

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council
held on Monday, 19 July 2021 at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall**

Present: Cllrs D Jackson (Chairman), D Adamson, W Gibson-Brown, C Hesmondhalgh, F Potter, A Trueman, S Ward

In Attendance: County/District Cllr G Dadd, District Cllr D Elders

Apologies: Cllrs D Duffey, L Hunter-Bell, K. Mountford

C1233 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

C1234 Police Report

A Police Community Support Officer attended the meeting and presented the police report and crime figures for June 2021.

Cllr Dadd noted an ongoing problem with vehicles parking on the pavement in Millgate, adjacent to Milano's, causing pedestrians to walk on the roadway.

C1235 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

Cllr Dadd reported on the problems that had occurred in Finkle Street on Saturday morning as a result of a water main bursting which had caused severe disruption and damage to the highway.

Cllr Dadd advised on the NYCC budget and the recurring budget deficit together with the government grant monies which had been put back down.

He noted that a decision on Local Government re-organisation was due this week.

(b) HDC

Cllr Elders reported that HDC had appointed Genecon and Gillespies as consultants for investment plans for market towns.

He advised that the leisure centre was due to open by October 2021 with 24 hour gymnasium access.

C1236 Open Forum

No members of the public attended the meeting.

C1237 Minutes

C1237(a) Town Council Meeting held on 21 June 2021

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 21 June 2021 be approved as a correct record.

C1237(b) Matters Arising

No matters arising

C1238 Committee Minutes and Reports

C1238(a) Planning Committee – Minutes of Meeting held on 21 June 2021

The meeting received the Minutes of a Meeting held on 21 June 2021.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C1239 Burial Board

There were no applications for memorials to be approved.

C1240 Correspondence/Items Raised

C1240(a) The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons

The meeting received an email dated 21 June 2021 from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations concerning celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend in June 2022. Members felt that a beacon should be purchased and sited in an appropriate location.

Resolved: that a Platinum Jubilee Beacon be purchased, and an appropriate location for siting be examined.

C1240(b) National Association of Local Councils - Chief Executive's Bulletin

The meeting received a newsletter dated 9 July 2021 from the National Association of Local Councils which contained useful information on a number of topics.

Resolved: that the newsletter be noted.

C1241 Town Councillor Vacancy

Members considered five applications which had been received in respect of the Town Councillor vacancy and a paper vote took place. Following counting of the votes, it was:

Resolved: that Ben Smith be co-opted on to Thirsk Town Council.

C1242 Thirsk Improvement/Vibrant Market Town Group

Cllr Jackson advised that a meeting had been held on the 15 July and the minutes would be circulated in due course.

HDC had agreed to purchase a market stall for use in market towns by people who wanted to try out market trading.

HDC were going to run cycle workshops in Market Towns.

C1243 Covid-19

The Clerk advised that there was nothing new to report.

C1244 Accounts for Payment

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 19 July 2021 be approved and cheques signed.

C1245 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Gibson Brown advised that she had offered to re-paint the blue plaques.

She also noted that a tree was again growing from the top of the Market Place clock.

Cllr Trueman questioned whether the metal arch in Bakers Alley could be cleaned and re-painted. It was noted that this would not be an easy task and that the footway would need to be formally closed.

It was noted that there had been some more antisocial behaviour issues in Johnson Close play area.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.