

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday, 15 April 2013 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs D. Keal (Town Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors K. Anderson, P. Farndale, J. Gray, A.R. Harrison, Ms M. Hodgson, R. King,
D. Lloyd-Williams, D. K. Mennell, K. Reveley, H. Spencer, J.T. Stone.
Also Mrs R. Tierney.

195. (04/13) **APOLOGIES**

No apologies all members present.

196. (04/13) **GUEST SPEAKER**PC Nick Coning and members of the Skatepark Users Group

Members welcomed PC Coning who along with seven members of the 'Skatepark Users Group' had come to thank members of the two Town Councils, both Malton and Norton, for taking on the responsibility of managing and maintaining the Skatepark. The spokes person for the group, 15 year old Lee Purvis, gave a short speech of thanks and outlined how they were hoping to assist with improving the area, especially in re-painting the Youth Shelter. It was also stated that on busy days there could be as many as 50 or 60 young people making use of the area.

PC Coning in closing gave an open invitation to all members of the two Councils to visit the Skatepark and see for themselves how well it was used and how much the facility was appreciated.

Members of the Council then gave their thanks to the Users Group for attending, and paid tribute to PC Coning in his work with the young people of the town which he carried out with much enthusiasm and energy.

197. (04/13) **PUBLIC SESSION**

No member of the public spoke.

198. (04/13) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest made.

199. (04/13) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 18 March 2013 (Minutes 178 to 194 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

200. (04/13) **CLERK'S REPORT**(a) Community Payback Team

To report that a Mr Steve Trotter from the Payback Team had contacted the Council to ask if they had any ongoing projects that they might have been able to assist with.

Members were to give the matter some consideration and report back to Council.

(b) Yorkshire Coastliner Services

To report that Yorkshire Coastliner had advised North Yorkshire County Council that certain sections of their routes would operate as an Express Service on their Summer 2013 timetable.

The routes affected were the main services to Scarborough and Whitby. On journeys towards Scarborough the local bus service would terminate at Rillington between the hours of 9.00am and 2.00pm, and then continue to Scarborough operating as an Express Service which would not stop at any intermediate points, leaving certain communities without a service to Scarborough until the afternoon. On journeys towards Whitby the local bus service would terminate at Thornton Dale between the hours of 9.00am and 2.00pm, and then continue to Whitby as an Express Service which would not stop at any intermediate points and once again leaving communities without a service until the afternoon.

200. (04/13) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)

(b) Yorkshire Coastliner Services (continued)

Concessionary passengers who board the vehicles prior to either Rillington or Thornton Dale would still be able to travel to either Scarborough or Whitby respectively, but would have to pay a fare, possibly £3.00.

Members considered the proposals to be totally unsatisfactory and felt that this situation should be brought to the attention of as many people as possible, and therefore suggested that it could be an agenda item for both the Five Town Councils Meeting and the Ryedale Parish Liaison Meeting. Noted.

(c) Malton & Norton Area Partnership

Members received a copy of a letter outlining the role of the Area Partnership within the community. For information. Noted.

(d) Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team

Members received the monthly crime statistics for Malton and Norton for the month of March. For information. Noted.

201. (04/13) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

(a) Radio York Flood Awards

The Mayor reported on her attendance at the Radio York Flood Awards Ceremony, at which the Norton Salvation Army and Next Steps had won an award for their voluntary work throughout the period of the floods. Noted.

(b) Ryedale Youth Theatre

The Mayor reported on her attendance at the Ryedale Youth Theatres excellent production of Cats, held at the Milton Rooms in Malton. Noted.

(c) The Bowling Club

The Mayor reported that discussions were still ongoing as to the future of the Bowling Club and that there was to be a special meeting of Ryedale District Council with one topic of Bowling provision in Ryedale. This was to be at Ryedale House on Thursday the 9th of May at 6.30pm. Noted.

(d) Bulb Planting

The Mayor reported that the Malton and Norton Tidy Group had been out planting bulbs at various locations throughout Norton the previous weekend. Noted.

(e) St Nicholas Street Car Park

The Mayor reported that a large compound had been erected in St Nicholas Street Car Park which was to serve the building work taking place at the Buckrose multi occupancy complex on Commercial Street. The compound was likely to be there until September 2013. Noted.

(f) We Love Malton Events Committee

On attending the events committee meeting the Mayor reported that they were already starting to plan for the Christmas Lights event, and wondered if Norton would consider holding the switch on, on the same day but at different times. Enquiries would be made.

(g) Malton and Norton's Got Talent

The Mayor gave a quick reminder to members that the Malton and Norton's Got Talent event was to be held at the Milton Rooms on Friday 26 April 2013, at 7.00pm. Tickets were available from the Tourist Information Office in Malton Library, and both Norton College and Malton School, the cost being £5.00 per person.

