

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 17 December 2018 at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr D Duffey (Alternative commitment)

**In attendance:** District Cllr D Elders

### **C912 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Hesmondhalgh declared an interest in respect of Item 9(g) concerning Thirsk Community Care Association. Cllrs Gibson-Brown and Jackson both declared an interest in respect of Item 9(f) concerning Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall.

### **C913 Police Report**

Before the arrival of a police community support officer, the Clerk advised that he had sent an email to Thirsk Police concerning police attendance at Town Council meetings. The sergeant had apologised for the lack of police representation and had requested that they be sent an agenda prior to each meeting. The PCSO gave members an overview of criminal activity in Thirsk over the past 11 months as well a breakdown of incidents between 1 and 30 November 2018. Cllr Jackson raised the matter of the Shopwatch radio link and hoped that the scheme would be given appropriate attention to ensure its success.

**Resolved: that an agenda be emailed to the police prior to Town Council meetings.**

### **C914 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk**

#### **(a) NYCC**

No matters were reported.

#### **(b) HDC**

Cllr Elders reported that detailed plans had been submitted to develop The Treadmills on the site of the former prison in Northallerton.

Cllr Elders advised that HDC had “wrapped” one of the empty shops in Thirsk Market in vinyl in order to enhance its appearance and to promote local businesses.

Cllr Elders reported that there was a significant problem with the road adjacent to St Mary’s Church which had suffered a substantial amount of flooding. It was understood that the problem would require substantial investigation and works by engineers.

### **C915 Open Forum**

#### **Resolved: That standing orders be suspended**

Peter Rush from Thirsk Tourist Information attended the meeting and advised that the latest tourist information booklet was almost out of print. He indicated that over the past two years Thirsk Tourist Information had distributed over 20,000 copies and that printing and distribution had cost £1,400 over the past three years. The Clerk noted that a formal request for a financial contribution was on the agenda under correspondence.

**Resolved: that standing orders be reinstated.**

## **C916 Minutes**

### **C916(a) Town Council Meeting held on 19 November 2018.**

**Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 19 November 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

### **C916(b) Matters Arising**

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

Cllr Gibson-Brown advised that she had attended the surgery and that Ms Mulligan had stated that she was concerned about the opening hours of Thirsk Police Station. Overall Cllr Gibson-Brown had felt it was a positive meeting.

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

Cllr Gibson-Brown informed Members that a premises licence had been granted for the Town Hall.

## **C917 Committee Minutes and Reports**

### **C917(a) Planning Committee – 19 November 2018**

The meeting received the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 19 November 2018.

**Resolved: that the Minutes be received and noted.**

## **C918 Burial Board**

Cllr Adamson reported that a meeting of the Burial Board had taken place and had welcomed two new members, Cllrs Dalgleish-Brown and Gladstone. He advised that the Burial Board had agreed that cemetery fees be increased by five per cent overall.

**Resolved: that the application for memorial for Keith Butcher be approved.**

## **C919 Correspondence/Items Raised**

### **C919(a) Shine TV Finance – Thirsk Community Primary School**

The meeting received a letter dated 20 November 2018 from Thirsk Community Primary School thanking the Town Council for the donation of £1,000.

**Resolved: that the letter be noted.**

### **C919(b) Single Accountable Officer appointed for three North Yorkshire CCGs**

The meeting received a briefing dated 22 November 2018 from three North Yorkshire NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups regarding the appointment of a single accountable officer.

**Resolved: that the briefing be noted.**

### **C919(c) North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority - Change in Governance**

The meeting received an email dated 23 November 2018 from the office of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner concerning the transfer of responsibility for governance and oversight of North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service to the elected North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.

