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Minutes of a meeting of the Kirkbymoorside Town Council held at Church House, Kirkbymoorside, on Monday 15 December 2014 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors M Brampton, P Brewster (arrived at 7.48pm), M Clarke, J Cossins, J Coughlan, C Dowie (Chairman), and D Turlington.

Also present: Lisa Bolland Town Clerk, 12 members of the public and 2 members of the press.

Councillor C Dowie opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

14136 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Watson and County Councillor Arnold.

14137 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that Cllr Coughlan is associated with Ryedale Scouts and not the Kirkbymoorside Scouts so for the purposes of transparency there is no direct interest in item 13.

14138 MINUTES

- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 17 November 2014 were **approved** and **signed**;
- b. The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 17 November 2014 were **received**;
- c. The minutes of the meeting of the Play Area and Sports Committee held on 25 November 2014 were **received**;
- d. The minutes of the meeting of the Manor Vale Management Committee held on 26 November 2014 were **received**;
- e. The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 28 November 2014 were **received**;
- f. **MATTERS ARISING**

The Town Clerk reported that she was still awaiting a response from the Midwives with regards to statistics of attendance for antenatal classes in Kirkbymoorside.

Cllr Dowie reported that the Appeal Decision of the Gladman inquiry was to allow the outline planning permission for up to 225 (use class 3) residential dwellings, the provision of expansion land to Kirkbymoorside Community Primary School, landscape, open space, highway improvement works and associated works on land at Westfields New Road to Kirkdale Lane, Kirkbymoorside, YO62 6HD in accordance with the terms of the application, Ref No: 13/01314/MOUT, dated 12 November 2013. It was noted that whilst the outline planning permission has been granted subsequent planning permissions will be sought in relation to the specifics of the development and the Town Council will be included in the consultation process as standard.

14139 PUBLIC SESSION

No member of the public wished to speak.

14140 DISCUSSIONS WITH DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

None present.

Cllr Brewster arrived at 7.48pm

14141 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. Cheque payments were **approved** and signed.
- b. Financial Summary was **received** for December 2014.
- c. Recommendations were **received** from the Finance Committee regarding the budget for 2015/16 in accordance with Minutes F14018 and F14019 dated 28 November 2014.
Cllr Clarke raised queries with regard to the budget allocation for the Moorside Room and it was agreed that this matter will be included as an agenda item for consideration by the Finance Committee at their next meeting on 27 February 2015.
A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to accept the Finance Committee recommendations and the proposed budget for 2014/15.
- d. The precept for 2015/16 was determined at £73,500.
- e. Receipt of correspondence from HSBC dated 28 November pertaining to the Business High Interest Deposit Bond was **noted**;
- f. Given the withdrawal of the Business High Interest Deposit Bond by HSBC a transfer of the Council's reserves into a Money Market fixed term deposit account for a 3 month deposit term to be managed thereafter by the Town Clerk taking into account any demands on reserves was **agreed**;
- g. It was **agreed** to place the cemetery funds into a Money Market fixed term deposit account for a 6 month deposit term pending consideration of an investment policy.

Items 14141 a. – g. were all agreed unanimously.

14142 FRACKING

- a. Thanks were extended to Prof Jon Gluyas, Dean of Knowledge Exchange, Sam Almond, RE-Fine Research Assistant, and Dr Liam Herringshaw, Post-Doctoral Research Associate of Durham University for providing an address on Fracking at the public meeting on 12th December.

Additional thanks was expressed by a member of the public, and supported by all in attendance, to the speakers for their time and expertise, and also to the Town Council and Town Clerk for arranging the public meeting.

- b. It was **agreed** to form a policy.

The following policy was proposed by Cllr Brampton and seconded by Cllr Coughlan:

"We have a number of unresolved concerns about important aspects of fracking, and therefore are opposed to any fracking activities in our locality until such a time as satisfactory answers are forthcoming".

A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to accept the proposed policy.

It was noted that further consideration to elaborate on the policy would be included at the January meeting.

In light of the presence of representatives of the Band and Ravenswick Estate It was proposed by Cllr Dowie and agreed to reorder the agenda to consider item 13 prior to item 8.

14143 Receipt of correspondence from the Kirkbymoorside Town Brass Band dated 3 December 2014 was acknowledged.

Proposals were received from representatives of Ravenswick Estate and the Band.

The Town Council expressed their appreciation for the information received from John Woodward on behalf of the Kirkbymoorside Town Brass Band and additional information pertaining to the proposed developments of the site. It was expressed that the Town Council is supportive of the suggested proposals to enhance the band and scout facilities and welcomes proposals to improve the area in proximity to the former NYCC Highways Depot.

14144 STANDING ORDERS

- a. Revisions to the Standing Orders were **received**. A vote was taken and it was unanimously **agreed** to formally accept these at the meeting on 19 January.
- b. It was **agreed** to form a policy pertaining to photographing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of meetings of the Town Council and its committees.

It was proposed and agreed to adopt the following policy wording:

‘Photographing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting is permitted so long as this does not disrupt the meeting in any way. The content of the recording must remain a true record of the event. Any editing, animation or abbreviation of any kind is not permissible.’

It was proposed and agreed to include the following text on all agenda notices:

‘Photographing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting is permitted so long as this does not disrupt the meeting in any way. As a matter of courtesy should you wish to record the meeting please make this known to the Chair.’

