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Minutes of a meeting of the Kirkbymoorside Town Council held at Church House, Kirkbymoorside, on Monday 19th November 2018 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors A Ashworth, J Coughlan, J Cossins, C Dowie and J Watson.

Also present: County Councillor Val Arnold, District Councillor Bob Gardiner and 11 members of the public.

Councillor Ashworth opened the meeting welcomed all present.

18142 Apologies for absence were **received** from Cllrs Brampton, Chapman and Holroyd and the Town Clerk.

Cllr Chapman's apology for absence is recorded (as received), as follows:

"For the record I will not attend due to ongoing unresolved conflict and slanderous hyperbolic accusations by the clerk and her prejudicious avoidance of due communication."

18143 Declarations of Interest were **received** from Cllr Dowie in respect of agenda item 13.

18144 Minutes and Matters Arising

- a) The minutes of the Meeting held on 15th October 2018 were **received** and **signed**.
- b) The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 18th October 2018 were **received**.
- c) There were no matters arising.

18145 No members of the public wished to make representation.

18146 Discussions with Town, District and County Councillors in respect of questions already posed, and any new matters.

County Cllr Arnold and District Cllr Gardiner confirmed that they had both had informal discussions with and received correspondence from Cllr Chapman in relation to agenda items 12, 13 and 14.

18147 Financial matters

- a) The cheque payments were **approved** according to the list provided.
- b) The Financial Summary to 31 October 2018 was **received**.
- c) Recommendations from the Finance Committee regarding the budget for 2019/20 were **received**.
- d) The precept for 2019/20 was determined and **agreed** at £73,500.
- e) The expense of £75 to purchase 50no. car parking spaces in Town Farm Car Park on 24th November 2018 at the concessionary day rate of £1.50 each was **agreed**, and thanks was expressed to Ryedale District Council for their support.

18148 Cllr Holroyd was **appointed** to the Finance, Planning and Staffing Committees, Councillors Audit and Disciplinary Panel.

18149 Bus Shelter at A170 Eastbound bus stop

- a) It was **noted** that the consultation on the proposal to install a bus shelter at the eastbound bus stop on the A170 closed on Friday 9th November 2018.
- b) It was **noted** that 34 submissions were received in support of the proposal and 169 submissions were received opposing the proposal.
- c) It was **noted** that NYCC Highways Authority have determined not to reissue the licence for the bus shelter.

Members of the public requested that the Town Council consider removal of the concrete extension and that the area be returned to grass. They stated that they do not want any seating or planters installed at the bus stop. Members of the Council suggested that the matter be considered as an agenda item at another meeting.

18150 Traffic Concerns on West End

- a) Information was **received** from NYCC Highways Authority on a proposed priority system for traffic on West End.

Members of the public expressed concern about the detrimental impact the proposed priority traffic system would have on parking spaces and this could not be afforded in the town centre. Additionally concern was raised that Tinley Garth might experience an increase in traffic volume as a result.

- b) Cllr Coughlan requested that thanks be extended to NYCC Highways Authority for their co-operation in trying to find a solution to the traffic concerns on West End and suggested that the residents and businesses of West End and ancillary streets be asked for any suggestions that would alleviate the traffic concerns. **Agreed.** Cllr Dowie proposed that the Town Council invite Tim Coyne, Highways Improvement Manager to attend a council meeting when the consultation has been concluded. **Agreed.**

It was **agreed** to carry out an informal consultation with the residents and businesses of West End and ancillary streets, providing details of information received from NYCC Highways Authority to date, and asking for their suggestions in order to determine if there is a course of action available.

18151 Information was **received** on progress of the Ryedale Market Towns Promotion Project and Cllr Dowie requested that a draft of the material promoting Kirkbymoorside specifically should be made available for final approval in light of an out of date map being included in the current 'Discover Ryedale' leaflet.

18152 Correspondence was **received** from RDC in respect of the 2018/19 Footpaths Winter Maintenance Schedule and it was **agreed** to make no changes.

18153 The proposal by Cllr Chapman to offer free usage of the Moorside Room, when unoccupied (including utilities), for non-charging, volunteer run, council supported projects was considered and **not agreed**. It was noted that the Town Council offers free usage of the Moorside Room to charities and Community Groups for fund raising activities on one Wednesday a month, in accordance with Minute 14060d) dated 21 July 2014.

Additionally, a discretionary charge, of a £10 contribution towards the running costs has been offered to the Environment Group for the Repair Café (morning session), the Youth Club (afternoon session), 'Let Communities Decide' event (morning session). Since January 2016 Musical Memories'

has benefitted from a reduced charge of £15 per session in lieu of a grant to support the project.

Hire charges will remain at those set in 2014 being £10 per hour for commercial bookings, £7 per hour for charities and local community groups. Exhibitions will continue to benefit from the 25% commission charge.

