

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber  
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday 17 November at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT** Councillor R. King (Town Mayor) in the Chair;  
Councillors Ms C. Barratt-Gibson, A. Croser, P. Farndale, J. Gray, R.A. Harrison,  
Mrs D. Keal, D. Lloyd-Williams, B. Mehrstens, H. Spencer.  
Also Mrs R. Tierney, Mr T. Hicks

124. (11/14) **GUEST SPEAKER**

Library Consultation – Julie Blaisdale, Neil Irving

Members welcomed Julie Blaisdale, Director of Library and Community Services at North Yorkshire County Council, and Neil Irving, Director of Policy and Partnerships at North Yorkshire County Council, who had agreed to attend and discuss the current Library Service Consultation.

The County Officers gave a brief overview of the funding cuts required from the library service, with its budget falling from £7.8m in 2010 to an expected £4.2m for 2019-20. With savings of £2m already achieved a further £1.6m would now need to be saved. The proposals set out in the consultation which would achieve the savings required being as follows;

- Three categories of library, core, hybrid, and community managed
- One core library in main town of each of the seven districts of North Yorkshire. Malton to be the core library for Ryedale, it would be the professional hub for the district. Would still need to recruit about 40% volunteers in order for the library to open with its current hours.
- Hybrid library, Pickering to be the hybrid library for Ryedale, this would operate with one paid member of staff, support from the core library and need to recruit 75% volunteers.
- Community Managed libraries, in Ryedale these would be Helmsley and Krikbymoorside, but dependant on local communities and partners to run them. There would be some assistance from County and some professional support from the core library.

Norton library, a decision was taken in 2011 that there would be only one library serving the communities of Malton and Norton. While this decision would mean the closure of Norton's library the County Council were willing to consider it remaining as a Community Managed library.

Questions from members followed the main points raised were;

- Norton has the larger population but its library has had its hours cut to such an extent, only being open 10hrs a week while Malton was open 35hrs a week, making it impossible to compare on a like for like basis.
- Norton site would be considered an asset and was it possible it might be sold off
- If the library was run as Community Managed how much support would the County be willing to provide.

In reply it was stated that Malton and Norton libraries were compared on an hour for hour basis as well as by other measures. There were no plans to sell off the Norton site, and if run as a Community Managed library up to 60% of the costs could be met by the County. The book stock would be provided as well as IT.

There was an opportunity for Norton to include more activities and make best use of the site. The library would not close immediately and there was plenty of time to develop a community plan and get it off the ground.

In closing the Mayor thanked the County Officers for attending.

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125. (11/14) **PUBLIC SESSION**

Library Consultation

County Councillor Mrs Shields stated that if the town was to do anything they needed to have other community groups on board, and if anybody had ideas or information on possible other uses and activities could they please contact her.

126. (11/14) **APOLOGIES**

- (a) No Apologies received.
- (b) Members received the formal resignation of Councillor Mrs Marian Hodgson. Mrs Hodgson had stated that she felt unable to continue as a Councillor with her work commitments and that it was unfair on the Council not being able to attend as was required.

The Clerk to write thanking Mrs Hodgson for her service.

127. (11/14) **LIBRARY CONSULTATION**

Members deferred making any comment on the consultation, until they had had time to consider all of the information received.

This item to be placed on the agenda for a future meeting.

128. (11/14) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations made

129. (11/14) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 20 October 2014 (Minutes 106 to 123 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

130. (11/14) **CLERK'S REPORT**

- (a) King George's Playing Field  
To report that the repair to the Basket Swing had now been completed along with the fitting of a new cradle seat to the pair of children's swings. However the perimeter fence had once again been vandalised.  
Members asked if it would be possible to obtain costings for an updated HD Camera with a wider lens. The Clerk to make enquiries.
- (b) Town Signs  
To report that a design for the signs had been produced that would hopefully meet the passive safety protocol. The product material specification and costings was still awaited which would then be forwarded to the County Engineers for their approval.  
Noted.
- (c) Towns Alive Convention  
The Clerk reported that this would not now be taking place as the Towns Alive organisation, formerly Action for Market Towns, was no longer trading. Noted.
- (d) St Peter's Church – Christmas Tree Festival  
To report that on behalf of the Town Council it had been agreed to enter a tree, which the Deputy Clerk, Councillor Gray and the Clerk would design and erect.  
The Festival dates were from Saturday 29 November 2014 until Sunday 7 December 2014. Noted.

