



# Skipton Town Council

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Skipton Town Council held in the meeting room of the Craven Community Hub (Old Craven College building), Skipton High Street on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 7.00 pm**

**Those Present.**

Chairman: Councillor W Feather (Mayor)

Councillor K McIntyre, Councillor L Morgan, Councillor S Bentley, Councillor V Kettu, Councillor D Noland, Councillor B McDaid, Councillor J Woollacott, Councillor M Pickard & Councillor R Heseltine.

Officers: Mrs L Close (Chief Officer)

**2526/015 ITEM 1 – Chairman's Remarks**

Councillor Feather welcomed everybody to the meeting and the Engagements that he had attended were received and noted.

**2526/016 ITEM 2 – Reasons for absence**

Councillor A Heseltine, Councillor C Nash, Councillor C Harbron, Councillor P Madeley, Councillor D Noland & Councillor A Higgins all had prior commitments – reasons accepted.

**2526/017 ITEM 3 – Declaration of Interest**

None declared

**2526/018 ITEM 4 – Dispensation requests**

None requested

**2526/019 ITEM 5 – Representations from the public**

None present

**2526/020 ITEM 6 – Minutes**

Proposed by Councillor L Morgan, seconded by Councillor M Pickard, and resolved in favour that the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025 were a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**2526/021 ITEM 7 – Reports and minutes from Committee and Sub-committee meetings**

Proposed by Councillor K McIntyre, seconded by Councillor L Morgan, and resolved in favour of accepting the minutes of the Market and Events meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025.

Proposed by Councillor B McDaid, seconded by Councillor S Morton, and

resolved in favour of accepting the minutes of the Management and Staffing meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April & 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

Proposed by Councillor J Woollacott and seconded by Councillor S Morton, and resolved in favour of accepting the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

Proposed by Councillor K McIntyr and seconded by Councillor M Pickard and resolved in favour of accepting the minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

#### **2526/022 Item 8 - Finance reports**

The Chief Officer was asked to contact the Craven Herald to complete a publicity piece on the Community Grant scheme and the funding that is available.

Proposed by Councillor L Morgan, seconded by Councillor S Morton, and resolved in favour of approving the budget to date, the schedule of payments, receipts and bank reconciliations.

#### **2526/023 ITEM 9 – Saturday Road closures**

A Saturday Road closure was discussed, and the benefit it may bring to the market. The Chief Officer was asked to look at the proposals and bring back to the next meeting with the financial implications and necessary permissions needed.

#### **2526/024 ITEM 10 – Active Travel Working Group**

Councillor S Morton presented to the meeting the work of the Active Travel group.

Councillor L Morgan advised that he wants to ensure that the needs of disability groups are met.

Councillor R Heseltine confirmed that, as he has been elected to Chair the Skipton and Ripon Area Committee, he took no part in the decision debate or Vote for this item.

Proposed by Councillor S Morton, seconded by Councillor M Pickard, and resolved in favour of supporting the recommended options from the Skipton The Town Council Active Travel working group and authorise the Town Clerk to approach the potential partners with requests to help implement these options.

#### **2526/025 ITEM 11 – Idling Taxis at the bus station**

Proposed by Councillor R Heseltine and seconded by Councillor L Morgan and Resolved in favour of writing to North Yorkshire Council to request that all taxi ranks, the bus station, and the train station be a clean air zone with taxis switching off their engines when waiting for passengers.

**2526/026 ITEM 12 – North Yorkshire Councillors**

Councillor R Heseltine advised there were 2 major issues that North Yorkshire were currently facing, 1 was school transport and the other was the planning Bill is being passed for applications to be considered by officers, and not members.

The proposed Electoral review was discussed, and information that had been provided by Councillor Andy Solloway was distributed.

Proposed by Councillor R Heseltine and seconded by Councillor L Morgan and resolved in favour that the Town Council would write to the Boundary Commission to object to the proposed changes to the number of Town Councillors for Skipton. Councillor R Heseltine and the Town Mayor, Councillor W Feather would work together to draft a response with the Chief Officer.

**2526/027 ITEM 13 – Outside Bodies**

There have not been any written reports to be considered.

**2526/028 ITEM 14 – Community Safety working group**

Councillor McDaid gave an update on the working group, including the situation and potential resolution of the additional CCTV camera needed for the bus station.

**2526/029 ITEM 15 – Notification of business for a future agenda**

With no further business transacted, the meeting was closed at 19.47.

The next meeting of Full Council will be held on November 20th, 2025, at the Community Hub. The High Street, Skipton at 7.00 pm