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Minutes of the Annual Town meeting held in the Moorside Room, 9 Church Street, YO62 6AZ on Tuesday 9th May 2017 at 7pm

Present: Mayor Angus Ashworth, Councillors Chapman, Cossins, Dowie and Wells and Town Clerk L Bolland.

Also present: 10 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 25TH APRIL 2016

The minutes of the Annual Town meeting held on 25th April 2016 were approved and signed.

3 MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayors report was received. Appendix A.

4 PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY AWARD

The mayor presented award to John Woodward for his contribution to the Kirkbymoorside Town Brass Band.

John has been band leader of Kirkbymoorside Town Brass Band since 1992 and retired in May 2017 but his involvement in the band extended back over many years during which he played, taught and deputised for the late Lew Maw. He has lead the band with musicians taught and developed from within our small rural community and it is remarkable that due to John's musical direction the Kirkbymoorsode Town Brass Band has ably competed at the highest level.

The mayor presented awards to the Tug of War team members of the First Kirkbymoorside Scout Group, winners of The Link Camp 2017 Tug of War.

5 REPORTS FROM CHARITIES AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

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

Cllr Chris Dowie provided a brief summary of progress made by the Friends of Kirkbymoorside Library who officially opened the Kirkbymoorside Community Library on 1st April. The opening event was very well attended and a fan fare by the Town Brass Band provided a very warm welcome to the guest authors, Madeleine Bunting and Rosie Alison.

Currently there are 38 volunteers, who are involved in staffing the library, but there's always the need for more. If anyone is interested in being involved, whether it is to provide a welcome to visitors, or being involved with the management, all volunteers are welcome.

6 SPAUNTON HOLLOW - Architect Chris Carr presented his vision for a new holiday village at Spaunton Quarry.

The site of the Spaunton Quarry offers an excellent location for a holiday village with close proximity to Helmsley, Kirkbymoorside and Pickering, taking advantage of the natural bow in the landscape to keep it hidden and thereby posing no visual impact on the landscape and the National Park. The concept will transform a derelict site providing future employment in the locality, supporting local existing business and contributing substantially to the economic development of the National Park and local market towns. The village will provide design-led 5 star visitor accommodation and reduce the pressure on existing property in the surrounding villages from

being taken up by people wishing to purchase second holiday homes.

In the planning, attention will be specifically applied to satisfy the NYMNP Design Guide and align to the National Park's statutory purposes, the outcome of which will be zero detrimental effect upon the environment. The mix of chalets and one-bed holiday homes will be centred around a clubhouse with spa and leisure facilities, membership of which will also be open to the public. It is envisaged some 100 to 150 jobs will be created once the scheme is complete, with many more available during the construction phase.

The idea is closely modelled on the very successful Langdale Estate in the Lake District National Park. As the concept evolves further information will be shared with the public.

- 7 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE & EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR KIRKBYMOORSIDE** - Members of the community were invited to express an interest in being involved in the local Community Resilience & Emergency Plan. One member of the public made his interest known.

Another member of the public confirmed that he was in discussions with the Environment Agency who have got some money to progress some natural flood defence techniques. Possible sites have been suggested for "leaky dams" in the area of Spaunton Lodge, where the beck, having flowed through Hutton-le-Hole, goes down a swallow hole near Grace Lane Vets and travels underground, emerging just above Keldholme. Therefore any "slowing the flow" in this beck should make a contribution to reducing flood issues in Keldholme. Currently a response is awaited from the Environment Agency.

- 8 KIRKBYMOORSIDE YOUTH COUNCIL** - Members of the community were invited to express an interest in being involved in forming a Youth Council

A member of the public volunteered the Scouts interest in the Youth Council. A dialogue was initiated amongst all present and it was commented that members of the local school councils might be interested in the Youth Council as they are already engaged in a similar format. Additional groups who should be approached include the Cubs, and Brownies, members of the Junior Band, junior sports club members and the Youth Group.

9 PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public asked how the Town meeting could be better publicised as it is a pity that there were so few attendees. The Town Clerk confirmed that details of the meeting had been circulated to the local press, Gazette & Herald, Mercury and posted on the local notice boards in addition to the town blog and Town Council website. The agenda was also circulated via email to each of the local community groups and sports clubs. It is unfortunate that there is a dwindling interest in the annual town meeting and indeed Town Council meetings, however, this decline is demonstrated nationwide. In the past the presentation of the Community Award has been a well attended, however, this year the award was presented to John Woodward prior to the annual meeting, at his final concert on Saturday 6th May, which would account in part for the diminished number of attendees at today's meeting.

Concern was expressed that pedestrian access outside Ryedale Garages is often restricted due to the number of vehicles parked on the forecourt, making it difficult for safe passage of mobility scooters and pushchairs. It was commented that the vehicles are parked very responsibly outside the garage on the forecourt between the building and the pavement, however, the size of the vehicles means that they overhang the pedestrian access. This is an ever increasing problem and is also in evidence on Piercy End, Market Place and High Market place where vehicles over hang the pavement in order to ensure they are not obstructing the Highway.

Another matter concerning parking is the repeated complaint about the lack of use of the Town Farm car park and the subsequent increase in vehicles parking on the periphery streets, in particular West End, Howe End and Old Road. It was suggested that there should be additional signage to the Town Farm car park as the existing signage is inadequate.

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm.