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Kirkbymoorside Annual Town Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 11 April 2012 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall

Present; 35 members of the public, 5 Councillors, 1 Member of the Press and the Clerk

1. **Welcome**

The Town Mayor Councillor Chris Dowie welcomed everybody to the meeting.

This year the Kirkbymoorside Community Award was awarded to Paul Magson and presented by Councillor Dowie

A nomination form for the Community Award 2013 will soon be available from the Town Council office and the deadline for nominations is 31 January 2013

2. **Minutes of the Annual Town**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2011 were signed as a correct record.

3. **Mayor's Report**

The Mayor reported on the following:

A Community Led Plan (formerly known as a parish plan) is being drawn up. The Town Council has agreed to cover the cost of meeting room hire and printing and distributing questionnaires.

Councillor surgeries are now held in Church House on the first Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8 pm.

A Play Areas Committee has been set up. In the past few months both play areas have been improved most recently with new safety surfacing under the double swings and the tyre swing at the Old Road area.

The precept for 2012 -2013 was reduced from £80,000 to £77,000

The Mayor opened The Northern Ryedale Children's Centre in the new purpose built premises next to the primary school.

An agreement has been reached with North Yorkshire County Council and

Ryedale District Council, which means that the current library opening hours will be fully maintained.

From 1st June the county, district and town councils will be working together, in the library to provide the services that people in the town need. On Wednesdays the new Assistant Clerk will work in the library for 3 hours each week alongside staff from Ryedale District Council.

Future challenges include the proposals to build on land to the west of the town and the proposal to build a Tesco store at the Russell's yard site..

The Mayor ended by saying that it has been a great privilege to be town mayor during the past year and she thanked her fellow councillors for their work during this time.

4. Mr Neil Marsay, Community First Responders was unable to make the meeting and sent his apologies

5. **Local groups and individuals speaking on town matters**

Following an event a few weeks ago by local scooter users in the skate park a group of enthusiasts had been invited to attend the Town Meeting to pass on their ideas for improvements

Councillors Dowie and Watson thanked them for their enthusiasm and agreed that this will be discussed at a future Play Areas meeting. Mention was also made regarding looking into grant funding for the improvements.

A request was made for confirmation of the date for the closure of Gillamoor Road.

Following the receipt of a leaflet regarding New Developments concern was raised regarding the infrastructure requirements including flooding impact, medical services and capacity at the school.

General concerns were raised by members of the public regarding the current "Planning Strategy"

The meeting closed at 7:30pm

Councillor Chris Dowie
Town Mayor,