Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Skipton Town Council
Held on Thursday 17th September 2026 at 7.00 pm
At Ingleborough building, Craven College, Gargrave Road, Skipton

Those Present.
Chairman: Councillor W Feather (Mayor)
Councillor K McIntyre, Councillor L Morgan, Councillor B McDaid, Councillor D Noland, Councillor P Madeley, Councillor S Morton & Councillor J Woollacott.
Officers:
Mrs L Close (Chief Officer)
Mrs J Dean (Deputy Clerk)
1 member of the press

2627/083 ITEM 1 – Chairman's remarks
Councillor W Feather opened the meeting and thanked everybody for being in attendance.

2627/084 ITEM 2 – Reasons for absence
Councillors R Heseltine, M Pickard, A Higgins, C Harbron, A Heseltine, V Kettu, S Bentley who all had prior engagements.

2627/085 ITEM 3 – Declaration of Interest
None declared.

2627/086 ITEM 4 – Dispensation requests
None requested.

2627/087 ITEM 5 – Representations from the public
3 Market traders were in attendance and spoke in support of item 14.

2627/088 ITEM 6 – Double Devolution
Claire Wilson, Parish liaison, Devolution and Community Rights Manager, gave a presentation and update on double devolution and transfer arrangements. It was confirmed that the Canal Basin would not be available to be transferred.
Proposed by Councillor P Madeley, seconded by Councillor L Morgan, and resolved in favour of not moving forward with the business case proposal and transfer of the Ginnel Woods.
7 votes in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention

Councillor W Feather moved item 14 to the next item on the agenda.

2627/096 ITEM 14 – Skipton Market Proposal

Councillor P Madeley spoke in favour of the proposal that had been brought to the meeting, from Into Places, for the initial strategic work which would establish a clear direction of travel and provide the evidence needed to attract further external investment for detailed consultation, business planning and market development.

Councillor Nash asked which budget this money would be taken from, and it was confirmed the Market budget.

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley, seconded by Councillor W Feather and resolved in favour to move forward with the proposal and associated cost of £4000.

8 votes in favour, 1 against.

2627/089 ITEM 7 – Minutes of Previous meetings

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley, seconded by Councillor J Woollacott, and resolved in favour that the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th July are a true and accurate record of the meeting.

2627/090 ITEM 8 – Reports and Minutes from Committee and Sub-committee meetings

Proposed by Councillor S Morton, seconded by Councillor K McIntyre, resolved in favour of accepting the minutes of the Management & Staffing Committee meeting held on 2nd July 2026.

Proposed by Councillor L Morgan, seconded by Councillor J Woollacott, and resolved in favour of accepting the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 2nd July 2026.

2627/091 ITEM 9 – Finance reports

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley, seconded by Councillor W Feather, and resolved in favour to approve the schedule of payments, receipts, bank reconciliation, and the budget to date.

2627/092 ITEM 10 – Internal Auditor

Proposed by Councillor K McIntyre, seconded by Councillor L Morgan, and resolved in favour to appoint Mr Scott Thornley as the independent council auditor for the internal audit services 2026 – 2027.

2627/093 ITEM 11 – Town Council Meetings

Proposed by Councillor L Morgan, seconded by Councillor P Madeley, and resolved in favour of the following meeting arrangements.

Full Council, Planning and Policy Committee meetings would be held at Craven College, with the start time of Full Council and Policy being 6.30 pm,

and Planning at 18:00pm. These meetings will be filmed by the College students.
Public Services Committee meetings would be held at Belle Vue Square with the start time being 6.30 pm.
Market and Events Committee meetings would be held in the café of Holy Trinity Church with the start times being 5.30pm.
Management and Staffing Committee and the Finance Committee would be held at the Town Council offices, Otley Street with the start times being 6.00pm and 6.30pm.

The Chief Officer was also asked to respond to North Yorkshire with the thanks for the use of Belle Vue but to ask for a timescale for the reinstatement of the Chamber.

2627/094 ITEM 12 – Office Lease
Proposed by Councillor L Morgan, seconded by Councillor K McIntyre and resolved in favour to confirm the renewal of the office lease.

2627/075 ITEM 13 – Christmas Carol Service
Proposed by Councillor B McDaid, seconded by Councillor L Morgan and resolved in favour of holding a Civic Christmas Carol service at Holy Trinity on 9th December.

2627/096 ITEM 14 – See earlier minute

2627/097 ITEM 15 – Outside Bodies
Councillor C Nash gave a verbal update on a recent Selrap meeting. It was a very positive meeting, and it is expected that a resolution will be put forward at the November meeting for further support.
Councillor S Morton gave an update of the Active Travel Working Group, and Councillor B McDaid advised that the Community Safety group was meeting imminently, and an update would be given at the next meeting. The Community Day will be discussed for the event to be able to grow each year.

2627/098 ITEM 16 – North Yorkshire Councillors
Councillor D Noland gave an update of North Yorkshire Council matters.

2627/099 ITEM 17 – Skipton Gala Charitable Trust
It was confirmed that Councillors Morgan, Madeley and Feather would be happy to sit on the trust. Invitations would be reissued to members and stakeholders in the town.

2627/100 ITEM 18 – Community Safety
The next meeting is 6th October, and an update would be given after that meeting.

2627/101 ITEM 19 – School parking
This item was requested by Councillor M Pickard; in his absence, the Chief Officer would deal with the issue raised and send it through to Harrogate parking on his behalf.

2627/102 ITEM 20 – Insurance
Proposed by Councillor L Morgan, seconded by Councillor S Morton and resolved in favour to move forward with the insurance quotation provided.

2627/103 ITEM 21 – Support of Community Asset Transfer
Proposed by Councillor P Madeley, seconded by Councillor D Noland and resolved in favour to support the potential application by Share Skipton for the Community Asset Transfer of 46 – 48 Newmarket Street.

2627/104 ITEM 22 – Notification of business for a future agenda
None raised at the time.
Councillor W Feather would like an action plan of support for local farming.

With no further business transacted, the meeting was closed at 20.39 pm.