- 18154** The proposal by Cllr Chapman that The Moorsider, should evolve to include more contributors and independent editorship was considered and **not agreed**. Cllr Dowie explained that The Moorsider is a Town Council publication. Copy and pictures are invited from all recipients (i.e. every household and business in Kirkbymoorside, Kirby Mills and Keldholme) to be submitted to editorial@moorsider.org or to the Town Council by the copy deadline. This information is posted on the bottom right hand corner of every issue. The editor of the publication is currently Cllr Dowie. Each issue has a page dedicated to Town Council information/news, a listing of dates for your diary and the rest of the publication provides news and features submitted by local groups/charities and businesses.

The current costs of the publication are:

£150.00 Layout and formatting

£228.00 Print.

£120.00 Delivery

The winter 2018 issue was the last compiled by Sandra Oakins who has now retired and thanks is extended to Sandra for her involvement for the past few years. The Town Clerk has been asked if she would be prepared to adopt the responsibility for layout and formatting on the same basis as agreed with Sandra.

A member of the public previously involved with the 'Moorsider' explained that historically it was more of a community newsletter than a Town Council publication. Cllr Coughlan proposed that the editorship of the 'Moorsider' be reviewed at such a time as an expression of interest is made by a local community group willing to take over responsibility and issue it as a community newsletter. The Town Council would then have the opportunity to consider financial support of the publication to the value currently invested in its production. **Agreed.**

- 18155** The proposal by Cllr Chapman for high street business promotion signs to be installed on the A170 in proximity to the roundabout was considered and **not agreed** on the basis of information provided by NYCC Highways Authority that 'it is unlawful to place advertising signs of this nature in the highway and as such it is not something which the County Council could support.'

District Cllr Gardiner felt that better signage was needed to direct motorists into the town centre and make the public aware of the amenities available. A member of the public requested that if the 'Welcome to Kirkbymoorside' sign on approach from Helmsley was replaced could consideration be given to donating the existing sign to the Kirkbymoorside History Group.

Cllr Coughlan proposed that options to modify and/or add to the existing signage be explored and the details of the criteria for signage be provided by NYCC Highways Authority and RDC as the Planning Authority. **Agreed.** District Cllr Gardiner agreed to approach the businesses on the industrial estate and on Kirby Mills Lane to determine their interest in collectively erecting a single sign.

- 18156** New Equipment at Old Road Play Area

- a) It was **noted** that the closing date for submissions in respect of the consultation on the proposal for new play area equipment at Old Road play area was Friday 9th November 2018.
- b) It was **noted** that 59 votes were recorded: Option A 20; Option B 2; Option C 37.

- c) Additional responses to the consultation by members of the public were **noted**, both of which commented that there was no need for additional equipment. A member of the public disagreed with the options for new equipment and suggested that there was already sufficient climbing equipment and the play area was lacking suitable equipment for disabled use. Suggestions were made for a tunnel and tower combination.
- d) Consideration to apply to the Big Lottery Fund 'Awards for All' grant scheme for the cost of supply and installation of Option C was **deferred**. It was agreed to further explore the options for equipment suitable for use by all children. Further information will be received and considered by the Town Council when available.

18157 It was **noted** that pursuant to Minute 18012 no expression of interest has been received from the young people who proposed the court in response to correspondence detailing the proposal to implement improvements to the half basketball court at Old Road play area.

18158 The response from Ryedale District Council to the Town Council's suggestion to use the Moorside Room as a polling station venue was **noted**.

18159 Community Award

- a) It was **agreed** to invite nominations for the Community Award.
- b) It was **noted** that nominations for the Community Award are required by 31 January 2019.

18160 Christmas

- a) It was **noted** that pursuant to minute 18125d) the 5no Christmas motifs (3 x TL303W and 2 x TL173) have been purchased at a cost of £2,253.00 + VAT (including delivery).
- b) It was **noted** that the works to install a socket to accommodate the Christmas lighting system on the A170 roundabout will be carried out by NYCC Highways contractors in w/c 26th November.
- c) It was **agreed** to offer thanks to the volunteers involved with the Christmas tree scheme, and the town Christmas lights and decorations.

18161 Town Mayors Report

On 18th October the Town Mayor was invited to be in attendance at Welburn Hall School and met Her Royal Highness Princess Ann who is a patron of the Riding for the Disabled.

The Town Mayor attended a charity dinner entitled 'The Night Before the Colours' in Scarborough on 3rd November.

The Town Mayor extended congratulations to the Kirkbymoorside Town Brass Band who were part of Battle's Over, an international commemoration marking 100 years since the guns fell silent at the end of World War I.

The Town Mayor informed the Council that he had received communications from Cllr Chapman and is seeking advice.

18162 There were no reports from Members representing the Town Council at meetings of outside bodies and on delegated matters

18163 There were no reports from Members on delegated matters

18164 The Town Clerk was not present.

18165 There were no Questions to the Chair.

18166 It was agreed to exclude members of the public from discussion of item 26

18167 An application for the vacancy on the Town Council was received and it was **not agreed** to co-opt as there were other expressions of interest from the public and on account of the short term before the elections in 6 months time.

18168 The date of the next meeting on 17th December 2018 at 7.30pm in Church House was **noted**.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.