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Minutes of a meeting of the Kirkbymoorside Town Council held at Church House, Kirkbymoorside, on Monday 16th October 2017 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors M Brampton, D Chapman, J Cossins, J Coughlan (arrived at 8.15pm), C Dowie and J Wells.

Also present: Town Clerk L Bolland and County Councillor Val Arnold.

17093 In the absence of Cllrs Ashworth and Watson, Cllr Dowie was elected to preside over the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 1o.

Councillor Dowie opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

17094 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ashworth and Watson.

17094 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Chapman declared an interest in item 9 as an active member of Frack Free Kirkbymoorside, Frack Free Ryedale and Frack Free United.

17095 MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

- a) The minutes of the Meeting held on 18th September 2017 were **approved**.
- b) The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 5th October 2017 were **received**.
- c) The minutes of the Manor Vale Management committee meeting held on 9th October 2017 were **received**.
- d) There were no matters arising.

17096 PUBLIC SESSION

None.

17097 DISCUSSIONS WITH DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Chapman requested information on how members of the electorate can contact County Cllr Arnold to request representation in her capacity as a member of NYCC. All contact details are available on the Town Council, District Council and County Council websites. Members of the public are encouraged to contact County Cllr Arnold directly with any concerns.

Cllr Wells explained to Cllr Chapman that a Councillors political and personal views should have no bearing on their ability to represent members of the electorate.

17098 Financial matters:

- a) The cheque payments were **approved** according to the list provided.
- b) The Financial Summary to 31 September 2017 was **received**.

- c) Recommendations were **received** from the Finance Committee regarding the budget for 2018/19 in accordance with Minutes F17031, F17032 and F17033 dated 5 October 2017. A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to accept the Finance Committee recommendations and the proposed budget for 2018/19.

It was noted that the recommendations of the Finance Committee will ensure the Town Council maintains its record of retaining the precept at £73,500 whilst not compromising on service provision. Furthermore the Town Council has managed to retain adequate reserves and allocate sufficient funds to the future development of the play areas as a commitment to the younger members of the community.

County Cllr Arnold supported the Finance Committee approach.

- d) The precept for 2018/19 was determined at £73,500.
- e) The expense of £75 to purchase 50no. car parking spaces in Town Farm Car Park on 25th November 2017 at the concessionary day rate of £1.50 each was agreed.

17099 Insurance

- a) The summary of sums insured prior to the renewal of the Insurance on 1 November 2017 was **reviewed**.
- b) The UK government announcements were **noted** as follows:

On 16th March 2016 it was announced that the general rate of Insurance Premium Tax would increase from 9.5% to 10% with effect from 1st October 2016. In November 2016 the Chancellor announced a further increase to be applied from 1st June 2017 to 12% (the change in rate of taxation is reflected in the Town Council's Insurance Premium renewal rate).

- c) The annual premium rate of £2,642.54 inclusive of 12% insurance premium tax and £15.00 policy administration fee was **agreed**.
- d) The increase of public liability limit of indemnity to £10,000,000, the additional premium for which would be £295.87 inclusive of 12% insurance premium tax, was considered and it was **agreed** to retain the £5,000,000 public liability limit of indemnity.
- e) It was **noted** that the 3 year Long Term Agreement with Aviva will expire on 31 October 2018 and **agreed** to renew the 3 Year Long Term Agreement a year earlier, thus maintaining the reduced rates for a further 3 years.

17100 The following planning decision was noted:

17/00901/FUL | Erection of extension to south elevation of existing factory (part retrospective application) | Sylatech Ltd Ings Lane Kirkbymoorside North Yorkshire YO62 6PX **Approved**

17101 Fracking

- a) The proposal submitted by Cllr Brampton to host a debate between appropriately qualified representatives on the motion "This house believes that UK regulations make fracking safe" was considered. Cllr Brampton explained that a debate would provide the opportunity to engage members of the community and provide information on the subject. It is important to understand that the motion is a statement that sets the topic for the **debate, it** is not indicative of the Town Council's position and the objective of the debate is to provide information only.

