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

Present: Councillors A Ashworth, M Brampton, D Chapman, J Cossins, C Dowie and J Wells.

Also present: District Councillor Bob Gardiner and 4 members of the public.

17116 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Coughlan and Watson.

17117 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Chapman declared an interest in item 7 as an active member of Frack Free Kirkbymoorside, Frack Free Ryedale and Frack Free United.

17118 MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

- a) The minutes of the Meeting held on 16th October 2017 were **approved**.
- b) There were no matters arising.

17119 PUBLIC SESSION

None.

17120 DISCUSSIONS WITH DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Bob Gardiner advised that he had made arrangements for either Gary Housden or Jill Thompson to attend the meeting on 18th December to discuss the Ryedale Local Plan Sites Document and address concerns about the development sites pursuant to Minute 17084.

17121 Financial matters

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

17122 Fracking

- a) The format and arrangements for the debate on the motion "This house believes that UK regulations make fracking safe" were considered.

Cllr Brampton made the following proposal:

Kirkbymoorside Town Council to stage a debate on the motion "This house believes that UK regulations make fracking safe" to be proposed by Kevin Hollinrake MP and opposed by Mike Hill C.Eng. The debate to be chaired by Bishop James Jones, retired Bishop of Liverpool. Questions will be accepted from the floor and answered by both main speakers.

In order to accommodate a larger audience the debate will be held at the larger venue, of Lady Lumley's School, Pickering. In the circumstances, Kirkbymoorside Town Council will invite Pickering Town Council to join the event. Specifically:

- i. The event to be described as an initiative of Kirkbymoorside and Pickering Town Councils, in the interests of the citizens of the towns;
- ii. The mayor of one town will make a very brief introduction and welcome at the start of the event;
- iii. The mayor of the other town will make a brief speech of thanks and farewell at the end of the event;
- iv. The cost of room hire and speakers travel expenses, will be shared between Kirkbymoorside and Pickering Town Council;
- v. The clerk to Kirkbymoorside Town Council will be responsible for the practical arrangements.
- vi. Both councils will take steps to publicise the event, with support from other groups.

The proposal was **agreed** with the additional condition that in the event that Pickering Town Council are not willing to join the initiative the debate will proceed regardless.

- b) The response from NYCC Highways & Transport and Third Energy to the policy statement regarding HGV movement relating to the test track site at Kirbymisperton adopted on 16th October Minute 17101b)ii) was **noted**.

17123 The programme of highway works to Ings Lane and the A170 roundabout was **noted**. A member of the public expressed concern that the chicane on Ings Lane had been removed resulting in an increase in the speed of vehicles and posing a threat to the safety of pedestrians. There is ongoing concern for the safety of pedestrians in the absence of adequate footpaths. The Town Council reiterated their frustration at the lack of local consultation associated with the project prior to commencement of the works.

17124 The United Charities Trust of Kirkbymoorside

- a) Information on The United Charities Trust of Kirkbymoorside was **received**. Cllr Wells asked that current financial details and up to date information relating to the charities activities be provided in order to enable the Town Council to endorse the charity.
- b) The appointment of Representative Trustees to the United Charities Trust of Kirkbymoorside was deferred to the next meeting.

17125 Information received from NYCC in respect of the annual weed spraying in the Town Centre was **considered**. The content of the report was questioned as Councillors had seen no evidence of any weed spraying. It was suggested that the Highways Officers contact the Town Clerk prior to the weed spraying in order that the exercise can be monitored and to ensure key locations are addressed.

17126 The agenda item to consider the Ryedale Local Plan Sites Document and Policies Map and agree a suitable response was **deferred** to the December meeting at a Planning Officer will be in attendance. Councillors will email any questions for the Planning Officer to the Town Clerk in advance, in order that the relevant information may be available at the meeting.

17127 Correspondence from RDC in respect of the 2017/18 Footpaths Winter Maintenance Schedule was **noted**.

17128 The proposal by RDC to join the North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy campaign entitled 'Breathe 2025', encouraging play areas in Ryedale to become 'smoke free' was considered and **agreed**.

17129 The next focus for the Don't be a Waster - Reduce, Reuse, Respect campaign was **noted**.

17130 Confirmation from the Charity Commission that the Kirkbymoorside and District Sportsfield Committee will be removed from the Charity Registration as it is obsolete, was **acknowledged**.

17131 Christmas

- a) The forthcoming Christmas events were **noted**.
- b) It was agreed to extend thanks to the volunteers involved with the Christmas tree scheme, and the town Christmas lights and decorations.

17132 Town Mayors Report

The Town Mayor reported that he had received correspondence from Lesley Temple expressing her disappointment at the response from the Town Council to her offer to provide the Christmas lighting display for the A170 roundabout.

The offer was made anonymously and received by the Town Council at the July meeting the minute for which was recorded as follows (Minute 17062):

- a) It was **noted**, with much appreciation, that a member of the public has offered to purchase, on behalf of the town, Christmas lights for the A170 roundabout
- b) The proposed design and specification of the Christmas lighting was considered. On the basis that positive feedback has been received with regards to the Christmas trees decorated with white lighting on the roundabout, and in order to set Kirkbymoorside apart from Pickering, it was agreed that a single colour scheme using white bulbs only would be preferable to the multi coloured lighting system. Feasibility of the proposed lighting will need to be determined once renovations are made to the A170 roundabout and subject to a site meeting with Rosedale lighting, the volunteers and electrician involved with the installation of the towns Christmas lights, to determine the logistics of the proposal.

The Town Council reiterated their expression of appreciation for the offer and the proposal will be considered at the December meeting by which time the works to the A170 roundabout will have been completed.

17133 There were no reports from Members representing the Town Council at meetings of outside bodies.

17134 There were no reports from Members on delegated matters.

17135 The Town Clerk's report was not available in her absence due to illness.

17136 Questions to the Chairman

Cllr Wells enquired as to progress of the completion of works to the Basketball court as the line markings were due to be laid at the end of November.

17137 The date of the next meeting on 18th December 2017 at 7.30pm in Church House was **noted**.

The meeting concluded at 8.45pm