



Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting of Skipton Town Council held at Craven Community Hub on Thursday 15th January 2026 at 7.00pm

Those Present.

Chairman: Councillor W Feather (Mayor)

Councillor K McIntyre, Councillor L Morgan, Councillor S Bentley, Councillor B McDaid, Councillor C Nash, Councillor R Heseltine, Councillor S Morton, Councillor A Heseltine, Councillor V Kettu, Councillor M Pickard, Councillor C Harbron & Councillor P Madeley

Officers: Mrs L Close (Chief Officer)

Mrs J Dean (Deputy Clerk)

2526/095 ITEM 1 – Chairman's Remarks

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

2526/096 ITEM 2 – Reasons for absence

Councillor A Higgins, Councillor D Noland, and Councillor J Woollacott all had prior commitments – reasons accepted.

2526/097 ITEM 3 – Declaration of Interest

None declared.

2526/098 ITEM 4 – Dispensation requests

None requested.

2526/099 ITEM 5 – Representations from the public

2526/0100 ITEM 6 – Minutes

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley, seconded by Councillor B McDaid, and resolved in favour that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th November and 4th December 2025 was a true and accurate record of the meeting.

2526/101 ITEM 7 – Reports and minutes from Committee and Sub-committee meetings

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley, seconded by Councillor V Kettu and resolved in favour of accepting the minutes of the Market and Events Committee meeting on the 1st October 2025.

2526/102 ITEM 8 - Finance reports

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

2526/103 ITEM 9 – Twinning

Members were advised that a group of students from Simbach was visiting Skipton in March, and all Councillors were invited to meet at 2 pm on the 20th March.

Councillor Madeley spoke to advise that the twinning relationship and visits needed to be brought up to modern standards, and wanted ideas to the next full council meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Madeley, seconded by Councillor C Harbron, to form a working group that would invite people from the town to join and discuss twinning. This was resolved in favour.

Councillors Feather, Madeley, Morgan, Nash, McDaid, Morton, and Harbron wished to be in that group.

2526/104 ITEM 10 – Renovation and Maintenance of the Cenotaph

Councillor P Madeley spoke regarding the restoration of the memorial that was needed and the costs associated with this work.

Councillor P Madeley proposed to move forward with this project and underwrite the costs associated with it as well as trying to achieve funding from a public appeal to residents and businesses. This was seconded by Councillor Heseltine.

Councillor S Morton amended this motion to place a maximum spend on the underwriting of the cost to 50k and to ensure there is an amount each year to accumulate for future maintenance work. This was seconded by Councillor L Morgan and the amendment were resolved in favour.

The motion as amended was then resolved in favour.

2526/105 ITEM 11 – North Yorkshire Councillors

Councillor Heseltine gave an update on matters at North Yorkshire Council. including a difficult budget for the year.

2526/106 ITEM 12 – Outside Bodies

There were no written reports received.

2526/107 ITEM 13 – Community Safety working group

Councillor B McDaid gave an update on CCTV for the bus station. The temporary camera had now been removed, and this would be discussed again at the next meeting. Discussions then followed regarding more youth provision needed in town and a refurbishment of the bus station.

2526/108 ITEM 14 – Notification of business for a future agenda

Councillor P Madeley would like business rates placed on the next agenda to discuss and a possible resolution of writing to the appropriate governing body. Council Chamber – The CO to draft a letter to North Yorkshire

With no further business transacted, the meeting was closed at 8.15 pm.

The next meeting of Full Council will be on 19th March 2026