Cllr Wells stressed that the debate would need to be very carefully chaired to keep the debate on track and that the role of the Town Council in the proceedings should be minimal. This sentiment was agreed by the majority.

Contrary to agreement by the majority that the Town Councils participation in the debate proceedings should be minimal, Cllr Chapman wished it to be recorded that he would like to be the appropriately qualified representative appointed to oppose the motion.

It was agreed that the details of the event would be discussed in greater detail at the next meeting.

b) The following three proposals submitted by Cllr Chapman were considered:

- i. It was **agreed** to make representation to North Yorkshire Police and NYCC about concern for the safety of residents of Kirkbymoorside at the test track site KM8 due to the excessive use of police and the associated expense and negative impact on the local community.
- ii. It was **agreed** to adopt a policy statement regarding HGV movement relating to the test track site at Kirbymisperton as follows:

“Kirkbymoorside Town Council request that the conditions relating to HGV movements applied to Kirbymisperton, as detailed in section 3.1 Access Arrangements of the Traffic Management Plan associated with the KM8 Hydraulic Fracture Stimulation, also be applied to Kirkbymoorside. More specifically, the restriction of HGV movement on the A170 through Kirkbymoorside, with the exception of emergency access, to be avoided between 8.05am and 8.35am and from 3.40pm to 4.10pm Monday to Friday during school term time.”

- iii. Consideration was given to make representation to North Yorkshire Police and NYCC Highways & Transport expressing concern about the excessive use of discretionary police traffic decisions and the associated impact on the local community.

Cllr Dowie proposed a motion to move to the next item of business as this item is not relevant to Kirkbymoorside. The motion was passed.

17102 The design of the A170 roundabout was **approved**.

Cllr Chapman informed the Council of a geocache situated on the roundabout, and confirmed that he would arrange removal of the same. Members of the public are discouraged from alighting the roundabout for concern of their safety.

17103 It was **noted** that the application for a Street Furniture Licence for the bus shelter on the A170 eastbound has been approved.

17104 It was **agreed** to appoint a Working Group to liaise with local businesses for the promotion of Kirkbymoorside. Cllr Coughlan volunteered to be the Town Council representative.

17105 Information on the current position of the development site at Wainds Field was **received**.

17106 The appointment of Representative Trustees to The United Charities Trust of Kirkbymoorside was considered. Cllr Wells asked about the nature of the organisation and the associated role of the Town Council. In the absence of sufficient information it was agreed to defer the item to the next meeting.

17107 Weed spraying in the Town Centre

- a) It was **noted** that NYCC have failed to carry out the annual weed spraying throughout the town centre.
- b) It was **noted** that a position statement in respect of the provision or retraction of the aforementioned service has not been provided by NYCC. County Cllr Arnold agreed to pursue the matter directly with NYCC Highways to determine the position finitely.
- c) It was **agreed** that in the first instance NYCC Highways should fulfil the obligation to provide the service of weed spraying throughout the town centre. In the absence of a satisfactory result

consideration would be given to adding the annual weed spraying of the town centre to the grounds maintenance schedule and seeking reimbursement from NYCC Highways for the associated costs.

17108 A report on the Repair Cafe held by the Environment Group on 23rd September in the Moorside Room was **received**. The next repair Café will be held in The Moorside Room on Saturday 11th November and again in spring 2018.

17109 Approval of the two flood grants by Ryedale District Council was **noted**.

17110 The minutes of the Ryedale Market Towns Promotion Project meeting dated 13th September were **received**.

17111 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor was not present.

17112 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE TOWN COUNCIL AT MEETINGS OF OUTSIDE BODIES AND ON DELEGATED MATTERS

Cllr Wells confirmed that she attended Ryedale School on Monday 9th October, with the Town Mayor, to announce success of grant application for Big Lottery funding for the half basketball court at Old Road and to recognise the role played in the initiative by pupils from the school.

17113 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's report was **received**. Cllr Dowie thanked the Town Clerk for her work over recent months and for securing positive outcomes for several longstanding issues.

17114 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIR

None.

17115 The date of the next ordinary meeting of the Town Council on 20th November 2017 at 7.30 pm in Church House was **noted**.

The meeting ended at 8.43 pm.