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Minutes of a meeting of the Kirkbymoorside Town Council held at Church House, Kirkbymoorside, on Monday 17 November 2014 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors M Brampton, P Brewster, M Clarke, J Cossins, C Dowie (Chairman), D Turlington and S Ward.

Cllr Brampton provided notice that he would need to leave the meeting early.

Also present: PC Steven Leach and PCSO Claire Routh and 6 members of the public.

Councillor C Dowie opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

14115 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Coughlan and Watson.

14116 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

14117 MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 20 October 2014 were **approved** and **signed**;
- b) There were no Matters Arising.

14118 PUBLIC SESSION

PC Steven Leach introduced PCSO Claire Routh.

A member of the public raised concerns about the increasing threat of Fracking in the area. Cllr Dowie confirmed that on 16 May 2014 the Town Council held a meeting at which information on fracking was received from Mark Hill of NYMNP additionally there have been a number of meetings in the area by concerned parties. The Town Council is presently gathering information in order to formulate a policy and Fracking will be considered at item 7 on the agenda.

14119 DISCUSSIONS WITH DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Sarah Ward reported that subsequent to the Gladmans inquiry she had spoken to the Chief Executive of RDC and Head of Forward Planning requesting a statement to validate their actions. A response has been received, however, clarity is being sought as to whether the contents may be publicly disclosed as the correspondence was addressed to Cllr Ward personally.

14120 financial matters

- a) Cheque payments were **approved** and signed.
- b) Financial Summary was **received** for November 2014.
- c) It was **agreed** to continue paying for the Yorkshire Post at a monthly subscriptions charge of £55.64.

14121 FRACKING

- a) It was **noted** that at the meeting of the City of York Council on 9 October 2014 an anti-fracking motion was passed
- b) It was suggested and **agreed** that the address by Prof Jon Gluyas, Dean of Knowledge Exchange at Durham University and Sam Almond, ReFINE Research Assistant at Durham University would should be made accessible to members of the public. The Town Clerk will make arrangements for a public meeting to provide further information on Fracking prior to the December meeting.
- c) It was **agreed** to defer forming a policy until the December meeting.

14122 The Grant Application from Friends of Moorsbus for £400 to support the Moors Rambler Sunday bus service was considered and **agreed** on condition that the cheque be made payable to Friends of Moors Bus and that the Community Interest Group guarantee that any unspent monies are returned.

14123 The NYCC consultation about future library provision was **noted** and it was agreed to oppose the proposals. Information was received from Cllr Dowie confirming that all 5 Towns were against the proposals and the objections would be conveyed at the Northern Ryedale meeting.

There was confusion over the stated building costs of £20,411 and it was suggested that a full break down of costs for Church House and status of the lease should be made available.

It was proposed and agreed that the Town Council's objections be conveyed in writing to both County Councillor Arnold and Chris Mellor, General Manager: Libraries, NYCC with the latter providing a definition of consultation and partnership. Cllr Clarke suggested that NYCC would save money by being a more efficient County Council.

It was suggested that the date of the drop-in at the library on 10th December 2014, be included in the weekly newsletter issued by Kirkbymoorside Primary School.

14124 The changes to the highway grass cutting service by NYCC Business and Environment Services was **noted**.

14125 FOOTWAY LIGHTING

- a) It was **noted** that lighting column 3 on Swineherd Lane is broken and requires replacement.
- b) The cost of replacing the existing lantern like for like with a 80w MBF/U lantern is estimated to be £512.88 plus VAT was **noted**.
- c) It was **agreed** to replace the lantern with an LED lantern in accordance with minute 14058b) dated 21 July 2014
- d) LED lighting options were considered.
- e) It was **agreed** to install the Clipper lantern at a cost of £218 + VAT

14126 THE MOORSIDE ROOM

It was **agreed** to set a ceiling expenditure of £446.40 plus VAT and authorise the Town Clerk to implement the requisite measures to satisfy Fire & Safety Regulation.

Cllr Brampton left the meeting at 9.15pm

14127 It was **noted** that all members of the public and the business community are invited to a meeting on 8 Dec at 7.30pm in the Moorside Room to discuss how best to promote the town and the design of a panel on the Welcome to Kirkbymoorside signs

14128 A report on the progress of arrangements for the Christmas light switch-on on 29 November was **received**

14129 Thanks were given to the Kirkbymoorside History Group for their commemorative exhibition entitled 'Reflections on War' held in the Moorside Room on 8 and 9 November 2014

14130 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported that she had attended the 5 Towns meeting on 4 November and the Remembrance Day Parade on 9 November at which she laid a Remembrance Wreath.

14131 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCIL

None

14132 REPORTS ON DELEGATED MATTERS

Cllrs Dowie and Ward made representation at the Gladmans appeal. Cllr Dowie expressed thanks on behalf of everyone for Cllr Wards efforts. It was noted that the outcome of the appeal would be issued on 15 December 2014.

14133 The Town Clerk's Report was received**14134 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Brampton had requested that the Council be reminded of the pre-election notices provided at the last election. It was suggested and agreed to review and update these in order that notices may be issued in advance of the 2015 election to encourage residents to stand for council.

14135 NEXT MEETING

The next Town Council meeting will be held on 15 December 2014 at 7.30 pm in Church House.

The meeting ended at 9.39pm