



## KIRKBYMOORSIDE TOWN COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of a meeting of the Kirkbymoorside Town Council held at Church House, Kirkbymoorside, on Monday 16 February 2015 at 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Councillors M Brampton, P Brewster, M Clarke, C Dowie (Chairman), S Ward and J Watson.

**Also present:** County Councillor Val Arnold, Town Clerk L Bolland, 3 members of the public and 1 member of the press.

Councillor C Dowie opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

#### **14177 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cossins, Coughlan and Turlington.

#### **14178 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Brampton declared an interest in item 11c as an organiser of Kirkbymoorside Digital

Cllr Ward declared an interest in items 8 and 9 as a member of Ryedale District Council

#### **14179 MINUTES**

- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 19 January 2015 were **approved** and **signed**;
- b. The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 19 January 2015 were **received**;
- c. The minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held on 5 February 2015 were **received**;
- d. There were no matters arising.

#### **14180 PUBLIC SESSION**

No member of the public wished to speak.

#### **14181 DISCUSSIONS WITH DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

County Councillor Arnold confirmed that the library consultation had completed and proposals will be put forward by NYCC in June.

To date no information has been forthcoming with regards to progress with the short term parking consultation. Through conversations with the Town Clerk and Melanie Farnham at NYCC Highways Authority it was understood that a newly formed 'Executive Committee' were to consider the matter, however, the composition of this committee, its meeting dates etc was not known to the District and County Councillors present. County Councillor Arnold agreed to make enquiries and provide a report at the next meeting.

District Councillor Ward advised that the matter of Fracking will be considered at an extraordinary meeting of RDC to be held at the Milton Rooms on 17 February at 6.30pm.

#### **14182 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a. Cheque payments were **approved** and signed
- b. Financial Summary was **received** for February 2015.

- 14183** The Grant Application from Friends of Kirkbymoorside CP School PTA for £1000 to contribute to the cost of the Kirkbymoorside 10k Race was considered. The following was proposed by Cllr Brampton and seconded by Cllr Watson: 'To resolve that the Town Council support the 10k Charity Run event and to provide a conditional grant of up to £1000 if the costs of the event exceed the revenue.'

The proposal was passed unanimously.

It was agreed to support the event by liaising with RDC on behalf of the Kirkbymoorside CP School PTA to negotiate the free car parking in the Town Farm Car park on the day of the event and by providing use of The Moorside Room on the day of the event at no cost.

- 14184** The Ryedale Plan - The sites selected and put forward to Ryedale for potential development in Kirkbymoorside were discussed.

A member of the public raised concern that site 10, adjoining the sportsfield was designated for residential development and outlined the detrimental impact this would have on the sportsfield. It was determined that the council unanimously object to any residential development of this site (10) and this view is supported by all member of the public that were present.

It has been determined by RDC that Site 622 fails the first test of the SSM due to flood risk. However, the Town Council believe that any flooding concerns could be addressed by adequate drainage and elevation measures and would support industrial/employment development on this site.

The opinion of the Kirkbymoorside Surgery was noted in that the demand for caring support is not matched by the availability of housing for nursing staff. The development of site 102 would satisfy the need for affordable housing.

The Town Council would encourage the development of sites that do not jeopardise the character of the town and are in scale.

The following observations were made:

Residential development on sites to the south of the A170 would encourage people to drive into the town due to the poor crossing points, subsequently increasing vehicular congestion and exacerbating the parking issues.

The northern most sites, namely 201, 345 and 431, being located at a higher elevation than the town centre would similarly see an increase in vehicular movement with the occupants being less inclined to opt for pedestrian access uphill on return from the town centre.

The Town Council would strongly discourage any residential development on industrial sites as this would result in effectively restricting jobs and employment opportunities by occupying sites that should be designated for industry. In view of the population explosion upon completion of the Gladman Site (102) we would like to see additional land allocated for industrial/employment in order to encourage the expansion of local businesses.

It would be greatly beneficial if RDC would encourage land owners to supply their land for the purpose of industrial development or sports/leisure rather than residential development.

Preferred sites for development:

- 156 Swineherd Lane 30 house
- Some developments around Keldholme e.g. sites 56 and 467

When considering any site for development within Kirkbymoorside the following features should be prioritised:

- Public Rights Of Way should be enhanced
- Green Space
- Access to public/open space
- Architectural merit

Kirkbymoorside is a Transition Town and as such environmentally sustainable buildings should be encouraged.

It was suggested that the Economic Officers of NYCC be asked to clarify why employment/industrial development in Kirkbymoorside has been restricted and the focus for this development has been prioritised in Helmsley.

The Town Council would like to meet with the Economic Officers to discuss how we can be more involved in the consultation for economic development in Kirkbymoorside.

**14185** It was **agreed** not to take any action with regards to a Neighbourhood Plan.

**14186** It was **agreed** that due to the low number of responses to the Community Led Plan consultation this document was not representative. For this reason no definitive action could be taken, however whilst the Town Council is not bound by the findings the responses generated will be taken into consideration in the future.

**14187** The Moorside Room

- a. It was **noted** that quarterly inspections are required for maintenance of the fire alarm, intruder alarm and emergency lighting
- b. It was considered and **agreed** to accept the quotation provided by WB Electrical to carry out quarterly inspections of the fire alarm, intruder alarm and emergency lighting at a cost of £150 + VAT and an annual drain down and full tests of all three systems at a cost of £250 + VAT
- c. The request by Kirkbymoorside Digital to install AV equipment in the Moorside Room, the cost to be paid for by KMS Digital, was considered and **agreed**
- d. It was agreed not to make an extra charge of £1 per hour in top of the room rate for broadband access
- e. Suggestions for the way forward

Cllr Clarke suggested that a marketing budget should be allocated to the promotion of The Moorside Room. Additional efforts to generate sponsorship of the marketing campaign by local businesses could be an effective source of advertising. It was agreed that the financial implications would be considered at the next Finance Committee meeting on 2 February and recommendations could then be made to the council.

Signage on Chisholm's Monument and additional more prominent signage at window level on the Moorside Room itself would help to direct people.

**14188** The Staffing Committee reported that the Town Clerks annual appraisal was carried out on 5 February 2015 and thanks was given to the Town Clerk for her efforts to date. It was noted that the additional hours spent working on the sportsfield would be monitored and may warrant further consideration at a later date.

**14189** In response to the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan Supplementary Sites Consultation it was agreed to request clarification as to the means of disposal of fracking liquid. The impact of traffic movements through Kirkbymoorside would be significant. Additionally a future site for the disposal of fracking liquid in close proximity to Kirkbymoorside would have a detrimental impact.

**14190** Receipt of correspondence from NYCC Integrated Passenger Transport with regards to public transport contracts dated 23 January 2015 was noted.

**14191** Receipt of correspondence from In Bloom was acknowledged and it was agreed to continue sponsorship of a flower tub at a cost of £40

**14192 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor reported that she attended the Steering Group committee meeting at the Children's Centre and that a health check has recently been carried out and the result was very positive. More parents are encouraged to take advantage of the facilities and wide range of services provided at the centre.

**14193 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCIL**

None

**14194 REPORTS ON DELEGATED MATTERS**

None

**14195** The Town Clerk's report was received.

**14196 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN**

None

**14176 NEXT MEETING**

The next Town Council meeting will be held on 16 March 2015 at 7.30 pm in Church House.

The meeting ended at 9.40pm