



## KIRKBYMOORSIDE TOWN COUNCIL

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

**Present:** Councillors A Ashworth, M Brampton, J Cossins, C Dowie(Chair) and J Watson.

**Also present:** Town Clerk L Bolland, County Councillor Val Arnold, District Councillor David Cussons and 3 members of the public.

Cllr Dowie opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

#### **15110 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Coughlan, Smeaton and District Councillor Bob Gardiner.

#### **15111 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **15112 MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on 19 October 2015 were **approved** and **signed**;

The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 3rd November 2015 were **received**.

There were no matters arising.

#### **15113 PUBLIC SESSION**

No members of the public wished to speak.

#### **15114 DISCUSSIONS WITH DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

County Councillor Val Arnold confirmed that she had pursued the matter of short term parking enforcement in Kirkbymoorside with Richard Marr, NYCC Highways Authority, who confirmed that hopefully the matter will be considered by the Executive on 8<sup>th</sup> December. No specifics were provided to account for the delays to date.

District Councillor Cussons confirmed his approval of the Town Councils proposal for short term parking enforcement.

#### **15115 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a. Cheque payments were **approved** and signed;
- b. Financial Summary was **received** to 31 October 2015;
- c. Recommendations were **received** from the Finance Committee regarding the budget for 2016/17 in accordance with Minutes F145009 and F15010 dated 3 November 2015. A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to accept the Finance Committee recommendations and the proposed budget for 2016/17. It was also recorded that having evaluated the running costs of the Moorside Room and noting the increase in revenues it is clear that this is a valuable and popular community asset at an acceptable cost.

- d. The precept for 2016/17 was determined at £73,500. It was noted that, once again, despite the significant reductions in support from RDC and NYCC, the Town Council have retained a total tax charge of £24,500 per annum less than 5 years ago, with no reduction to services.

This is a significant reduction from the £98,000 precept prior to 2012, at such a time when there were proposals to increase the precept above £100,000. It is a considerable achievement of the current council to maintain this comparatively moderate precept in the face of constant reductions in financial and service support by both RDC and NYCC.

- e. The expense of £75 to purchase 50no. car parking spaces in Town Farm Car Park on 28th November 2015 at the concessionary day rate of £1.50 each was **agreed**.
- f. The allocation of charges for the legal fees associated with the issue of club leases and pitch licences was considered on the basis that the total charges would be approximately £5000. It was **agreed** that the sportsfield clubs, being Bowls (Indoor Shortmat and Outdoor combined), Cricket, Football, Squash and Tennis be required to contribute a total of £3000 over a 3 year period, to the end of the current council term and the balance would be absorbed by the Town Council. This would equate to £200 each per annum.

#### **15116 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The grant application submitted by Kirkbymoorside Town Brass Band in the amount of £5000 to contribute towards the cost of development as detailed in Planning Application 15/00644/FUL, to extend the band room to form a concert and scout hall, following demolition of existing scout hut was **agreed**.

#### **15117 Church House**

- a. Information on negotiations with NYCC to date was **received**. A meeting had been held on 9<sup>th</sup> November with Cllrs Brampton and Dowie, the Town Clerk, County Councillor Val Arnold and representatives of NYCC, Lee Taylor (Library Services) Chrys Mellor, Shaun Wilson (property Services) and Sarah Robinson (Stronger Communities). It was expressed by Kirkbymoorside representatives that it would not be in the interest of a voluntary group to be assigned the lease for Church House but that it would be preferable to sublet from NYCC. The issue of rates would need to be investigated further to ascertain if this is a possibility. Further information needs to be gathered and additional meetings arranged.
- b. An update on library volunteering was received. On 9<sup>th</sup> November 3 of the 6 members of the public who had expressed an interest in forming a management committee attended a meeting set up by NYCC. There is a 'Delivering Community Libraries Conference' on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 in Harrogate, which will be attended by Cllr Dowie and three of the interested volunteers.

