

Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 19 November 2018 at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall

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

Apologies: None

In attendance: District Cllr: D Elders

Cllr Dalgleish-Brown welcomed Cllr Gladstone to his first Town Council meeting. The Clerk then read out an email received from Cllr J Bell advising that he wished to resign from the Town Council due to other commitments.

C898 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

C899 Police Report

There was no police representative in attendance.

C900 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk

(a) NYCC

No matters were reported.

(b) HDC

Cllr Elders reported that planning permission had been approved for a development of 40 affordable dwellings on land at the end of St Mary's Close, Thirsk. Cllr Adamson noted that there was a proposal to construct a bridge to link the new development with the Millennium Green and he suggested that the Town Council take no responsibility if this was to go ahead.

In response to a query from Cllr Adamson, Cllr Elders advised that realignment of the parking bays in the Market Place was scheduled to go ahead, although the timescale for the work had not been confirmed.

C901 Open Forum

No members of the public were in attendance.

C902 Minutes

C902(a) Town Council Meeting held on 15 October 2018

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 15 October 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to Minute No C896 being amended as the donation to Songwires was for £300, not £200.

C902(b) Matters Arising

C889 Open Forum

Following a concern raised by Mrs F Roberts, Cllr Elders indicated that he had contacted the market superintendent and that they had spoken directly to stall holders to request that stalls and A boards did not encroach onto the pavement.

C893(h) Magna Carta Tree

The Clerk reported that it had not been possible to identify anyone who was able to give the necessary assurance with regard to caring for an oak sapling and he had, therefore, advised Mr Tucker that the Town Council would not pursue the matter, particularly bearing in mind the limited number of saplings which were available.

C896 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Trueman reported that new Christmas lights had been purchased and fixed to the town clock ready for the switch-on event on Friday, 23 November 2018. Cllr Hesmondhalgh commented that the Christmas tree looked very good. The Clerk advised that it had taken the individuals concerned a considerable amount of time to locate, transport and erect the tree and it was agreed that they should be adequately rewarded for their efforts.

C903 Committee Minutes and Reports

C903(a) Personnel & Office Committee – 11 October 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Personnel & Office Committee meeting held on 11 October 2018. The Clerk considered that the move to the premises above the Community Care Association would need to be postponed until the New Year due to other commitments.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C903(b) Planning Committee – 15 October 2018

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 15 October 2018.

Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.

C904 Burial Board

Cllr Adamson indicated that a meeting of the Burial Board would take place in December to consider the budget for 2019/2020. In respect of the application for kerb sets for the grave of Tom and Violet Cunningham, the Clerk advised that a letter would be sent containing a disclaimer and requesting that the grave be maintained in perpetuity. The Clerk indicated that he and Cllr Gladstone had had a discussion regarding committee choices for Cllr Gladstone and it had been agreed that he would become a member of the Burial Board, the Central Areas Committee and the Open Areas & Greens Committee.

Resolved:

- (i) that applications for memorials for Ronald Anthony Armstrong and Tom & Violet Cunningham be approved;**
- (ii) that Cllr Gladstone be a member of the Burial Board, Central Areas Committee and Open Areas & Greens Committee.**

C905 Correspondence/Items Raised

C905(a) Thirsk Advice Surgery – Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

The meeting received an email dated 1 November 2018 from the Police & Crime Commissioner, North Yorkshire concerning a surgery to be held on Wednesday, 5 December 2018 at The Courthouse, Thirsk to enable residents to discuss crime related issues/interactions with the Neighbourhood Policing Team. The Clerk advised that he had already booked an appointment at 5.45pm which Cllr Duffey intended to attend to raise various matters and issues.

Members noted that there did not appear to be much publicity about the surgery and it was agreed to place notices in the noticeboards and library.

Resolved: that the email and report be noted.

C905(b) Hambleton Branch Meeting – Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

The meeting received an email dated 18 October 2018 from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations concerning the latest YLCA Hambleton branch meeting and

advising that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 20 February 2019 at The Galtres Centre, Easingwold.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C905(c) Shine TV – Thirsk Community Primary School

The meeting received an email dated 22 October 2018 from Thirsk Community Primary School thanking the Town Council for the donation from the Shine TV community monies which was to be used to purchase IT reading software.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C905(d) Community Infrastructure Levy

The meeting received a letter dated 26 October 2018 from Hambleton District Council advising that the Town Council would shortly be receiving a further payment of Community Infrastructure Levy monies in the sum of £633.60.

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C905(e) New Website to Support Children and Young People’s Mental Health

The meeting received a media release dated 5 November 2018 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group concerning the launch of a new website to support children and young people from North Yorkshire with their mental health and wellbeing.

Resolved: that the media release be noted.

C905(f) Shine TV – The Clock

The meeting received a letter dated 6 November 2018 from The Clock thanking the Town Council for the donation from the Shine TV community monies which was to be used to purchase new kitchen equipment for the newly refurbished cafe area.

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C905(g) Shine TV - Thirsk School & Sixth Form College

The meeting received a letter dated 6 November 2018 from Thirsk School & Sixth Form College thanking the Town Council for the donation from the Shine TV community monies which was to be used for the new inclusion unit. The Clerk noted that the letter included an invitation for Town Councillors to have a tour around the unit. Cllr Duffey suggested that the Town Council post an item on the Facebook page to let the public know how the Shine TV community monies were being spent.

Resolved: that the letter be noted.

