

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council  
held on Monday, 17 February 2025 at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs: A Trueman (Chairman), S Holme, K Mountford, F Potter, A Robinson, B Smith, D Southward

**Apologies:** Cllrs: D Duffey (Holiday), D Jackson (Holiday) A Naughton (Illness), S Ward (Holiday), County Cllr G Dadd (Illness)

**C1607 Presentation of Citizen of the Year Awards 2025**

Citizen of the Year awards for 2025 were presented to John & Maureen Worley and John & Andrea Potter on behalf of both Sowerby Parish Council and Thirsk Town Council. Sowerby Parish Council Chairman Cllr Mark Robson and Thirsk Mayor, Cllr Andrew Trueman, presented the awards jointly in recognition of many years of voluntary service to Thirsk Royal British Legion Band and to the Ritz Cinema respectively. Mr Potter thanked both Councils for the award. He indicated that a team of approximately 70 to 80 volunteers enabled the Ritz Cinema to continue operating, adding that the cinema was now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year of being run entirely by volunteers. Mrs Worley also thanked both Councils for the awards, stating that she felt privileged to have worked with so many people and that the band would be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2025.

**C1608 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**C1609 Police Report**

There was no police representative in attendance.

**C1610 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk  
North Yorkshire Council**

Nothing reported.

**C1611 Open Forum**

No matters were raised by members of the public.

**C1612 Minutes**

**C1612(a) Town Council Meeting held on 20 January 2025**

**Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 20 January 2025 be approved as a correct record.

**C1612(b) Matters arising**

Nothing raised.

**C1613 Committee Minutes and Reports**

**C1613(a) Planning Committee – Minutes of Meeting held on 20 January 2025**

The meeting received the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 January 2025.

**Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 January 2025 be received and noted.

**C1613(b) Extraordinary Town Council Meeting – Minutes of Meeting held on 3 February 2025**

The meeting received the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 February 2025.

**Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 February 2025 be received and noted.**

**C1614 Burial Board**

**Resolved: that the applications for memorial for Fred Alderson, Ruth Baldwin, June Kirkland and Cora Moat be approved.**

**C1615 Cod Beck Project**

Mr David Tonge referred to an email dated 15 January 2025 which he had sent to the Town Council concerning an outline proposal for a Cod Beck Project which had been put together by residents of Thirsk and Sowerby in collaboration with the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust and the Environment Agency. At this stage he hoped to gain the support of Parish/Town Councils and to apply for funding through the Heritage Lottery Fund. He stated that the intention was to hold a public consultation event within the next few weeks and he hoped that the Town Council would be represented at this event and would support the proposal. He added that Sowerby Parish Council had already agreed to support the proposal in principle.

Mr Tonge went on to advise that Thirsk Friends of the Earth was about to launch its fifth annual spring country lane litter pick and he hoped that the Town Council would be involved in completing a section of a route.

**Resolved: that the Town Council supports the Cod Beck Project in principle.**

**C1616 Correspondence/Items Raised**

**C1616(a) Thirsk Museum - Trustees**

The meeting received an email dated 16 January 2025 from Ms Jan Marshall concerning the appointment of a member of the Town Council on the Trustee Board of Thirsk Museum.

**Resolved: that any Member who would like to become a Trustee of Thirsk Museum should contact the office.**

**C1616(b) Proposed Change to 40 mph Speed Limits – A61 Carlton Road, Carlton Miniott and Station Road, Thirsk**

The meeting received an email and attachments dated 4 February 2025 from North Yorkshire Council concerning a proposed Traffic Regulation Order seeking to remove the existing 40 mph speed limits and to introduce a continuous 30 mph speed limit along the A61 Carlton Road and Station Road from Carlton Miniott to Thirsk. It was noted that the Town Council had been in favour of such a proposal since the time of the new houses being built on the former Austin Reed site.

**Resolved: that the Town Council supports the proposed change to the 40 mph speed limits at A61 Carlton Road and Station Road.**

**C1617 Accounts for Payment**

**Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 17 February 2025 be approved and cheques signed.**

**C1618 Reports from Members/Representatives**

Nothing was reported by Members.

The Clerk advised that he had received a letter dated 17 February 2025 from Thirsk in Bloom thanking the Town Council for its recent donation and confirming that they would attend the next meeting to give a short presentation and share thoughts/plans for the year ahead.

**The meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.**

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**Chairman**