- c. It was **agreed** to form a policy for dealing with the press/media. A draft policy will be considered at the January meeting using the example policy provided in the supporting documentation as a model and tailoring this in accordance with the requirements of Kirkbymoorside Town Council.

14145 It was agreed that a leaflet providing details of the 2015 Town Council election could be included with the next issue of the Moorsider. A draft leaflet will be considered at the January meeting, All Councillors were encouraged to submit suggestions to the Town Clerk.

Cllr Clarke wished for it to be recorded that he considered the Town Council to be antagonistic.

It was suggested that the matter of how to make the Town Council more friendly should be addressed. Cllr Clarke will provide appropriate wording for an agenda item for consideration at the January meeting.

14146 It was unanimously agreed to appoint Jim Pewtress, a Member of Ryedale Natural History Society, to the Manor Vale Management Committee.

14147 A Grant Application from Kirkbymoorside 10k 2015 for £1000 to contribute to the cost of Road Traffic Management and Medical Support was considered. The Application was agreed in principal and the Town Council agreed that they were happy to support the event upon receipt of the audited accounts in accordance with the grant policy. The Town Clerk agreed to liaise with Kirkbymoorside CP School in order to receive this information.

The Town Council agreed to act on behalf of the organisers and liaise with RDC to endeavour to facilitate the offer of free parking on the day.

This item was deferred for further consideration upon receipt of the required documentation.

Cllr Cossins left the meeting at 8.28pm

14148 Cllr Clarke provided a report following the meeting of members of the public and the business community on 8 Dec at 7.30pm in the Moorside Room. In addition to himself the meeting was attended by Jos Holmes of RDC, Cllrs Brewster and Dowie and 2 business representatives.

Cllrs Brewster and Clarke had revised the copy for the Ryedale Market Towns leaflet so ensuring a more current and attractive representation of Kirkbymoorside.

It was suggested that a sign advertising Kirkbymoorside as an ‘Artisan Town’ might attract motorists to venture into the town. We look forward to members of the local businesses coming forward with a design proposal.

A local collection and delivery service was proposed and it was suggested that this would benefit businesses and customers alike, however in order for such a service to be successful it would require the participation of the local businesses.

Jos Holmes confirmed that High Speed Broadband will be coming to the centre of Kirkbymoorside very soon.

14149 2014 CHRISTMAS EVENT

- a. Thanks were given to all the volunteers involved in the 2014 Christmas light switch-on. It was suggested and agreed that thanks would be expressed to each individual in a Christmas card issued by the Town Clerk on behalf of the Town Council. Additionally it was suggested that a letter be submitted to the Gazette and Mercury for publication.

It was noted that £85 has been received for allocation to the Christmas light fund.

- b. It was noted that thanks had been received from the Kirkbymoorside & District Camera Club

14150 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported that she will be attending Coppelia by the Kirkham Henry Dance School on 21st December.

Mr Bowe, Kirkbymoorside Post Office, had requested that the public be informed that despite the closure of the Natwest and Barclays branches in Kirkbymoorside the Post Office is able to accommodate all High Street bank customers and process deposit and payment transactions. Please note that paying-in slips are required when making a deposit.

County Councillor Val Arnold has arranged a meeting with Julie Blaisdale, Assistant Director, Library and Community Services NYCC on 13 January 2015 at 6.30pm in the Methodist Hall regarding the NYCC proposal that Kirkbymoorside library should become a Community library run solely by volunteers. Cllr Dowie hopes that the meeting will be well attended and that people take advantage of the opportunity to express their views.

14151 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCIL

None

14152 REPORTS ON DELEGATED MATTERS

Cllr Dowie advised that according to Lee Taylor, NYCC are still negotiating the rent rates of Church House. NYCC are keen to have the Town Council involved in the activities at Church House.

- 14153** The Town Clerk reported that information had been received from NYCC Highways Authority that 2 responses had been received opposing the proposed short-term parking enforcement. Subsequently the matter will need to be considered at the Ryedale Area Committee. The Town Clerk confirmed that the date of the next Ryedale Area Committee is on 17 December however this is not an item on the agenda so clarity is being sought as to the progress of the consultation.

NYCC Highways Authority have confirmed that the double yellow lines on the north side of Dale End in proximity to the roundabout will be extended from the roundabout to allow a clear distance from the roundabout before which parking will be permitted.

A resident has raised concerns regarding the permanence of a caravan in the field on the south of the A170 east of the Keldholme junction. Enquiries have been made via RDC and a response is awaited.

14154 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Brampton raised the following issues:

- i. Concerns had been received regarding vehicles parking close to the roundabout on Dale End. This matter was addressed in the Town Clerks report.
- ii. It had been commented that the text on the Kirkbymoorside stone signs historically was curved and split into Kirby and Moorside. It is uncertain as to when the additional K was adopted. It

was suggested that the History Group be consulted to try and establish the correct title and history associated with any changes with a potential outcome being the restoration of the stone.

- iii. How much has NYCC reduced the cost on Managers? This question will be put to County Councillor Val Arnold to pursue.

14155 NEXT MEETING

The next Town Council meeting will be held on 19 January 2014 at 7.30 pm in Church House.

The meeting ended at 9.05pm