Cllr Brampton proposed a motion to arrange a meeting of representatives of local venues with space to hire in order to establish a 'Public Spaces Forum' to discuss the future opportunities of hire space in Kirkbymoorside. This motion was approved.

- c. It was **noted** that the agreement with NYCC for Front office services expired on 15 May 2015 and it was **agreed** that no further action is required at present.

#### **15118 The Vehicle Activated Signage Hire Agreement was **agreed**.**

#### **15119 Correspondence from RDC in respect of the Site Consultation - Local Plan Sites Document was noted. It was agreed to reiterate the response provided in March 2015 as follows:**

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

There is concern that despite the Town Councils submission in March 2015 site 10, adjoining the sportsfield remains designated for residential development. This will have a significant detrimental impact on the sportsfield. The Town Council reiterated its objection to any residential development of this site (10).

The Town Council notes that in accordance with the observations submitted in March Site 622 has now been marked for employment. The Town Council retains its support of industrial/employment development on this site.

Development of site 102 would provide affordable housing to accommodate the caring support staff that is in demand by the Kirkbymoorside Surgery.

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

It was noted that the Tesco site (389) is being advertised for sale for commercial/residential development. It would be preferable for this site to be residential as there are other brown field sites that would be more suitable for commercial/employment development.

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.

**15120** Correspondence from RDC in respect of the 2015/16 Footpaths Winter Maintenance Schedule was noted. It was agreed that no change to the current procedures is applicable and Option 1 will be retained.

**15121** Correspondence from NYCC in respect of 2016/17 Urban Highways Grass cutting was **noted**. It was agreed that the urban highway grass cutting would continue.

**15122** North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority

- a. It was **agreed** to submit a letter to County Councillor Val Arnold for the Fire Authority meeting in December in response to the consultation on proposals for change.

- b. It was **noted** that it was agreed at the Five Towns meeting on 10th November to submit a joint response for consideration at the same meeting

**15123** It was noted that Craig Nattress RDC Visitor Economy Officer, provided information regarding the proposal that free public wi-fi be provided in all Ryedale's market towns. It was **agreed** to submit an expression of interest and highlight concern that provision of free wi-fi is often funded by marketing agencies who require individuals to provide their personal contact details in order to register, resulting in them being bombarded by advertising messages, which is a great nuisance and the Town Council would not want any public wi-fi provided by themselves to have this effect.

**15124** It was noted that several reports had been received from residents providing positive feedback about the quality of the grass cutting carried out by P&A Gospel Landscapes. It was proposed and agreed to convey these expressions of thanks to Phil Gospel and to express the Town Councils gratitude and satisfaction with the good quality of his work.

**15125 TOWN MAYORS REPORT**

On 21<sup>st</sup> October the Mayor attended the Parish Liaison meeting.

In November the Mayor took part in the Remembrance Sunday parade and service on the 8<sup>th</sup> and laid a wreath on the war memorial. On the 11<sup>th</sup> she was present at the 11am ceremony at Pump Hill.

**15126 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCIL**

County Councillor Val Arnold confirmed that she has been granted a Loyalty Budget of £5000 per year for a trial period of 2 years. The funding is available to local groups on condition that the project satisfies the communities needs. Applications are available from Val directly.

**15127 REPORTS ON DELEGATED MATTERS**

None.

**15128** The town clerk's report was received. Cllr Dowie expressed thanks to the clerk for her efforts in getting the Ryedale and Kirkbymoorside Information Panels installed so promptly.

**15129 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN**

It was noted that there is a significant amount of litter and fallen leaves particularly at the bottom of Piercy End, Dale End and the length of Back Lane. The Town Clerk will liaise with Street Scene and request that these areas are addressed.

**15130 NEXT MEETING**

The next Town Council meeting will be held on 21st December 2015 at 7.30pm in Church House.

The meeting ended at 9.42pm.

Signed.....Chairman

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