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131. (11/14) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

(a) Remembrance Sunday

The Mayor attended the remembrance parade to the War Memorial in Malton and laid a wreath on behalf of the Town Council.

Councillor Mrs Keal attended the service at St Mary's Priory Old Malton, and Councillor Croser attended the service at St Peter's Church Norton, both laid wreaths on behalf of the Council.

(b) Ryedale Community Leisure Centre

On Friday 14 November the Mayor attended an 'Auction of Promises' held at the former bowls club now the Ryedale Community Leisure Centre. Councillor Mrs Keal had also attended and reported that an estimated £3,000.00 had been raised in support of the centre.

It had been suggested that a bowls match between the Community Leisure Centre and the Town Council should be arranged, possibly for the New Year. Noted by members.

(c) Christmas Lights

The Mayor reported that he had been assured by Mr Townsend that the Christmas Lights would be erected in time for the switch on, due for Friday 28 November 2014 at the Derwent Arms.

This item to be placed on the agenda for early next year.

132. (11/14) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) Accounts paid and for payment

The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 141 to 157 inclusive, amounting to £7,745.33 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that account nos. 158 to 169 inclusive, amounting to £17,993.14 be paid. Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.

(b) Financial report

The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.10.14 to 31.10.14 was received.

(c) Budgetary monitoring

The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 October 2014 was received.

133. (11/14) **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

14/01111/FUL                      Erection of a four bedroom dwelling with 2no. parking spaces and vehicular access.  
 Land at 6 Parliament Street, Norton, Malton.  
 For: Mr & Mrs S Finnerty  
RESOLVED Recommend approval.

14/01184/HOUSE                Erection of part two storey/part first floor extension to existing single storey rear extension, rear entrance porch and installation of dormer window to rear roofslope to allow formation of additional accommodation.  
 76 Parliament Street, Norton, Malton  
 For: Mr W Brannon  
RESOLVED Recommend approval.

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133. (11/14) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

- 14/01193/HOUSE Alterations to fenestration and landscaping to include installation of 5no. sets of double doors and single entrance door to south elevation and erection of timber decking to south elevation together with erection of 1.8m high fencing to east and north boundaries and 1.5m high fencing to west boundary.  
Granary Cottage, Beverley Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 9PJ  
For: Mr Neville Bycroft  
RESOLVED Recommend approval.
- 14/01211/HOUSE Erection of single storey side extension.  
22 Scarborough Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 8AB  
For: Mr & Mrs C Burr  
RESOLVED Recommend approval.

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

- 14/00890/HOUSE Erection of part two storey part first floor extension to side and rear elevations (revised details to refusal 14/00615/HOUSE dated 24.07.2014).  
20 Field View, Norton.
- 14/00902/ADV Display of 1no. internally illuminated fascia sign and 1no. internally illuminated wall mounted sign  
Campbells of Malton, Norton Road, Norton.
- 14/01000/TPO T1 Ash, fell to ground level due to disease Ash Heart Rot, re-plant like for like.  
Sutton Farm, Langton Road, Norton, Malton, YO17 9PU.
- 14/00921/HOUSE Erection of single storey rear extension and 2.4m high timber fence, re-rendering of the existing dwelling and widening of existing vehicular access to the rear following demolition of existing detached garage.  
4 St Nicholas Street, Norton, Malton, YO17 9AQ.
- 14/00856/FUL Change of use and alteration of part of bowls club building from D2 Use (Assembly and Leisure) to D1 Use (Non-residential institutions) for use of a dance school and a pre-school playgroup to include parking and dedicated outdoor play space for the pre-school playgroup.  
Norton Bowls Club, Bowling Lane, Norton.
- Withdrawn
- 14/00971/FUL Erection of a 2 bedroom equestrian worker's dwelling together with formation of 2no. additional parking spaces following demolition of existing staff room and storage bay.  
Stables at Highfield Farm, Beverley Road, Norton.

134. (11/14) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**(a) Church Street

The Clerk reported on the reply received in answer to the queries raised by members as to the installation of an under road gully, and on replacing the railings with something more in keeping with the conservation area.

The reply had stated that there was to be a separate scheme for the drainage gully in addition to the re-surfacing work. With regard to the railings they were due to be replaced like for like, but if members required something more befitting the conservation area they would have to be funded by the Town Council. The Highways Area Manager had been asked to provide a quote. Noted.

