

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council of Whitby, duly convened, held in Pannett Art Gallery, Whitby on Tuesday, 6th May 2008 at 6.45p.m.

Present: Councillor S R Smith (Town Mayor) and Councillors Mrs S Boyce, P Budd, T N Carson, Mrs H R Coughlan, Mrs J M Daniels, Dr S M Daniels, J Dickinson, J Freeman, I Havelock, T Jennison, W F Jones, J McEachen and M D Murphy.

Mr E N Birch, Town Clerk, one member of the press and two members of the public.

Apologies: for inability to attend were received from Councillor R W Broadley (Work).

Opening Prayers.

The Mayor opened the meeting by informing members that due to family commitments that Councillor Mrs Dyson has submitted her resignation from the Council. All Councillors were unanimous in thanking Mrs Dyson for her active participation for and on behalf of the Council throughout her time in office and wish Sue and her family every good fortune for the future.

The Mayor welcomed Councillor John Freeman to the Council.

268. MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Boyce, seconded by Councillor Mrs Daniels and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 1st April 2008 having been circulated, be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

269. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Boyce declared an interest in agenda item 13 – Station Car Park (personal, non-prejudicial).

Councillor Carson declared an interest in agenda item 15 – Whitby & District Tourism Association (personal, non-prejudicial).

Councillor Freeman declared interests in items 15 – Whitby & District Tourism Association and item 17 – Upper Church Street Area (personal, non-prejudicial).

Standing Orders were suspended.

270. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr C Forgan (Whitby Against Clamping Group) informed Councillors of the concerns that the Group had regarding the clamping of vehicles in the Station Car Park and the resulting adverse publicity this was generating for Whitby. Mr Forgan asked that the Town Council supports their campaign to stop wheel clamping in this car park and also to write to Robert Goodwill MP giving him the support of this Council when he enters into talks with Northern Rail.

Standing Orders were re-instated.

271. COMMUNICATIONS

a) The Town Mayor reported on the following civic engagements:

4 th April	Mayors Charity Barn Dance - Scarborough
8 th April	Launching of Hawkesgarth Lodge mini bus
9 th April	'Mayors Big Thank You Awards' - Scarborough
10 th April	European Fair – Whitby Community College
15 th April	Whitby Care Force – Falls Awareness launch Town Assembly
19 th April	3 rd Annual 40's Weekend – Review the Troops Whitby Community College Music Evening Boyes Celebrity Concert (Deputy)
25 th April	Licensing of Rev Fr Hugh Norcliff Lawrance – St Hilda's Church Opening of Art Exhibition at Pannett Art Gallery
30 th April	Penny Hedge Scarborough Hospital

b) Letters received by Council:

- (1) Robert Goodwill MP – Park & Ride, Whitby.
- (2) NYCC – Park & Ride, Whitby.
- (3) NYMNPA – Park & Ride, Whitby.
- (4) Scarborough Borough Council – Current Recycling Position.
- (5) Esk Terrace Residents Association – Captain James Cook RN (Charity Trust Ltd – Windsor Terrace Development.
- (6) Scarborough Borough Council – Terrace of 12 Cottages etc, Windsor Terrace, Whitby.
- (7) Whitby DAG News Issue 131 April 2008.
- (8) Minutes of a meeting of the Whitby in Bloom Group held on the 2nd April 2008 – for information only.
- (9) Minutes of a meeting of the Friends of Pannett Park (incl Little Park) held on the 21st April 2008 – for information only.

MOVED by Councillor Jennison, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Boyce and

RESOLVED that the above letters be received.

c) Letters sent by Council:

- Mrs Julie Boddington – Co-option (3rd April 08).
- Mr Geoffrey Carass – Co-Option (3rd April 08).
- Mrs Deacon, Scarborough Borough Council – TIC (2nd April 08).
- Mr West, North Yorkshire County Council – Road Markings (8th April 08).
- Mr West, North Yorkshire County Council (cc Robert Goodwill MP) – Park and Ride (8th April 08).
- Mr Clark, Scarborough Borough Council – Parking Permits (8th April 08).

272. PLANNING COMMITTEE

MOVED by Councillor T Jennison, seconded by Councillor Carson and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 1st and 16th April 2008, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and adopted by the Council.

273. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boyce and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 8th April 2008, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and adopted by the Council subject to the following amendment “Apologies: Insert: Cllr M D Murphy”.

274. DEVELOPMENT GROUP

MOVED by Councillor Jennison, seconded by Councillor Havelock and

RESOLVED that the report of the meeting of the Development Group held on the 8th April 2008, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and adopted by the Council.

275. PANNETT ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

MOVED by Councillor Dr Daniels, seconded by Councillor McEachen and

RESOLVED that the report of the meeting of the Pannett Art Gallery Committee held on the 18th April 2008, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and adopted by the Council.

