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Minutes of a meeting of the Kirkbymoorside Town Council held at Church House, Kirkbymoorside, on Monday 20th March 2017 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors A Ashworth (Chairman), M Brampton, D Chapman, J Cossins, J Coughlan, C Dowie, J Watson and J Wells

Also present: County Councillor Val Arnold, District Councillor Bob Gardiner and 1 member of the public.

Councillor Ashworth opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

16204 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the Town Clerk.

16205 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Dowie expressed an interest in agenda item 6f. as Chair of the Steering Committee.

Cllrs Cossins and Wells expressed an interest in agenda item 11 as residents of West End.

16206 MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

- a. The minutes of the Meeting held on 20th February 2017 were received and signed.
- b. The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 9th March 2017 were received.
- c. The minutes of the Play Areas and Sports Committee meeting held on 16th March 2017 were received.
- d. Cllr Coughlan referred to the subject of accrual of unspent funds, raised under Questions to the Chair at the Finance Committee meeting dated 9th March 2017, minute **F16024**. Clarity is awaited as to whether LGA 1972, Sch 13, para 16(1) would satisfy this proposal.

Cllr Chapman raised the matter of a Youth Council pursuant to Questions to the Chair at the Play Areas and Sports Committee meeting dated 16th March 2017, minute **PAS16028.** It is necessary to determine if there is an interest within the youth community and feedback should be presented to the full council with the aim of determining the feasibility of formation of a youth council.

16207 PUBLIC SESSION

None.

16208 DISCUSSIONS WITH TOWN, DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

County Councillor Val Arnold said she was very pleased with the progress made by the community Library and District Councillor Bob Gardiner confirmed that he will be attending the official opening on Saturday 1st April.

16209 Financial Matters:

- a. The cheque payments were approved according to the list provided
- b. The Financial Summary to 28th February 2017 was received

- c. Recommendations were **received** from the Finance Committee as detailed in the Finance Committee meeting minutes.
- d. The appointment of an internal auditor was agreed.
- e. The terms of reference for the internal auditor was agreed.
- f. The monthly payment of £130 to Kirkbymoorside Community Library in respect of Town Council office premises in Church House were **agreed**.
- **16210** Information received from FSB in respect of the closure of the Kirkbymoorside HSBC branch was **noted.**

16211 Grants

- a. The grant application submitted by Kirkbymoorside Bowls Club in the amount of £439.92 for the purchase of 8no. Henselite Bowls Gatherers to satisfy safety criteria was agreed
- b. There was no information available for consideration of the Kirkbymoorside Cricket Club grant application. This item will be deferred to the next meeting pending receipt of supporting documents.
- **16212** Tenders received for Maintenance of Manor Vale Woodland and grounds maintenance were considered and it was agreed to appoint contractor A.

16213 Moorside Room

- a. The installation of an exterior emergency light at the entrance to the Moorside Room at a cost of £160(no VAT), in compliance with Fire & Safety Regulations was **agreed**.
- b. The appointment of East Coast Fire & Rescue Services for the six-monthly service for Alarm and Emergency Lighting at a cost of £70.00 + VAT per inspection, in compliance with Fire & Safety Regulations was **agreed**.
- c. The supply and installation of 1no. 1kg powder fire extinguisher and signage by East Coast Fire & Rescue Services in compliance with Fire & Safety Regulations, was **noted**.
- d. The request from All Saints' PCC, to grant permission for a surface mounted cable to run from ground level to a sensor at height of approximately 9', to the exterior of the Moorside Room, front right aspect was **agreed**.
- **16214** Information received from Philip Sharp, NYCC Highways Authority in respect of parking and traffic concerns on West End was considered.

It is unsatisfactory that there is a suggestion that more injuries will need to be recorded in order for action to be warranted.

A member of the public commented that if West End was One Way there would be the feasibility of increasing the number of parking spaces by delineating these perpendicular to the pavements in wider parts of West End.

Member of the public expressed his opinion that it was a bad idea to use Tinley Garth as a route to circulate traffic within the town.

It is suspected that parking spaces on West End are being used for car shares whereby vehicles have been reported with York university parking permits suggesting people are doing car share to York and leaving the cars on West End. It was suggested that an alternative location on the outskirts of town would be more appropriate for motorists exercising car sharing.