C905(h) Local GP Practices take over “Park Run”

The meeting received a media release dated 6 November 2018 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group advising that the Lambert Medical Centre in Thirsk and the Mowbray House Surgery in Northallerton had taken over the park run event.

Resolved: that the media release be noted.

C905(i) Transforming Mental Health Services in Hambleton and Richmondshire

The meeting received an update dated 8 November 2018 from Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group concerning the future provision of mental health services in Hambleton and Richmondshire.

Resolved: that the update be noted.

C905(j) New Premises Licence – Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall

The meeting received an email dated 8 November 2018 from Hambleton District Council which attached a new premises licence for Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall. Cllr Gibson-Brown explained that the Town Hall Management Committee had decided to submit the licensing application as the current licence only covered a limited number of events per year.

Resolved: that if Members wished to submit observations they should do so no later than 6 December 2018.

C905(k) North Yorkshire County Council – Locality Budget

The meeting received an email dated 11 November 2018 from Cllr G Dadd advising that he wished to deploy a proportion of funds from his Locality Budget to assist with weeding in a number of locations, particularly at the entrances and in the centre of Thirsk.

Resolved: that the Town Council welcome Cllr Dadd’s offer of funding to assist with weeding in various locations around Thirsk.

C905(l) Planned Road Closure Notification – Kirkgate, Thirsk

The meeting received an email dated 13 November 2018 from North Yorkshire County Council advising of the planned closure of Kirkgate, Thirsk for a period of three days between 21 and 23 November 2018.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C906 Finance

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 19 November 2018 be approved and cheques signed.

C907 Shine TV – Allocation of Funds

Cllr Gibson-Brown advised that she had attended a recent meeting of the Town Hall Management Committee where consideration had been given to submitting an application for funding in respect of the Shine TV community monies. Cllr Dalglish-Brown noted that a number of submissions had already been approved but that there was still some money to be allocated. The Clerk advised that all applications should be made formally in writing and agreed by the Town Council. The meeting was advised that an email had been received from Thirsk Museum requesting funding for a new display cabinet.

Resolved: that a donation to Thirsk Museum of £562.80 be approved.

C908 Event Funding

Cllr Duffey advised that Thirsk and Sowerby Festival’s organising committee had taken new people on board and that a date for the 2019 festival had been agreed. He went on to explain about the difficulties faced by organisations who wished to hold an event but where there is no funding in place and he proposed that a committee be set up to cover such events and to have an amount of funding available. He suggested that the fund be set up with £2,500, being the amount saved by the Town Council following the announcement that public toilets would be exempt from business rates as from 1 April 2018.

Resolved: that Members support Cllr Duffey’s proposal to set up an event funding committee which would cover/oversee event funding.

C909 Precept

The Clerk indicated that a date needed to be arranged to hold an Extraordinary Town Council meeting in January 2019 to consider and approve the precept for 2019/2020.

Resolved: that a date for an Extraordinary Town Council meeting be agreed at December’s Town Council meeting.

C910 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Adamson reminded Members that The Clock's annual celebration/annual general meeting was to be held on Wednesday, 21 November 2018. He advised that The Clock had opened a refurbished furniture outlet in the former Woollons & Harwood premises in the Market Place.

Cllr Hesmondhalgh reported that the number of people attending the afternoon tea events at East Thirsk Community Hall had doubled since the scheme first started and that Hambleton Grange had expressed an interest in becoming involved with the event. She also advised that East Thirsk Community Hall would be hosting a Christmas meal on Saturday, 8 December 2018 for older residents in the community. In response to a query from Cllr Trueman regarding the Town Council's mobile CCTV camera, Cllr Gibson-Brown understood that some youths appeared to have moved to a different location adjacent to Riverside Mews and that some had moved to a position near to the public toilets.

Cllr Jackson reported that he had attended a meeting with representatives from Yorkshire Water on Tuesday, 6 November 2018 and that Yorkshire Water had indicated that they prioritise repairs which enable water services to be re-established and that reopening a road was not considered a priority.

Cllr Jackson indicated that he had attended a meeting of the Safer Hambleton Hub at Hambleton District Council and had also visited the CCTV control room.

Cllr Gibson-Brown advised that she had been contacted by a lady who had got her wheelchair stuck in a crack on the pavement in the Market Place. The matter had been reported to North Yorkshire County Council who had been to inspect the area. Cllr Gibson-Brown advised that she wanted to thank Cllr G Dadd who had offered some money from his community fund to enable some works to trees on Riverside Mews to be carried out.

Cllr Gibson-Brown indicated that she had been present in the Market Place on Remembrance Sunday and noted that there had been nothing to signal the observation of two minutes' silence. Cllr Dalglish-Brown advised that two minutes' silence had been observed at Sowerby War Memorial and also later at St Mary's Church. It was noted that because the 11th November fell on a Sunday this year that there had been no separate commemoration as there normally is in the Market Place.

Cllr Dalglish-Brown reported that she had attended an exclusive screening of an episode of The Heist, the new Shine TV series, at the Ritz Cinema on Sunday, 4 November 2018.

Cllr Dalglish-Brown announced that arrangements were in hand for a Mayor's Ball to be held on 23 March 2019. She advised that the event would be held in the new suite at Thirsk Racecourse and that profits would be donated to Herriot Hospice Care and the new inclusion unit at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College.

C911 On-Going Items

Nothing reported.

The meeting closed at 8.13 pm.