



Skipton Town Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Skipton Town Council held in the Council Chambers on Thursday 14th March 2024, 7.00pm

Those Present.

Chairman: Councillor S Bentley (Mayor)
Councillor P Madeley (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor K McIntyre, Councillor C Nash, Councillor L Morgan &
Councillor W Feather

Officers: Mrs L Close (Chief Officer),
Mrs J Dean (Deputy Clerk),
Mrs H Marshall (Finance Manager)
3 members of Craven College to conduct the filming of the Meeting.
Lesley Tate- Craven Herald
2 members of the public

2324/137 ITEM 1 – Welcome

The mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief run through of events she had attended since the last meeting. She expressed her thanks to the staff during her term as Mayor and to her fellow Councillors.

2324/138 ITEM 2 – Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Heseltine, Councillor A Heseltine, Councillor C Harbron, Councillor A Higgins, Councillor D Noland, Councillor B McDaid, Councillor S Morton & Councillor V Kettu all had prior commitments.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the reasons of absence.

Councillor M Courcier was absent.

Councillor R Judge was absent.

The attendance record was received and noted.

2324/139 ITEM 3 – Disclosures of Interest

Councillor K McIntyre declared she was a Tarn Moor trustee and would leave the meeting when this item was to be discussed.

Councillor P Madeley declared he was a Tarn Moor trustee.

2324/140 **ITEM 4 – Dispensations**

None received.

2324/141 **ITEM 5 – Representations from public**

A member of the public who made himself known as Mr A Perrow advised he wanted to speak to the meeting at the Tarn Moor Trust agenda item.

A member of the public who made himself known as Mr R Hardisty did not have a question to raise.

2324/142 **ITEM 6– Minutes**

Proposed by Councillor L Morgan, seconded by Councillor W Feather and **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 18th January 2024 and 6th March 2024 as a true and accurate record of the meeting *(Motion resolved)*

2324/143 **ITEM 7 – Reports and Minutes from Committee and Sub committees Meetings**

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley, seconded by Councillor K McIntyre and **RESOLVED** to accept the following minutes of the Committees.

Market and Events 8th November 2023

Public Services 30th November 2023

Audit, Scrutiny and Planning 2nd and 23rd November 2023

Finance 19th October 2023

Management and Staffing 19th October 2023

(Motion resolved)

2324/144 **ITEM 8- Chief Officers Update**

The Chief Officer confirmed that all items were on the agenda for resolution.

2324/145 **ITEM 9- Finance**

The bank reconciliation, bank statements, schedule of payments and receipts and the budget were received and noted with no questions raised.

2324/146 **ITEM 10 – Internal Auditor**

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley and seconded by Councillor C Nash, **resolved** to appoint Account-ant, Yorkshire *(Unanimous)*

- 2324/147** **ITEM 11- Risk Management Policy**
Proposed by Councillor L Morgan and seconded by Councillor P Madeley, **resolved** to adopt the Risk Management Policy.
(unanimous)
- 2324/148** **ITEM 12- Cashless Markets**
Proposed by Councillor Madeley and seconded by Councillor W Feather to refer this item to the Market and Events Committee for decision.
Councillor Nash spoke against this motion and advised that it had been a decision at full council, and it should not be deferred to a committee. *2 votes in favour, 4 against, motion fell.*
Councillor Madeley stated that the decision to go cashless had already been taken, the council could continue with that. Councillor Morgan advised, that as the decision to become cashless was subject to consultation, the traders have now confirmed what they preferred and that should be supported.
Proposed by Councillor K McIntyre, seconded by Councillor C Nash and **resolved** that following a consultation with market traders the Council will not move to being cashless.
Unanimous
- 2324/149** **ITEM 13- Park Strategy**
Proposed by Councillor P Madeley and seconded by Councillor L Morgan, **resolved** to adopt the Playground Strategy.
Unanimous
- 2324/150** **ITEM 14 – Strategic Plan**
Proposed by Councillor L Morgan and seconded by Councillor P Madeley, **resolved** to adopt the Council Strategic Plan.
Unanimous
- 2324/151** **ITEM 15 – Biodiversity Policy**
Proposed by Councillor L Morgan and seconded by Councillor C Nash, **resolved** that the biodiversity policy be adopted.
Unanimous
- 2324/152** **ITEM 16– North Yorkshire Councillors**
There were no North Yorkshire Councillors present at the meeting.
- 2324/153** **ITEM 17- Community Safety**
Councillor McDaid in his absence circulated a report of the Community safety group prior to the meeting.
- 2324/154** **ITEM 18- Outside Bodies**
No updates had been received from representatives of outside bodies.

Councillor Madeley spoke about the retiring Mayor and thanked her for the service she had given whilst in office.

2324/155 ITEM 19- Councillor Surgeries

Councillor C Nash advised that for safety reasons more than 1 person should hold a surgery at the same time.

The Chief officer suggested that once the new office had been moved into, she would circulate some dates and suggestions for information along with marketing and promotion ideas so that dates could be set.

2324/156 ITEM 20 – Ice Rink

Councillor R Judge who had requested this item was not present at the meeting and had not submitted his agenda cover paper for consideration.

2324/157 ITEM 21 – Tarn Moor Trust

Councillor K McIntyre left the meeting.

A member of the public addressed the meeting until it was confirmed by the Chief Officer to the Mayor that the meeting was inquorate and in accordance with standing order 3w the meeting was closed.

The Meeting Closed at 19.47pm

The next meeting of Full Council is the
Annual meeting of the Council on Thursday 16th May 2024