It was proposed that the following information be collated:

- The feasibility of implementing a 20mph speed limit on West End
- Clarification in respect of the statistics relating to accidents and when the data was collated
- Details of the cost implications, enforcement considerations and procedures involved with implementing a Residents Parking scheme. However, Cllr Brampton commented that once a local authority has a charging scheme (such as residents' parking), given that they are strapped for cash, it is very likely to increase over time, perhaps substantially.
- Details of expenditure by NYCC Highways Authority in each of the 5 market towns to demonstrate the distribution of capita spend by authorities.

Pursuant to Minute 16195 dated 20th February correspondence will be issued to each of the businesses in the town centre providing details of the permit charges and allowances, including details of the introduction of 1 hour free parking in Town Farm Car park, to encourage their staff to make use of the designated parking in an effort to allow residents parking on the subsidiary streets and deter obstructive roadside parking down the length of Old Road and Dale End. This correspondence will be issued once details of parking arrangements in Town Farm car park are finalised by RDC.

It was suggested that RDC consider offering a 1 month permit to enable motorists to experience/sample the benefits of having a parking permit prior to committing to a 6 month or 12 month permit.

Cllr Brampton suggested that it might be worth looking at the possibility of creating an edge of town car park.

- Information on progress of negotiations between Ryedale District Council and Royal Mail in respect of parking permits in Town Farm and other RDC car parks for the Royal Mail vehicles was **received**. Royal Mail are not willing to move to paid parking in Kirkbymoorside until such time as all free parking is repealed.
- 16216 Information in respect of progress of the Ryedale Market Towns Promotion project was received and a contribution of £500 pa for 2 years pursuant to minute 16143, was agreed.
- 16217 Community Resilience & Emergency Planning for Kirkbymoorside
 - a. Information provided by Robin Derry, Senior Resilience & Emergencies Officer, North Yorkshire County Council was considered.
 - b. It was **agreed** to invite members of the public to participate in the formation of a Community Resilience & Emergency plan and it was proposed and agreed to include this subject on the agenda of the Annual Town Meeting.
- 16218 Correspondence received from Anne Nightingale, Frack Free Ryedale was **noted** and the policy position, Minute 14163 dated 19 January 2015 **reiterated**, as follows: "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"
- 16219 It was **noted** that pursuant to complaints by residents regarding the condition of the hedge row and recycling area at the A170 layby RDC StreetScene are aware of the issue and action has been instructed
- **16220** Tuesday 9th or 16th May 2017 were proposed for the Town Meeting, subject to confirmation by the Town Clerk.

16221 The schedule of meetings for 2017-18 was not available and this matter will be deferred for consideration at the April meeting.

16222 Town Mayors Report

The Town Mayor reported that he had attended the NYCC Chairman's Civic Service on 12th March 2017 at Helmsley.

The Town Mayor has also been approached by several residents with concerns about the tree felling at the Old Highways Depot, Manor Vale.

- 16223 The Town Mayor reported that he attended the 5 Towns meeting on 7th March hosted by Kirkbymoorside. The meeting included addressed by Helen Clark, Rural Initiatives and Transport Coordinator, Next Steps; Robin Derry, Senior Emergency Planning Officer and Beckie Bennett, Ryedale District Council in respect of the Role of Community Officers in Ryedale. Details of the presentations are available from the Town Clerk.
- 16224 The Town Clerk was note present.

16225 Questions to the Chairman

Cllr Dowie raised the matter of the tree felling in Manor Vale Woodland and concern about the stability of the valley banks as they are now exposed. Cllr Ashworth confirmed that there is an Approved Licence FLA 012/116/16-17 issued by the Forestry Commission in respect of the Old Highways Depot. Confirmation has also been provided by John Clayton, Ryedale District Council, Tree Officer that there were no TPOs on any of the trees on the site. Cllr Dowie asked if prior to the next meeting information about the process for issuing a tree felling licence could be obtained. And also how the licence is monitored and why the Town Council was not informed one had been issued.

Cllr Wells questioned whether it is appropriate to make reference to the 'Chairman' suggesting that all reference should be made to the 'Chair or Chair Person'. Cllr Wells requested that this matter be included for consideration as an agenda item on the next agenda. Cllr Dowie supported Cllr Wells

16226 The next ordinary meeting of the Town Council will be held on 24th April 2017 at 7.30pm in Church House

The meeting ended at 9pm.