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134. (11/14) **HIGHWAY MATTERS** (continued)(b) Highway Grass Cutting Service

Members received the details of the revised grass cutting service that the County Council would either continue to cut or pay for cutting.

For the year 2014/15 the Town Council had received the sum of £4,451.58 towards the verge cutting contract, for the year 2015/16 this would now only be £185.48.

The Clerk explained that for the budget for next year the proposal would be to price for cutting the same as what was cut this year, so that members could then decide what effect this would have on the precept and how they wished to proceed. Noted.

(c) Highways Agency

Members received notification of carriageway resurfacing, renewal of road markings and studs, at various locations along the A64. Work to commence on Friday 21 November 2014 and be completed in February 2015. Noted by members.

135. (11/14) **TOWN CLOCK**

Members considered an annual service agreement for the Town Clock, and received a quotation from the company who had supplied and installed the clock for the Jubilee.

RESOLVED to accept the quotation for an annual service agreement, from Smiths of Derby at a cost of £194.00 plus V.A.T.

136. (11/14) **RYEDALE FIVE TOWNS MEETING – TOUR OF YORKSHIRE 2015**

(a) Members received the notes of the Five Towns meeting held on the 4 November 2014 at the Council Chamber in Norton. Noted

(b) Following the Five Towns Meeting members were asked to consider supporting in principle the initiative to have the five market towns of Ryedale included in the Tour of Yorkshire 2015.

RESOLVED that in principle Norton on Derwent Town Council supports the initiative to have the five market towns included in the Tour of Yorkshire 2015.

137. (11/14) **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) Ryedale Safer Neighbourhoods Team – monthly crime statistics for Northern and Southern Ryedale, October 2014. For information. Noted.

(b) Environment Agency – Trial lowering of the River Derwent, collection of evidence Kirkham Weir.

Members were asked to consider their response to the lowering of the river and what evidence was noted during the process.

The Clerk to write noting the bank erosion issues and the debris exposed around the County Bridge, which had not been removed before the river was raised.

(c) St Nicholas Street Car Park, Residents Bollards – letter received from Mr Phil Long Corporate Director at Ryedale District Council, in reply to members queries regarding bollards and future plans for the car park

Members noted the response and it was stated that District Councillor Luke Ives had also written to the Chief Executive of Ryedale in support of the Town Councils proposal to install parking bollards.

(d) Yorkshire Water – changes to sewage pumping station ownership from 1 October 2016. For information. Noted.

(e) Ryedale Citizens Advice Bureau – thank you for grant. Noted.

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138. (11/14) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Gray reported that he had attended the neighbourhood Plan meeting held at Ryedale House on 10 November 2014.

This item to be discussed as an exempt item at the end of the meeting.

Malton and Norton Area Partnership

Councillor Lloyd-Williams reported on his attendance at the partnership meeting.

Malton Town Council.- Flood updates

Councillor Mrs Keal reported on her attendance at the Malton Town Council meeting where representatives from the flood action group had been present and had given an update on the past flooding issues within the towns.

The conclusions that had been reached were that it would be too costly to install permanent pumps, so for the future there would be a backup Emergency Plan.

Remembrance Festival and Services

Councillor Farndale reported on the Remembrance events and noted his disappointment that a Civic representative had been unable to attend the Festival on the Friday night.

139. (11/14) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Mrs Keal asked if an item from the Ryedale History Society could be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. They would like to ask permission from the Council to record the memorials in Norton Cemetery.  
Agreed that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

140. (11/14) **SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Councillor Farndale reported that the party was to be held on Saturday 10 January 2015 at Norton College. The College had been booked as usual, the County Mini Buses had also been booked although there would be a charge for them this year. The entertainment had also been organised.

Councillor Croser had offered to assist with the distribution of the tickets.

141. (11/14) **EXCLUDED ITEM**

RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the press and public were excluded for the following items of business as the Council considered that the nature of the business to be transacted was prejudicial to the public interest.

Neighbourhood Plan

Members received the notes of the Neighbourhood Plan meeting held at Ryedale House on Monday, 10 November 2014. Noted.

142. (11/14) **DATE OF THE BUDGET MEETING**

RESOLVED that the Budget Meeting be held on Monday 1 December 2014, at 7.00pm in the council chamber

143. (11/14) **DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary Meeting of the Council be brought forward and held on Monday, 8 December 2014, at 7.00pm, in the council chamber.

(Meeting closed at 9.05pm)

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