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# "This house believes that UK regulations make fracking safe"

**Proposed by Kevin Hollinrake MP**  
**Opposed by Michael Hill C.Eng. MIET**  
**Chaired by Bishop James Jones KBE**

*Disclaimer:* The views and opinions expressed at this event are those of the participants and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of Kirkbymoorside Town Council.

The following policy was adopted by Kirkbymoorside Town Council on 15th December 2014:

"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".

Additional Minutes relating to Fracking are as follows:

## **Minute 14142b dated 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

It was **agreed** to form a policy.

The following policy was proposed by Cllr Brampton and seconded by Cllr Coughlan:

"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".

A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to accept the proposed policy.

It was noted that further consideration to elaborate on the policy would be included at the January meeting.

## **Minute 14163 dated 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

It was **agreed** not to elaborate on the Fracking policy accepted at the meeting on 15 December 2014 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".

## **Minute 15139 dated 21 December 2015**

The Minerals and Waste Joint Plan - Preferred Options Consultation was considered. It was agreed that beyond the initial response, which had requested clarification as to the means of disposal of

fracking liquid and highlighting the significant impact of traffic movements through Kirkbymoorside and the subsequent detrimental impact of the proximity of a site for the disposal of fracking liquid, it was difficult to respond further due to the lack of detail, the short consultation period and lack of publicity about meetings.

#### **Minute 16218 dated 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

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”

#### **Minute 17056 dated 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

The Town Council considered elaborating on the Fracking Policy and it was consented that the policy could be elaborated once further information is received as presently there are concerns about the regulatory regime and the practicality of enforcing it. Cllr Brampton proposed that until specific proposals are received from a group that has the capacity to move forward, no decisions can be made by the Town Council. Cllr Chapman requested the agenda item ‘to consider and agree to elaborate on the Fracking Policy’ be deferred until a later meeting at which time information will be available for consideration in respect of a proposed Environmental Monitoring Plan. The agenda item was **deferred**.

#### **Minute 17101 dated 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

- 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 frack 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 frack 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.

#### **Minute 17122 dated 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

- 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 frack site at Kirbymisperton adopted on 16th October Minute 17101b)ii) was **noted**.