



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 20th March 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 A Higgins, Councillor S Bentley, 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

2425/133 ITEM 1 – Chairman's Remarks

Councillor Nash welcomed everybody to the meeting.

The mayor advised she had been delighted to join the picking of the Gala queen at a recent event and all other engagements to date were received and noted.

2425/134 ITEM 2 – Reasons for absence

Councillor C Harbron had a prior engagement – reasons accepted.

2425/135 ITEM 3 – Declaration of Interest

Councillor Madeley / McIntyre who were trustees of the Tarn Moor Trust.

2425/136 ITEM 4 – Dispensation requests

None received.

2425/137 ITEM 5 – Representations from public

None

2425/138 ITEM 6 – Co-option for the East Ward

Candidates were invited to address the meeting, in turn, for 5 minutes each.

Proposed by Councillor S Morton, seconded by Councillor M Pickard and resolved in favour that due to the confidential nature of discussing candidates attributes, the meeting would exclude the public and press, Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 *resolved in favour*

Candidates proposed and seconded

Mr A Iveson – not proposed or seconded – Candidate eliminated

Mr A Mudd – proposed by Councillor B McDaid, seconded by Councillor A Higgins.

Mr D Shaw – proposed by Councillor W Feather, seconded by Councillor S Bentley.

Miss J Woollacott – proposed by Councillor V Kettu, seconded by Councillor S Morton.

Round 1

Mr Mudd – 4 votes – eliminated

Mr Shaw – 5 votes

Miss Woollacott – 5 votes

Round 2

Mr Shaw – 7 votes

Miss Woollacott – 7 votes

Round 3

Mr Shaw – 7 votes

Miss Woollacott – 7 votes

Following the Co-option policy of the Town Council, the Mayor is requested to give a casting vote, which was given in favour of Miss Woollacott, therefore, it was confirmed and announced that Miss Woollacott is co-opted to the Town Council.

2425/140 ITEM 7 – Committee Membership

Proposed by Councillor L Morgan, seconded by Councillor M Pickard and resolved in favour that Councillor J Woollacott be appointed a member of the Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor B McDaid, seconded by Councillor L Morgan and resolved in favour that Councillor D Noland be appointed a member of the Audit, Scrutiny, and Planning Committee.

2425/141 ITEM 8 – Minutes

Proposed by Councillor C Nash, seconded by Councillor A Higgins and resolved in favour that the minutes of the full council meeting held on the 16th January 2025 were a true and accurate record of the meeting.

2425/142 ITEM 9 – Reports and Minutes from Committee and Subcommittee meetings.

The following minutes of the subcommittee were presented to be received and noted.

Audit, Scrutiny, and Planning – 12th September 2024, Proposed by Cllr B McDaid, seconded by Cllr S Bentley.

Market & Events – 9th October and 13th November 2024, proposed by Cllr P Madeley, seconded by Cllr D Noland, and the extra meeting proposed by Cllr P Madeley and seconded by Cllr S Bentley.

Public Service – 28th November 2024, proposed by Cllr K McIntyre and seconded by Cllr C Nash.

Finance – 17th October 2024, proposed by Cllr L Morgan and seconded by Cllr P Madeley.

Management and Staffing – 17th October 2024, proposed by Cllr B McDaid and seconded by Cllr S Morton.

All the above was resolved in favour.

2425/143 ITEM 10 – Finance reports

Proposed by Cllr A Higgins, seconded by Cllr P Madeley, and resolved in favour to approve the schedule of payments, receipts, bank reconciliations, the budget to date, and to ring fence the remaining Community Grant funding for next year.

2425/144 ITEM 11 – Community Grant Applications

To consider the additional information for a grant application from the Community Sports hub recommended by the Finance committee to be received at Full Council to meet the request before the end of the financial year.

Proposed by Cllr P Madeley, seconded by Cllr W Feather, and resolved in favour to award the grant of £2000

To consider the additional information for a grant application from the organisers of Skipton Pride recommended by the Finance Committee to be received at Full Council to meet the request before the end of the financial year.

Cllr R Heseltine proposed to move this application back to the finance committee meeting scheduled for the 24th of April, this was seconded by Cllr A Heseltine, and with 3 votes, the motion fell.

Proposed by Cllr A Higgins, seconded by Cllr B McDaid and resolved in favour to award the grant of £2000, 1 vote abstained and 1 vote was against, 12 in favour.

2425/145 ITEM 12 – Tarn Moor

The Chief Officer discussed the advice received from the Town Council solicitor. The Chief Officer advised that even though the solicitor had asked for any covenants members wanted to advise of it was prudent to be aware that there would be only one main covenant that they would try to secure, and that would be that the assets remained for the good of the people of Skipton. Proposed by Cllr P Madeley, seconded by Cllr W Feather, and resolved 7 votes in favour to give the Chief Officer delegated authority to continue liaising with the solicitors to complete the transfer and the confirmation of ownership of Bog Wood and to confirm everything at the next meeting.

2 abstentions, 7 in favour, Cllr R Heseltine did not take part in the debate and the voting whatsoever.

2425/146 ITEM 13 – Policies

The following policies were adopted

Proposed by Cllr K McIntyre, seconded by Cllr L Morgan, and resolved in favour to adopt the Grant Award Policy.

Proposed by Cllr P Madeley, seconded by Cllr L Morgan, and resolved in favour to adopt the Dignity at Work Policy.

A Grievance and Disciplinary policy was recommended to be adopted by Management and Staffing Committee, all in favour.

2425/147 ITEM 14 – North Yorkshire Councillors

North Yorkshire Councillors were invited to update the meeting.

Cllr R Heseltine had no update to give.

Cllr D Noland advised the meeting of the lack of democracy within North Yorkshire County Councillors and that decisions were made ahead of council meetings, this was being investigated further. A VAS was being installed on Grassington Road using his locality budget and an active travel policy was being prepared for adoption.

Cllr P Madeley raised the issue of arranging the Gala and the obstacles that we faced with NYC.

2425/148 ITEM 15 – Outside Bodies

Cllr L Morgan advised that Greatwood Community Center was in the process of planning an Easter Event.

Cllr C Nash updated the meeting of Selrap.

2425/149 ITEM 16 – Community Safety

Cllr B McDaid gave the meeting an update on the recent Community Safety working group and an update of the CCTV that was planned to be installed at the bus station once the issue with NYC and the pruning of a tree that was

needed but was not being authorised, preventing installation of the additional camera. He also advised that the next litter pick was scheduled for the 28th March.

2425/150 ITEM 17 – Local Council Award Scheme

Proposed by Cllr P Madeley, seconded Cllr W Feather and resolved in favour that the Council confirms that it continues to meet the criteria for the bronze award and that the required documentation, information, and conditions are in place for the silver award, and that these are published on the Council's website, where applicable.

2425/151 ITEM 18 – Car Club

Cllr D Noland asked for this item to be adjourned until next month.

2425/152 ITEM 19 – Notification of business for a future agenda

Car Club

With no further business transacted, the meeting was closed at 20.48pm.

The next meeting of Full Council will be the Annual meeting of the Council held on 15th May 2025, at the North Yorkshire Council offices at Belle Vue Square.