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Minutes of a meeting of the Kirkbymoorside Town Council held at Church House, Kirkbymoorside, on Monday 17th October 2016 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors A Ashworth (Chairman), D Chapman, J Cossins, J Coughlan, C Dowie, J Watson and J Wells.

Also present: Town Clerk L Bolland, County Councillor Val Arnold, District Councillor Bob Gardiner and 5 members of the public.

Councillor Ashworth opened the meeting and welcomed Cllr Chapman to the Council.

16095 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Brampton.

16096 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Dowie expressed an interest in item 10 as Chair of the Steering Committee

Cllrs Cossins and Wells declared an interest in item 15 as residents of West End.

16097 MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

- a. The minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on 19th September 2016 were **approved** and **signed**;
- b. The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 6th October 2016 were **received**;
- c. There were no matters arising.

16098 PUBLIC SESSION

None.

16099 DISCUSSIONS WITH TOWN, DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

County Councillor Val Arnold reported that to date there had been no progress with regards to relocating the bus shelter from Appleton-le-Commons to Kirkbymoorside.

District Councillor Bob Gardiner reiterated his availability to attend any event in his capacity as Chair of RDC, in an effort to raise the profile of Kirkbymoorside. It would be prudent to maximise the opportunity for positive media whilst there was local representation from County, District and Town Councils

16100 Financial matters:

- a. The cheque payments were **approved** in accordance to the list provided.
- b. The Financial Summary to 31 September 2016 was **received**.
- c. Recommendations were **received** from the Finance Committee regarding the budget for 2017/18 in accordance with Minutes F16009 and F16010 dated 6 October 2016. A vote was taken and it was

unanimously **agreed** to accept the Finance Committee recommendations and the proposed budget for 2017/18.

- d. It was agreed to amend agenda item 6d. to consider the two quotations received for PATT Testing and electrical installation of the town Christmas lights and agree to appoint a contractor. Cllr Coughlan proposed a motion to accept the quotation for £400. The motion was approved. It was **agreed** to extend thanks to C.W. Strickland & Son for all their efforts and involvement with the Town Christmas lighting in past years.
- e. The precept for 2017/18 was determined at £73,500. It was noted that, once again, despite continued reduction of support from RDC and NYCC, and for the fourth year the Town Council have retained the same precept whilst not compromising on service provision. Thanks were expressed to the clerk for her efforts in making this achievable. It is worth noting that the current precept exhibits a total tax charge of £24,500 per annum less than 6 years ago.
- f. The expense of £75 to purchase 50no. car parking spaces in Town Farm Car Park on 26th November 2016 at the concessionary day rate of £1.50 each was **agreed**.

16101 Insurance

- a. The summary of sums insured was **reviewed** prior to the renewal of the Insurance on 1 November 2016. There were no changes.
- b. The announcement made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his Summer Budget that with effect from 1st November 2015 the rate at which the Government levies Insurance Premium Tax will increase from 6% to 9.5% with a further increase to 10% with effect from 1st October 2016 (the change in rate of taxation is reflected in the renewal rate) was **noted**.
- c. It was noted that the 3 year Long Term Agreement with Aviva was agreed and renewed from 1st November 2015.
- d. The annual premium rate of £2,538.55 inclusive of 10% insurance premium tax and £15.00 policy administration fee was **considered** and **agreed**.

16102 It was **considered** and **agreed** to grant Kirkbymoorside History Group the sum of £1,200 to purchase one wasp waisted mannequin, made to order, two child mannequins and six sets of archival storage containers for hat/dress combinations.

16103 Public Wi-Fi

- a. Additional information provided by Craig Nattress, Visitor Economy Officer, Ryedale District Council and Nick Hall, Clannet following a site visit on 13th October was considered.

It was **agreed** to implement public wi-fi in the town Centre with coverage from HSBC to Something Special. The successful implementation of the public wi-fi will depend upon permission from Essential Health & Beauty to install the repeater to the exterior of their premises.

Cllr Chapman reported that interest has been expressed by younger members of the community for the wi-fi to be made available in the Old Road play area. There will be the opportunity to explore the feasibility of this proposal once success of the primary wi-fi implementation has been determined.

16104 Church House

- a. An update on progress made by the Library Steering Committee was received. The Kirkbymoorside Community Library is now a registered charity and the Steering Committee are negotiating the service level agreement with NYCC. Arrangements are in hand for training of the Steering Committee, existing and new volunteers. Fund raising is on-going and efforts are being made to increase hire of the meeting rooms.

- b. It was **agreed** that the requirement for the Town Clerk to provide weekly cover at the library is no longer valid subsequent to the lapse of the Service Level Agreement with NYCC Library Services.
- c. It was **agreed** that an arrangement for support of the library volunteers by the Town Clerk will be considered for effect from April 2017.

16105 An update on progress with regards to flood management in Kirkbymoorside was **received**. Cllr Chapman queried whether there would be funds made available by NYCC for flood management. County Cllr Arnold was not aware of any monies earmarked for the immediate area.

16106 An update on progress with regards to the upgrade of street lighting columns throughout Kirkbymoorside was **received**.

16107 An update on progress with regards to the sports club leases was **received**. The leases for the bowling club, cricket and football have been signed and returned. The squash club are awaiting a meeting to sign the same. The Chairman of the tennis club continues to suggest revisions to the terms of the Agreement communicating directly with Hedleys Solicitors (costing the Town Council £260 per hour). It was agreed that a letter should be issued to the Chairman of the Tennis Club stating that the opportunity for revisions to the draft leases was available between January 2014 and July 2016 and deadline for the return of signed Agreements of 31 August 2016 has long since expired. Any additional charges incurred from Hedleys Solicitors as a result of persistent enquiries will be charged to the Tennis Club.

16108 The consultation on the Identification and Review of Visually Important Undeveloped Areas being carried out by RDC as part of the Ryedale Plan was noted. There were **no comments** in response of the changes to existing VIUAs, and proposed new VIUAs, as appropriate
<http://www.ryedaleplan.org.uk/>

16109 It was noted that Northern Gas Networks will be carrying out essential gas mains replacement works in West End, Kirkbymoorside from Monday 31st October for approximately 6 weeks.

16110 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

On 26th October the Town Mayor attended a meeting with Beckie Bennet, Streetscene, District Councillors David Cussons and Bob Gardiner, and the Town Clerk to discuss the parking issues in Kirkbymoorside. Subsequently proposals to implement 1 hour free parking in the Town farm car park are being explored by RDC.

The Town Mayor was featured in Yorkshire Life in his capacity as Mayor and as a member of Pickering & District Rotary for the presentation of the charity cheque to Marie Curie.

16111 None.

16112 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk reported that she had been in communication with David Lloyd, Cushman Wakefield who are responsible for management of the Royal Mail vehicles. It is hoped that progress will be made in respect of the post vans utilising the Town Farm car park.

The Kirkbymoorside branch of the British Legion have raised concerns regarding the future of the Remembrance Day Parade subsequent to correspondence and instruction received from the County Chairman. Cllr Ashworth confirmed that he would liaise directly with RBL to ascertain the situation.

16113 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

A member of the public reported that the eastern hedge at the sports field has not yet been cut.

16114 The next ordinary meeting of the Town Council will be held on 21st November 2016 at 7.30 pm in Church House

The meeting was concluded at 8.29pm.