



Skipton Town Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Skipton Town Council held in the Council Chambers on Thursday 16th November 2023, 7.00pm

Those Present.

Chairman: Councillor P Madeley (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor K McIntyre, Councillor B McDaid, Councillor D Noland,
Councillor S Morton, Councillor C Nash & Councillor W Feather

Officers: Mrs L Close (Chief Officer), Mrs J Dean (Deputy Clerk),
Mrs H Marshall (Finance Manager)
17 members of the public

2324/083 ITEM 1 – Welcome and to accept the reasons for absence.

Councillor P Madeley welcomed everyone to the meeting. He advised that the planned presentation would be adjourned for another meeting.

Apologies and reasons for absence were received from the following Councillors.

Cllr L Morgan – Ill Health

Cllr A Heseltine – Prior work commitment

Cllr A Higgins – Prior work commitment

Cllr R Heseltine -Prior Councillor commitment

The above reasons were **resolved** to be accepted.

Cllr R Judge was absent.

2324/084 ITEM 2 – Disclosures of Interest

None declared.

2324/085 ITEM 3 – Dispensations Requests

None received.

2324/086 ITEM 4 – Representations from the Public

Members of the public advised that they did not want to raise anything at this point.

2324/087 ITEM 5 – Minutes of the previous meeting

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley

Seconded by Councillor B McDaid

Resolved unanimously that the minutes of the full council meeting held on 14th September 2023 were a true and accurate record.

- 2324/088** **ITEM 6 – Reports and Minutes from Committee and Subcommittee meetings.**
Proposed by Councillor K McIntyre
Seconded by Councillor P Madeley
Resolved to accept the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 17th August 2023 *unanimous*
Proposed by Councillor C Harbron
Seconded by Councillor K McIntyre
Resolved to accept the minutes of the Audit, Scrutiny and Planning Committee meeting held on 7th September 2023 *unanimous*
Proposed by Councillor K McIntyre
Seconded by Councillor P Madeley
Resolved to accept the minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on 22nd June 2023 *unanimous*
Proposed by Councillor K McIntyre
Seconded by Councillor P Madeley
Resolved to accept the minutes of the Market and Events Committee held on 9th August 2023 *unanimous*

- 2324/089** **ITEM 7 – License with Emsay Juniors Football club**
The draft license was presented to members for agreement. Cllr Nash advised that she could not see on the agreement where the dates and times of matches were to be held.
Proposed by Councillor K McIntyre
Seconded by Councillor C Harbron
Resolved to accept the license with Emsay club with the following addition added, ‘the pitch to be used one weekday evening for practise, 5pm – 8pm and Sundays matchdays 9am – 1pm. This will during September – May but training would be all year.
unanimous

- 2324/090** **ITEM 8 – Chief Officer Update**
Confirmed that all items for update were placed on the agenda.

- 2324/091** **ITEM 9 - North Yorkshire Councillors**
Councillor D Noland addressed the meeting in his capacity as a North Yorkshire Councillor and gave an update regarding local matters.

- 2324/092** **ITEM 10 – Community Safety**
Councillor McDaid gave the meeting an update of the Community Safety Working Group that had met in September. The crime stats

that had been given confirmed that numbers are not increasing and remain steady.

2324/093 **ITEM 11 – Ward Residents meetings**

Councillor McDaid gave an update regarding the West ward resident meeting that was held. He advised that it wasn't well attended but the Councillors were there available and listening.

Proposed by Councillor B McDaid

Seconded by Councillor V Kettu

Resolved to commit to regular ward meetings to be held and for a budget heading to be agreed at the budget meeting for the use of printing for leaflets and any other marketing needs. *unanimous*

2324/099 **ITEM 12 – Covering paper for Agenda Items**

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley

Seconded by Councillor C Harbron

Resolved to approve the use of the agenda paper for meetings until the end of May. *unanimous*

2324/100 **ITEM 13 – Finance**

The Bank Reconciliation, The Bank statements and the schedule of payments / receipts were noted. *unanimous*

2324/101 **ITEM 14 – Craven District of Sanctuary**

Proposed by Councillor B McDaid

Seconded by Councillor V Kettu

Resolved to pledge support for the new Craven District of Sanctuary. *unanimous*

2324/102 **ITEM 15 – Citizens Advice Bureau**

Councillor Nash advised that we do not have a budget line to give to outside organisations. It was advised that a budget heading could be added in, and this request be looked at again next financial year. *unanimous*

2324/103 **ITEM 16 – Outside Bodies**

It was confirmed that no written reports had been received. Councillor Nash gave a verbal update of Selrap.

2324/104 **ITEM 17 – Decarbonisation Audit**

Councillor S Morton gave an update regarding funding applications for a decarbonisation audit from the UK shared prosperity fund.

Proposed by Councillor B McDaid
Seconded by Councillor K McIntyre
Resolved to move forward with the grant funding for the decarbonisation audit. *unanimous*

Proposed by Councillor S Morton
Seconded by Councillor C Nash
Resolved to give delegated powers to the Chief Officer to represent the Town Council at the Climate Action Skipton meetings. *unanimous*

2324/105 ITEM 18 – Videoing & Recording of Meetings

An update was given from the deputy Clerk regarding the recording of meetings. An offer from Craven College had been accepted for them to record the meetings and the equipment would be brought in for a trial period the following week.

Councillor Kettu advised it was advantageous to welcome the college to complete this for us.

Proposed by Councillor Kettu

Seconded by Councillor Nash

Resolved to adopt the guidance on recording of meetings. *unanimous*

2324/106 ITEM 19 – North Yorkshire Council annual statutory budget consultation

No comments were resolved to submit.

2324/107 ITEM 20 – NYC 5 year Housing Strategy

Councillor Harbron advised that he had requested this item come to full council for discussion.

Proposed by Councillor Harbron

Seconded by Councillor McDaid

Resolved to form a working group of the following members, Councillors Harbron, Nash, Noland, McDaid and Morton, to meet for an hour the following week and form a response for submission. *unanimous*

2324/108 ITEM 21 – Supporting Local Agriculture

Councillor Feather advised that he asked Full Council to come up with ideas to promote agriculture and local foods. The idea of a digital board on the High street was discussed, however it was thought that power and planning would be an issue. Councillor Madeley advised that Sheep day could be turned around to make

an agriculture day. It was also agreed that suppliers would be local and local farmers.

Councillor McDaid advised that we should also look at tackling the local food poverty and something that is key with local food suppliers.

Resolved to omit press and public due to confidential nature.

2324/109 ITEM 22 – Deed of Surrender.

Proposed by Councillor M Courcier

Seconded by Councillor B McDaid

Resolved to sign the deed of surrender of the lease for the Tarn Moor Trust. *unanimous*

Councillors McIntyre, Councillors Madeley declared an interest and did not vote.

With no further business to be transacted the meeting was closed at 8.41pm.

The next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on 18th January 2024.