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Minutes of the Annual Town meeting held in the Moorside Room, 9 Church Street, YO62 6AZ on Wednesday 7th May 2014 at 7pm

Present: Mayor Christine Dowie, Councillors M Brampton, D Turlington, S Ward and J Watson, and Town Clerk L Bolland.

Also present: County Councillor Val Arnold and 9 members of the public

1 WELCOME FROM THE TOWN MAYOR

The Town Mayor Councillor Chris Dowie welcomed everybody to the meeting and expressed that the meeting bore particular significance for being the first official Town Council engagement held in The Moorside Room, and due to the presentation of the Community Award which had not been a feature of the 2013 Annual meeting.

2 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON 9 MAY 2013

The minutes of the Annual Town meeting held on 9 May 2013 were approved and signed.

3 MAYOR'S REPORT

The Community Led Plan showed that people in the town wanted to see the former library building in Church Street refurbished for community use.

The approaches made by the Town Council to the District and County Councils and the British Legion in order to improve the act parking situation

The Town Council has taken on responsibility for administration of the Sportsfield and has set up a committee to facilitate this.

The budget for the current financial year was set at £76,500 a reduction of £500 from last year. However there has been an increase in the amount paid by residents. This is due to RDC passing on only 50% of the grant that they receive from central government for town and parish councils, rather than the 100%, which they passed on last year.

Grants have been awarded to All Saints Church, Ryedale Carers Support, Next Steps a mental health group that meets in the town, the Kirkbymoorside Cricket and Junior Football Clubs, the 10K Run, the history group and the Environment Group.

Replacement and repairs to streetlights have been carried out and replacement of litterbins at Old Road play area.

The new "Welcome to Kirkbymoorside" signs were erected last year.

Gladman Developments Ltd have appealed against the refusal of their third planning application to build on fields to the west of the town. The judicial review into the granting of permission for the second application is on hold pending the outcome of the appeal. Gladman have withdrawn their challenge to the Local Plan Strategy.

Last year the town clerk collected grant applications for section 106 funding from a number of organisations in the town and submitted them to RDC. The applications have been successful and Ryedale will be contacting each club individually about how the money will be paid to them.

The total cost of the work on the Moorside Room is just less than £80,000. Of that £40,000 was received from NYCC for refurbishment when the library moved to Church House. The Town Council will receive a grant from RDC of £20,000 through section 106 funding. The cost to the community and the money that will be paid from the Town Council's reserves is £20,000. The mayor said she believes this represents excellent value for money.

The Moorside Room has been beautifully refurbished and it is now available for community use. Booking forms are available from the Town Council office and the Council is keen to hear from any group or organisation that would like to use the room. The open day on 3 May was very successful and the Made in Kirkby exhibition was seen by a large number of people. The mayor thanked all those who took part in the exhibition, Forum Technology, The Ryedale Group, Marshall's, Depth Charge design and Jim Wright. She thanked Jim Wright for leaving his beautiful paintings in place for the evening

The mayor then thanked Lisa Bolland the Town Clerk, very much for all her work in putting the exhibition together, promoting the event, setting it up and doing everything to ensure the day ran smoothly. This involved a great deal of extra work at a very busy time of year.

Thanks were also expressed to John Paul, the architect and the builders, Buffoni Hemmingfield for all their work on the project and also all the Town Councillors for their commitment to turning the building into something that is a real asset to the community. In the Moorside Room we have something of which the whole town can be very proud.

The mayor ended by saying that it has been a great privilege to be Town Mayor during the past year, she has enjoyed working with the Town Clerk and her fellow councillors and wished to thank them for their work during the past year.

4 PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY AWARD

The mayor presented awards to two people who have made a significant contribution to the community.

Sarah Woodward was nominated for the way in which she has brought music to the community through many different avenues and on a voluntary basis over a number of years.

Ted Clarke was nominated for his work as groundsman at the Sportsfield for almost 15 years during which time he has been responsible for the upkeep of the facilities and for keeping the field in great condition.

5 PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public expressed dissatisfaction with the grass cutting throughout Kirkbymoorside. It was particularly noted that the edges abutted by walls were not strimmed. An area of particular concern was in proximity to West Fields. Assurance was provided that measures would be taken to liaise with the contractor to address these issues.

The issue of inadequate lighting at the junction of Castlegate and High Market Place was raised. It was explained that at the meeting of the Town Council on 30 October 2013 the feasibility of erecting a new light column to illuminate the entrance to Castlegate at a cost of approximately £1200(including electricity board new connection) plus future annual costs for electricity and maintenance charges was considered. 3 locations had been identified as suitable by NYCC for a new light column but none of these was considered to adequately illuminate the area of concern. It was subsequently agreed that it would not be feasible to erect a new light column at this location.

Concern was raised in relation to damage to the lighting column at the bottom of Dale End opposite the junction to Manor Vale Lane. The Town Clerk explained that this had been reported and confirmation had been received from Richard Trow at NYCC that the order for a replacement column had been authorised and this was currently in progress.

A member of the public reported that the bench on the A170 grass verge opposite the Primary School had been damaged by a fallen tree and was coned off. It was explained that the situation had not yet been remedied as the council were not aware of this damage. Thanks were given for this report and assurance was provided that appropriate action will be taken with the possibility of a replacement bench being provided through an insurance claim, as with the replacement Rosedale Memorial bench on Market Place that had been damaged by a vehicle.

A representative of In Bloom expressed concern at the state of the bins and public seats throughout Kirkbymoorside and explained that these were areas of particular focus for the In Bloom judges. The Town Clerk explained that she was already liaising with a member of In Bloom on this matter. There is already an agenda for the next council meeting to be held on 19 May 2014 to consider and agree to replace the litter bin next to the memorial seats on Market Place. Additionally arrangements are already in place to compile an assessment of the condition of each of the public seats. This information will facilitate the implementation of an accurate schedule of repairs and maintenance. Furthermore a local joiner had been approached to get an impression of the costs involved. It is hoped that once all the relevant information is collected a proposal will be put to the council for consideration and a schedule of repairs/maintenance of the street furniture will be implemented.

6 REPORTS FROM CHARITIES AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

None

The meeting ended at 7.30 pm.