202. (04/13) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 219 to 224 inclusive and nos. 001 to 008 inclusive, amounting to £7361.45, had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 009 to 016 inclusive, amounting to £2622.87 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

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202. (04/13) **FINANCIAL MATTERS** (continued)

- (b) Financial report
The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.03.13 to 31.03.13 was received.
- (c) Budgetary monitoring
The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 March 2013 was received.
- (d) End of Year Report
The Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 31 March 2013 was received.
(subject to Audit)

203. (04/13) **PLANNING MATTERS**

- (a) Planning applications referred to the Town Council by Ryedale District Council, for comment and/or recommendation were dealt with as follows: -

- 13/00202/HOUSE Erection of two storey extension to side to include integral garage
2 George Cartwright Close, Norton.
For Mr D. Barker
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 13/00361/FUL Replacement of front entrance doors and 2no. side escape doors to enable
wheelchair access and installation of 1no. velux smoke ventilation system to front
roof pitch
Buckrose House 1 Commercial Street, Norton.
For Ryedale District Council (Mr R Barnsley)
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 13/00395/FUL Change of use and alteration of shop with flat above to form 1 no. one bedroom flat
and 1 no. two bedroom flat with amenity areas, to include erection of cycle store to
the rear alteration of rear first floor window to form fire escape, enlargement of rear
dormer window, installation of roof light to rear and alteration to existing shop front to
include installation of 2no. Windows and repositioning of front door.
81 Commercial Street, Norton.
For Mr Lee Wright.
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.

- (b) Planning decisions notified by Ryedale District Council:

Withdrawn Applications

- 13/00172/FUL Change of use and alteration of shop with flat above to form 1no one bedroom flat
and 1no two bedroom flat with amenity areas, to include erection of cycle store to
the rear, alteration of rear first floor window to form fire escape window, enlargement
of rear dormer window, replacement of front first floor bay window with 2no windows
and alteration of existing shop front to include installation of 2no windows and re-
positioning of front door.
81 Commercial Street, Norton.
- 13/00189/ADV Display of 1no. Temporary non-illuminated sign to gable end wall to advertise
affordable housing scheme.
2 Priorpot Lane, Norton.

204. (04/13) **CEMETERY MATTERS**

Updating the facilities

Members considered the updating of facilities in the cemetery compound
It was agreed that there was a need to re-new the toilet and washbasin and generally make
that facility fit for purpose.
The Clerk to work out a specification and costings and this item then to be placed on the
agenda for a future meeting for a formal decision.

205. (04/13) **SKATE PARK**

The Clerk gave an update on progress being made, the draft lease between the Fitzwilliam Malton Estate and the Town Council had now been signed by the Mayor, as had the formal agreement for taking responsibility for all the equipment between the Town Council and Ryedale District Council. All that remained was for an endorsed copy of the new lease to be forwarded to Ryedale District Council, and then they would be in a position to release the grant money.

One change from last months statement was that the District Council had now offered to not only continue with the daily litter pick, but also to continue with the weekly inspections at a cost of £3000.00 for the year, instead of a cost of £2340.00 for just the litter picking, it was agreed that this offer was very cost effective and to accept it.

It was still felt that the specialist inspection training for the Town Council staff should go ahead as planned.

The above points noted by members.

206. (04/13) **DOG FOULING, PARKING ON VERGES**

Members received a briefing from Councillor Spencer on the issues of dog fouling and the parking of vehicles on grass verges.

With regard to the parking on verges it was agreed that as the only authority with the power to do anything was the Highway Authority that a letter should be sent to Mr Marr the Highway Area Manager, with one request for solving the problem in Commercial Street being that either bollards or planters be placed at the offending location. It was also to state that as the Town Council still had money left over from the improvement scheme, this could be used to implement a solution.

The Mayor agreed to write.

The dog fouling issue was felt to be not just a Norton problem and as such it was suggested that in order to encourage the District Council to launch a more effective campaign, and to empower more of their employees in being able to take action against offenders, this issue should be placed on the agenda for the next Five Towns Meeting who as a group might be able to bring more pressure to bare on the District Council.

The Clerk to arrange for this item to be placed on the Five Towns Agenda.

Both issues noted by members.

207. (04/13) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Malton and Norton Area Partnership - request that the Town Council assist with delivering two promotional signs for the entries to the town.
Members considered the request, but as it was impossible to visualise the appearance of the signs, it was decided to wait until the signs for Malton were in place and then consider the issue again.

208. (04/13) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

No reports presented.

209. (04/13) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Stone asked who was responsible for the roundabouts on the new junction to the A64, as he felt they could be ideal for planting bulbs.
In reply it was stated that they were probably the responsibility of the Highways Agency, and not the County Council.

209. (04/13) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS** (continued)

- (b) Councillor Farndale stated that he had received complaints about youths gathering in the wooded area on Langton Road, more or less opposite the entrance to the college. They appeared to be congregating there to drink.
This issue to be reported to the local police officer PC Nick Coning.
- (c) Councillor Harrison asked who was responsible for cutting the grass at the play areas within the town.
The Town Council were responsible for the cutting, with the contract being put out to tender, and Scarborough Borough Council being the company that won the tender..

210. (04/13) **DATE OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

RESOLVED that the Annual Town Meeting be held on Tuesday, 21 May 2013 at 6.00pm, in the Council Chamber.

211. (04/13) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Town Council be held on Tuesday, 21 May 2013 at 7.00pm, or on the rising of the Annual Town Meeting whichever is the later, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8.45pm)

_____(Chairman)

