

Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 15 October 2018 at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall

Present: Cllrs: H Dalglish-Brown (Chairman), D Adamson, D Duffey, J Fisher, W Gibson-Brown, C Hesmondhalgh, D Jackson, A Trueman, S Ward

Apologies: Cllr: J Bell (Alternative commitment)

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

C886 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Ward declared an interest in item number 9(i), Thirsk Community Library, and took no part in the discussion.

C887 Police Report

There was no police representative in attendance.

C888 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

Cllr Dadd reported that he had arranged for a meeting to be held with a senior official of Yorkshire Water at the Town Hall on Tuesday, 6 November 2018 to raise concerns about the ongoing problems with the water supply in Thirsk. He advised that representatives from Thirsk Town Council and Sowerby Parish Council would be invited and urged as many Town Councillors as possible to attend the meeting. Cllr Dadd indicated that North Yorkshire County Council was aware of draining issues on Millgate and that quotations were being obtained for the work to be undertaken.

(b) HDC

Cllr Dave Elders attended the meeting and introduced himself as the new District Councillor elected to serve on HDC's Thirsk ward.

Cllr Dadd reported that the sale of the former Lambert Memorial Hospital had moved one step closer and that NHS Property Services had formally accepted HDC's offer to purchase the property.

C889 Open Forum

Resolved: that standing orders be suspended.

Mrs Freda Roberts attended the meeting, firstly, as she wanted to meet the newly elected District Councillor, and secondly, to express concern in respect of a number of market stalls which she felt were being set up too close to the pavement and thereby created a trip hazard for pedestrians. She asked if the District Councillors could assist in requiring stall holders to keep their stalls a safe distance from the pavement.

Resolved: that standing orders be reinstated.

C890 Minutes

C890(a) Town Council Meeting held on 17 September 2018

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 17 September 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C890(b) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

C891 Committee Minutes and Reports

C891(a) Planning Committee – 13 September 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 13 September 2018.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C891(b) Open Areas & Greens Committee – 24 September 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Open Areas & Greens Committee meeting held on 24 September 2018.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C892 Burial Board

Resolved: that the applications for memorials for Jacqueline Butterworth, Robert Hall and Robert White be approved.

C893 Correspondence/Items Raised

C893(a) Friarage Hospital, Northallerton – Stakeholder Update

The meeting received an email dated 17 September 2018 from South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust which gave an update on plans for delivering sustainable services at the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C893(b) Street Collection Permit

The meeting received an email dated 18 September 2018 from Hambleton District Council which confirmed that a street collection permit had been issued for Thirsk Rotary Club for 1 December 2018.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C893(c) National Campaign to Improve Dementia Diagnosis Rates

The meeting received a media release dated 19 September 2018 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group advising of its support for the Alzheimer's Society's "Right to Know Campaign" which was calling for improved dementia diagnosis rates.

Resolved: that the media release be noted.

C893(d) Great North Air Ambulance

The meeting received a letter dated 19 September 2018 from Great North Air Ambulance requesting that the Town Council consider making a donation to support its operations.

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C893(e) Proposed No Waiting At Any Time Restriction – Cemetery Road, Thirsk

The meeting received a letter dated 21 September 2018 from North Yorkshire County Council concerning the proposed introduction of a "No Waiting At Any Time Restriction" and decreasing the area of disc parking at Cemetery Road, Thirsk.

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C893(f) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations – Hambleton Branch Meeting

The meeting received a letter dated 24 September 2018 from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations advising that the next meeting of the Hambleton Branch of the YLCA was to be held on Wednesday, 17 October 2018 at Northallerton Town Hall. Cllr Trueman indicated that he would be unable to attend the meeting.

Resolved: that any Members who wished to attend YLCA's Hambleton Branch Meeting on 17 October 2018 should inform the Clerk.

C893(g) Temporary Road Closure (Remembrance Sunday) – Public Notice

The meeting received an email dated 24 September 2018 from Hambleton District Council concerning temporary road closures to allow the Remembrance Sunday Parade to take place.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C893(h) Magna Carta Tree

The meeting received an email dated 26 September 2018 from Mr D Tucker concerning the possible supply of a sapling taken from an oak tree said to be 800 years old which had been offered to the Town Council as part of a programme of events to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta. Cllr Adamson suggested that the Town Council contact Mr M l'Anson of Thirsk Community Woodlands Group for advice concerning looking after a sapling.

Resolved: that the Town Council contact Mr l'Anson to seek advice regarding looking after a sapling oak tree.

C893(i) Thirsk Community Library – Room Hire

The meeting received a letter from the Chairman of Thirsk Community Library Management Group which confirmed that the library did not hire out rooms free of charge and that all organisations which used their facilities were charged agreed rates which were set by North Yorkshire County Council.

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C893(j) Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Principles

The meeting received an email dated 5 October 2018 from Hambleton District Council which advised of a requirement to review its Statement of Principles every three years in order to comply with the provisions of the Gambling Act 2005.

Resolved: that if Town Councillors wished to make any observations, these should be submitted no later than 14 November 2018.

C893(k) North Yorkshire Local Access Forum

The meeting received an email dated 9 October 2018 from North Yorkshire County Council indicating that the County Council was looking to recruit volunteers to become members of the North Yorkshire Local Access Forum.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C894 Town Councillor Vacancy

Members noted that four applications had been received in respect of the Town Councillor vacancy and a paper vote took place.

Resolved: that Mr Richard Gladstone be co-opted on to Thirsk Town Council.

C895 Finance

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 15 October 2018 be approved and cheques signed.

C896 Reports from Members/Representatives

In response to a question by Cllr Trueman concerning the allocation of monies received from Shine Television, the meeting was advised that grants had been made to Thirsk School & Sixth Form College towards the proposed Inclusion Unit and Thirsk Community Primary School towards the purchase of IT reading software. Approaches had been received from The Clock for monies to cover the cost of a new oven and fridge freezer for the refurbished café area, Thirsk Museum for a display cabinet, a singing group called Songwires to encourage children to sing.

Further discussion took place concerning other bids, including funding the publication of a leaflet aimed at promoting local businesses. However, Members noted that there were already several promotional leaflets available at Thirsk Tourist Information and felt that it would be more appropriate to allocate some funding to update the Christmas lights on the town clock. Cllr Dalgleish-Brown requested that a quotation for new lights be obtained.

Resolved: that the donations to Thirsk School & Sixth Form College of £2,000, Thirsk Community Primary School of £1,000, The Clock of £1,100, Thirsk Museum of up to £1,000 and Songwires of £300 be confirmed.

Cllr Hesmondhalgh reported that a funding application she had recently submitted which would have provided free sporting activities for children during the school holidays had not been shortlisted.

Cllr Trueman raised the issue of pigeons in the Market Place and Members noted that spikes which were designed to deter the pigeons had been fitted to the Lloyds Bank building and also to the former NatWest Bank premises in Bakers Alley.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown announced that the next Thirsk & Sowerby Festival would be held on Sunday, 4 August 2019.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown advised that she had made a further visit to Thirsk School & Sixth Form College and had been very impressed with the progress made in creating the new inclusion unit.

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown indicated that she had recently attended an Open Day at the Masonic Lodge in Thirsk and she had also attended a business networking event hosted by Thirsk & District Business Association at the new suite at Thirsk Racecourse.

C897 On-Going Items

Nothing reported.

The meeting closed at 7.51 pm.