**Resolved: that the email be noted.**

### **C919(d) Shine TV Finance – Thirsk Tourist Information**

The meeting received a letter dated 24 November 2018 from Thirsk Tourist Information requesting that the Town Council consider making a contribution towards the costs of printing and distributing the Thirsk Guide tourist information leaflets. Cllr Gladstone stated that he had been requesting a map for independent traders and suggested that this could be merged with the Tourist Information leaflets. Cllrs Adamson and Jackson felt that Town Council monies should be used rather than the Shine TV money as the Tourist Information leaflet was ongoing. Cllr Hesmondhalgh suggested that £400 be allocated from contingency funds.

**Resolved: that a contribution of £400 from the contingency fund be made to Thirsk Tourist Information.**

**C919(e) Remembrance Sunday Wreaths 2018**

The meeting received a letter dated 24 November 2018 from The Royal British Legion Thirsk and District Branch thanking the Town Council for its contribution towards the costs of the Remembrance Sunday commemorations.

**Resolved: that the letter be noted.**

**C919(f) Shine TV Finance – Thirsk Town Hall Committee**

The meeting received an email dated 26 November 2018 from Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Committee requesting that the Town Council consider making a donation towards the purchase of new tables and chairs. Additional information was circulated and following further discussion it was agreed that £1,000 be allocated to the Town Hall.

**Resolved: that the Town Council approve a donation of £1,000 from the shine TV monies to Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall for the purchase of new tables and chairs.**

**C919(g) Shine TV Finance – Thirsk Community Care**

The meeting received an email dated 4 December 2018 from Thirsk Community Care requesting that the Town Council consider making a donation of £1,000 towards a project to support vulnerable women living in the Hambleton area. Councillors noted that there was no guarantee that the funding, if given, would be used purely to benefit women from Thirsk in view of the project covering the whole Hambleton area. It was noted that the money may also be used towards ongoing running costs.

**Resolved: that Thirsk Community Care's request for a donation for the project be refused.**

**C919(h) Planned Road Closure Notification – Masonic Way Thirsk**

The meeting received an email dated 10 December 2018 from North Yorkshire County Council informing of the close of Masonic Way, Thirsk for one day on 28 January 2019.

**Resolved: that the email be noted.**

**C919(i) New Premises Licence Application – Black Lion, Market Place**

The meeting received an email dated 13 December 2018 from the Licensing Team at Hambleton District Council concerning amendments to the premises licence for the Black Lion, Market Place, Thirsk. Members noted that the Black Lion had announced it was opening on Thursday, 20 December 2018.

**Resolved: that the email be noted.**

**C920 Extraordinary Town Council Meeting – January 2019**

**Resolved: that an Extraordinary Town Council Meeting to agree the precept be held on Thursday, 10 January 2019 at 7.00 pm at the Town Hall.**

**C921 Finance**

**Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 17 December 2018 be approved and cheques signed.**

**C922 Reports from Members/Representatives**

Cllr Adamson stated that with regard to the Millennium Green and the proposed development of land off St Mary's Close that the committee would withdraw objection to the bridge with the conditions that the Trustees would not accept ownership,

maintenance and liability, that the title stays with the developer and that there will be no play areas to take responsibility for maintenance.

Cllr Gladstone thanked Cllr Dalglish-Brown for selecting the winner of a video urging shoppers to purchase from independent traders in Thirsk. This had over 14,000 "views" on Facebook.

Cllr Hesmondhalgh reported that a Christmas meal with wine and sherry had taken place in the East Thirsk Community Hall for 70 older residents of the area.

Cllr Dalglish-Brown reported that the competition for the Best Dressed Window in Thirsk had been won by Kristinas. Cllr Dalglish-Brown advised that she had attended a meeting of the Trustees of Thirsk & Sowerby Swimming Baths and noted that there was a problem with the operation of the car park which needed to be addressed. She reported that the Christmas Lights Switch On weekend had once again been very successful. Cllr Dalglish-Brown reported that she had prepared a number of certificates which were to be distributed to various voluntary organisations in Thirsk in recognition of their efforts and achievements.

### **C923 On-Going Items**

Nothing reported.

**The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.**