venue for the Clerk/Town Council and the public, and the possibilities of joint working with NYCC and Ryedale District Council.
- Councillor De Barr to contact the Youth Officer at NYCC
- The Committee finds out if the community wants to keep the Old Library or sell it.
- That there would be discussion and agreement on accommodation for the Town Clerk at the next meeting.

8. Agenda Item 13 was brought forward.

A discussion was held on the consultation day, the displays, the possibility of a surgery session with councillors and committee members.

Councillor De Barr to contact Ms M Farley for discussion on Parish Planning.

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The Committee resolved that the Clerk be requested to find out if the Dug-Out of the Memorial Hall was available in the evening of the 20<sup>th</sup> November so the consultation could be continued after 4.00pm.

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**Chairman**

The meeting closed at 9.10pm