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Minutes of the Annual Town meeting held in the Moorside Room, 9 Church Street, YO62 6AZ on Tuesday 8th May 2018 at 7pm

Present: Mayor Angus Ashworth, Councillors Coughlan and Wells and Town Clerk L Bolland.

Also present: 36 members of the public

1 WELCOME FROM THE TOWN MAYOR

The Town Mayor, Councillor Angus Ashworth, welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON 9TH MAY 2017

The minutes of the Annual Town meeting held on 9th May 2017 were approved and signed.

3 MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayors report was received. Appendix A.

4 PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY AWARD

The mayor presented the Community Award to all the Kirkbymoorside fire fighters:

Adrian Sleightholme
Chris Clark
Philip Kay
Sean Kay
John Watson
John Harland
Ryan Ravis
Ben Gamble
Tom Eddery

The Mayor applauded the firefighters for their commitment to the community and expressed that the choice to volunteer to this particular role is highly commendable and greatly appreciated. The commitment involved in being a retained firefighter is not to be underestimated and the service they provide is invaluable. Thank you on behalf of Kirkbymoorside.

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service was represented by Marc Warren, Group Manager, Scarborough & Ryedale who gave the following commendation:

“Training is no different whether you work for the fire service full time or part time because we don't have such things as retained house fires. The level of training the staff get in itself requires an extreme level of work and dedication. Once they have completed the training they carry an alerter and every week they go and practice their skills on a drill night, usually a Monday, and then they declare what hours they are available during the week. It sounds like a great plan and everyone has time set aside to spend with their family. But invariably through the week, usually about 1 hour after everyone has declared their availability, something changes and somebody has to give up time that they had set aside to spend with their family and they have to become available again.

I've never been a retained fire fighter myself but as Group Manager for Scarborough and Ryedale I know a lot of them and the amount of stories I have heard of families having picnics outside fire stations because they had planned to go for a picnic and the kids are all dressed and ready and then

somebody is not available at the station so somebody else has to commit. The amount of things that get cancelled for families and the amount of things that families have to put up with, it is a real team effort to be able to be a retained fire fighter. Still, to this point in time, I don't understand why they do it but I know that North Yorkshire wouldn't survive without them.

It's not just the families that make a commitment and the officers themselves, their employers make a commitment. Some of the staff here tonight are self-employed, some are employed in primary employment. Any time that the alterter goes, it's not planned, you don't know when the next car crash is going to happen, they need to be available, so it does impact their employment. I would like to formally recognise the employers within Kirkbymoorside that allow them to attend emergency incidents as that in itself is part of the team effort, that is the dedication and impact on those employers.

For the self-employed it is perhaps a little easier but the impact is probably even greater because the amount of times that you rely on somebody to come do a job for you, when they're self-employed, if they don't turn up the impact on their business is great and this level of commitment needs recognition.

All said and done I would like, on behalf of North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service, to formally thank you, the Town Council and the Kirkbymoorside Community, for recognising the level of commitment that most people don't realise. Well done!"

5 PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public requested that the litter bin currently mounted on the stone pillar next to the information panel at Adela Shaw be relocated. It was suggested that it is hard to appreciate the content and significance of the information panel, which was installed by the Kirkbymoorside History Group, when overwhelmed by the sight and smell of the bin. It was suggested that the bin should be moved a suitable distance away from the Adela Shaw dedication panel and similarly the public seat, so as not to be offensive.

A member of the public raised concern that site 156, land south of Swineherd Lane and east of Springfield Lane, had been designated for housing allocation on the Ryedale Local Plan and requested clarification from the Town Council as to why this site was preferred over others in Kirkbymoorside. The Mayor explained that this was a Town Meeting and that he was unable to speak on behalf of the Town Council and invited the member of the public to make representation at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council on Monday 21st May in Church House, at 7.30pm.

6 REPORTS FROM CHARITIES AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Gaynor De Barr provided a report on work carried out by In Bloom throughout the year. In Bloom are responsible for bi-annual planting of 99 tubs and troughs throughout the town in addition to 44 hanging baskets and maintenance of the Bran Garden on Tinley Garth. Each tub is sponsored by a local business at a cost of £40 per year. This year In Bloom were very fortunate to be nominated for the Skipton Building Society's Grassroots Giving funding scheme 2017 and awarded £500. It is very disappointing that North Yorkshire County Council have reduced the frequency of the weed spraying programme to one application per year as opposed to the twice annual treatment that is necessary. In Bloom plans to apply for grant funding from the Town Council to cover the cost of the second weed spraying exercise.

In Bloom invites everyone to the increasingly popular Open Gardens event which will be taking place on Sunday 10th June 2018 from 11am to 5pm with entry remaining at the fantastic value of £5 per adult. This event, together with the sponsorship from local businesses ensures that In Bloom can continue to make Kirkbymoorside as attractive as possible for everyone's benefit.

Chris Simmonds provided an extensive report on progress of the Fruit Project. Appendix B.

A member of the public confirmed that the Moorsbus service will commence on 20th May and timetables will be available throughout the town.

The meeting ended at 8.03 pm.