



Skipton Town Council

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Full Council Thursday 20 July 2017 at 7pm

Present: Councillors A Rankine (Town Mayor), G Bell, C Clark, Mrs W Clark, J Dawson, R G Heseltine, Mrs P Heseltine, E Jaquin, J Kerr, P Madeley, Mrs. K McIntyre & P Whitaker.

Officers: Dave Parker (Chief Officer) & Wendy Allsopp (Committee Services Officer)

4 members of the public were present

1. To accept representations from the Public between 7.00 pm and 7.15 pm.

Mr Michael Shadenburg told Members that he had received a Termination Notice for plot 10 Middletown Allotments and felt that he had been given no explanation as to why he had been evicted.

Ms Mary Arber (plot 22) and Ms Alexandra (plot 6) Jackson both spoke in support of Mr & Mrs Shadenburg.

Mr & Mrs Shadenburg, Ms Arber and Ms Jackson left the meeting at 7.15 pm.

2. To accept apologies for absence.

Cllrs M Emmerson, A Hickman, C Harbron & C Dow.

3. To record declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda.

None

4. To consider the recommendations of the Chief Officer relating to requests for dispensations to Members on items requiring a declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.

None.

5. To approve the minutes from the Full Council meetings held on 18 May and 29 June 2017.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Full Council meetings held on 18 May and 29 June 2017 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at those meetings.

6. To report and receive information arising from the minutes of items not on the agenda from Members and the Chief Officer.

None.

7. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Environment and Planning Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on the 23 February 2017 and Planning Sub-Committee meetings held on 24 April, 15 May and 19 June 2017 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at those meetings.

8. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Public Services Committee

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on the 11 May 2017 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

9. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Finance and Policy Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on the 20 April 2017 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

10. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 13 April 2017 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

11. To receive a report of the Mayoral Engagements for May until July 2017.

The Mayor, Councillor Rankine, asked Members to note the engagements which he had attended.

The Mayor stated that he had enjoyed events which he had been involved in however, the funeral of former colleague, Colin Iveson, had been very sad. The Mayor recommended listening to the Cononley Singers who had been excellent.

12. To consider excluding press and public for consideration of item 13 on the grounds that it relates to confidential matters.

It was **RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable and in the public interest that the press and public be asked to withdraw.

13. To consider an appeal from an allotment tenant against a decision by the Public Services Committee to terminate a tenancy agreement.

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It was **RESOLVED** to readmit press and public to the meeting.

14. To consider the recommendations of the Audit & Scrutiny Committee relating to the independent investigator's report from CH&I Associates.

Members **RESOLVED** that:

- the two 'live' complaints should be considered concluded and closed.
- a summary copy of the Independent Investigator's report into one of the complaints, together with a copy of the full report and appendices, should be submitted to all Councillors electronically (hard copies on special request).
- a hard copy of the full report and attachments should be available for inspection by Members of the Council at the Council's offices.
- Council should, in due course, call an extra-ordinary meeting of the Council to identify the lessons to be learned from the Council's handling of the case.

15. To consider matters relating to the potential sale of Council owned land at North Parade, Skipton.

The Chief Officer advised that there was no update at present.

16. To receive any updates from the Chief Officer relating to:

- i) The Council's Accommodation at Skipton Town Hall – it was understood that CDC had now appointed a contractor to deal with the work required to the main office.
- ii) Progress with the Council's Staffing Review – it was noted that the Staffing Working Group had recently met. A timetable of meetings and events was distributed to all Members present.

17. Questions for the Leader of the Council.

None.

18. To receive notification of matters that members would like including on a future agenda.

The future of North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm