



Skipton Town Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Skipton Town Council held in the meeting room of North Yorkshire Offices at Belle Vue Square on Thursday 17th January 2025, 7.00pm

Those Present.

Chairman: Councillor C Nash (Mayor)

Councillor K McIntyre, Councillor L Morgan, Councillor W Feather, Councillor P Madeley, Councillor R Heseltine, Councillor A Heseltine, Councillor C Harbron, Councillor V Kettu, Councillor S Morton & Councillor D Noland.

Officers: Mrs L Close (Chief Officer), Mrs J Dean (Deputy Clerk),

Press: A reporter from the Craven Herald

2425/106 ITEM 1 – Chairmans Remarks

Councillor Nash welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Councillor Nash asked that if any members were interested in taking a trip to the twin town then to let her know and she would progress this.

The events attended by the mayor to date were received and noted.

2425/107 ITEM 2 – Reasons for absence

Councillor A Higgins who had work commitments and Councillor S Bentley who had a prior engagement – reasons accepted

2425/108 ITEM 3 – Declaration of Interest

None

2425/109 ITEM 4 – Dispensation requests

None received.

2425/110 ITEM 5 – Representations from public

None

2425/111 ITEM 6 – Minutes

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley, seconded by Councillor S Morton and resolved in favour, that the minutes of the full council meeting held on the 14th of November and the 5th of December 2024 were a true and accurate record of the meeting.

2425/112 ITEM 7 – Reports and minutes from the Committee and Subcommittee meetings

The minutes of the following committees and subcommittees were received noted and approved.

Public Services Committee 26th September 2024 - Proposed by Councillor K McIntyre, seconded by Councillor L Morgan – *accepted*

2425/113 ITEM 8 – Finance reports

Proposed by Councillor K McIntyre, seconded by Councillor S Morton and resolved in favour to approve the schedule of payments, receipts, bank reconciliations and the budget to date.

2425/114 ITEM 9 – Annual Town Meeting

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley, seconded by Councillor R Heseltine and resolved in favour to hold the Annual Town Meeting on the 15th of May at 5.30pm.

2425/115 ITEM 10 – New Policies

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley, seconded by Councillor S Morton and resolved in favour to adopt the Co-option policy as recommended by Audit, Scrutiny and Planning committee.

Proposed by Councillor W Feather, seconded by Councillor B McDaid and resolved in favour to adopt the Appraisal policy as recommended by Management and Staffing Committee.

2425/116 ITEM 11 – Co-option timeline

Proposed by Councillor L Morgan, seconded by Councillor S Morton and resolved in favour to advertise the position from the 17th January to the 28th February 2025, with co-option taking place at the Full Council meeting on the 20th March 2025.

2425/117 ITEM 12 – North Yorkshire Councillors

Councillor Heseltine advised that there were excellent updates in the Craven Herald and he had nothing further to add.

Councillor Noland gave the following updates.

- The cost of hiring the Town Hall for non-for-profit groups is discounted by 30%
- A VAS has been ordered for Grassington Road and there was a strong possibility that the speed limit for this road is being extended further along.
- Discussions were held regarding Gargrave Road and the 20mph speed limit.
- Strong budget cuts impending throughout North Yorkshire Council.

2425/118 ITEM 13 – Outside Bodies

Councillor C Nash circulated a written report from her representation on Selrap.

The Chief officer was asked to write again to the NY Mayor reiterating the support for Selrap and to ask for action to be taken. Copies would also be sent to the transport minister and the West Yorkshire Mayor.

2425/119 ITEM 14 – Community Safety Working Group

Councillor McDaid gave an update of the Community Safety Working Group latest meeting and the work it was undertaking. All minutes of the meeting are on the Town Council website.

2425/120 ITEM 15 – Community Hub

Discussions were held regarding the building on the High Street that was being proposed as a Community Hub, which also had potential for new council offices. Members who would like to be more involved in this project were asked to contact Councillor McDaid. The Chief Officer would continue discussions regarding the potential office space.

2425/121 ITEM 16 – Land Registration

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley, seconded by Councillor S Morton and resolved in favour to complete the registration of land as advised by the solicitors.

2425/122 ITEM 17 – Active Travel Plan

Councillor S Morton spoke to members regarding the recent workshop and subsequent presentation regarding active travel in Skipton.

Proposed by Councillor S Morton, seconded by Councillor C Harbron and resolved in favour to form a working group for a period of 2 years to work with key partners who had attended the Active Travel Workshop and to consider both low-cost options and longer-term options aimed at increasing active travel within Skipton. The following members of Council were appointed to the working group, Councillor McDaid, Harbron, Morton and Pickard.

With no further business transacted the meeting was closed at 20.15pm.

The next meeting of Full Council will be held on 20th March 2025, at the North Yorkshire Council offices at Belle Vue Square.