

NORTON ON DERWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of the Annual Town Meeting held on Wednesday 4th June 2025 at 7pm.
The Old Courthouse, 84b Commercial Street, Norton, YO17 9ES.

PRESENT Councillors D Keal (Chair)
P Farndale, A Spencer, J Vale,
S Shaw, R King, H Spencer,

IN ATTENDANCE C Eade (Town Clerk)
APOLOGIES Cllr D Lloyd-Williams
ABSENT Cllr L Burr (MBE), S Gregory

017/25 Minutes – RESOLVED

It was agreed that the minutes of the Meeting of Norton on Derwent Annual Town Meeting on the 28th May 2024, are an accurate record (minutes 01/24 – 05/24 inclusive) See Link (still to sign)
All members approved

018/25 Mayors Annual Report 2024-25 [See Link](#)

The Mayor also added that since writing the report the toilets on Church Street have again been vandalised.

The Mayor, Cllr A Spencer and the Town Clerk met with the bereaved family of **Lisa Smith** to have a photograph with the bench and plaque that the council supported in her memory. The press release from this meeting will also highlight violence against women. The Mayor and Clerk to investigate the possibility of adding a QR code to the bench to potentially link victims to support.

The Flood Hub continues to take place monthly in the council chamber. Yorkshire Water have now developed a scheme to help issues on Church Street and St Nicholas Street. This has been progressed to modelling stage but potentially will struggle when it comes to the funding.

019/25 North Yorkshire Members Report

Councillor Keane Duncan was not at the meeting and no report was received.

020/25 Public Session

No members of the public attended.

021/25 Sight Support

Victoria Dean, the newly appointed CEO for the service gave a very informative talk on all the services the charity provides for Norton and Ryedale residents. This is a very diverse and used service and invaluable for all ages **living with** sight impairments. Councillors asked questions and found the talk exceptionally interesting.

022/25 Next Steps

Leisa Burniston gave a passionate talk on the vision and plans for Next Steps. With plans for their new building and bringing more services together under the umbrella of Next Steps, this will provide a much needed one stop community hub. Plans to house the Foodbank, Clothing Bank, Support

Services and the much valued community cafe will make things even easier for residents seeking support and friendships. Councillors asked various questions.

023/25 Paths4Everyone

Frank Colenso spoke of the ongoing plans and aspirations of the group to link all the rural towns, Malton, Norton, Pickering, Helmsley and Kirbymoorside with safe paths for cyclists and pedestrians. Although this is a huge piece of work they are successfully making **progress** with farmers, land owners **with support from** North Yorkshire Council. Local Councils can continue to support their valued work by backing future proposals. Frank also answered Councillors questions.

The Mayor thanked all the speakers for an exceptionally interesting insight into their services and continued hard work in the town **and district**. Councillors agreed they had found the talks very informative and valuable.

024/25 Members Questions

No questions were asked.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed

Date