276. PANNETT ART GALLERY & WHITBY MUSEUM JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Coughlan and

RESOLVED that the report of the meeting of the Pannett Art Gallery & Whitby Museum Joint Management Committee held on the 5th March 2008, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and adopted by the Council.

277. RESTRUCTURING OF COMMITTEES

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Boyce, seconded by Councillor Murphy and

RESOLVED that the structure of Committees be as attached subject to the following amendments:

- a. After Traffic - Delete “to be renamed Transport”.
- b. 4th Tuesday in the month – 6:00pm – Planning followed by an optional informal gathering of Town Councillors at 6:45pm at which members of the public could attend.

278. STATION CAR PARK - CLAMPING

Councillors discussed the situation regarding the poor management at the Station Car Park concerning clamping & removal of vehicles and the damage being caused to the Town’s reputation as a result of the use of the draconian measures relating to retrieval charges.

MOVED by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Jennison and

RESOLVED that the Town Council fully supports the campaign being taken by the Whitby Against Clamping Group and that a letter be sent to Robert Goodwill MP expressing this Town Council’s concerns and urging him to enter into discussions with Northern Rail to resolve the problem.

279. FOOTWAY LIGHTING SPECIAL EXPENDITURE – 2008-2009

MOVED by Councillor Havelock, seconded by Councillor Jones and

RESOLVED that a Footway Lighting submission for 2008-2009 be submitted as follows:

- a. Footway Lighting be installed in the passage at White Horse Yard.
- b. Footway Lighting be installed in the vicinity of the Changing Room building. (Scarborough Borough Council to be requested whether they would match fund with Whitby Town Council for this submission.)

280. VARIOUS ISSUES RAISED BY WHITBY & DISTRICT TOURISM ASSOCIATION

- a. No dedicated telephone numbers for members of the public who wish to make inquiries about tourism matters for Whitby & District.

Action: Town Council to write to Scarborough Borough Council (SBC) requesting that a local Whitby number be made available for the Whitby Tourist Information Centre.

- b. Concern that when the SBC call centre is contacted about accommodation and events in Whitby, negative information is being given out and apparent direct overtures are made to promote Scarborough Town.

Action: Town Council to write to SBC pointing out that staff at the SBC call centre should show no favouritism to any of the 3 Towns (File, Scarborough and Whitby).

- c. Accountability of paintings and regalia which has been presented to Whitby Town Council over the years.

Action: Town Clerk to investigate whether the Curator of Pannett Art Gallery or the Whitby Museum have any paintings or regalia given to them.

- d. Scarborough Town should be reconstituted to its original form with its own Town Council.

Action: Town Council to write to SBC giving its support for Scarborough to be Parished.

- e. Whitby should have its own Town Plan.

Action: This is being progressed.

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Boyce and seconded by Councillor Murphy and

RESOLVED that the above actions be taken and that the Whitby & District Tourism Association be notified.

281. A174 RAITHWAITE – WHITBY TOWN SIGN

North Yorkshire County Council have informed this Council that following the implementation of the Sandsend traffic calming scheme it has been recommended that the reflector posts sited at the scheme gateway on the seaward sign be extended eastwards around the bend towards Whitby. This would result in the Whitby town sign being masked by the reflector posts and it will be necessary to either relocate or raise the height of the Whitby sign.

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Boyce, seconded by Councillor Carson and

RESOLVED that this Town Council recommends that the sign be relocated.

282. UPPER CHURCH STREET AREA, WHITBY – CONSULTATION REGARDING TRAFFIC/ACCESS ISSUES – NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

A Stakeholders Steering Group was formed in November 2007 with the primary aim of identifying practical options to ameliorate the access and traffic problems with the above area. Various measures which the Steering Group considers will improve the access and traffic situation have been identified and these are summarised as follows:

- a. Reduction of vehicle weight limit to 18 tonnes (currently 40 tonnes) outside the access “window”. (Currently 10:30am to 4:00pm 3.5 tonne weight limit.)
- b. Implementation of 3.5 tonne weight limit all day Saturdays and Sundays.
- c. Adjustment of the access restriction time, allowing goods deliveries up to 11:00am (currently 10:30am) however, the 3.5 tonne access restriction would be extended from 4:00pm possibly to 6:00pm or later.
- d. Placement of temporary traffic bollards (similar to Baxtergate) on the carriageway at the Upper Church Street entrance during the 10:30am-4:00pm access restriction (or as amended). These bollards would be spaced to allow access for cars, vans and emergency service vehicles, however they would hopefully serve as a deterrent to drivers of larger goods vehicles seeking access during the restricted period.
- e. Enhanced levels of enforcement, and stricter management of parking permits to reduce the likelihood of parking obstruction and traffic congestion.

MOVED by Councillor Jennison, seconded by Councillor McEachen and

RESOLVED that this Town Council has no objections to the above proposals and that the key issue is **enforcement** of the regulations - when and if these proposals are implemented. The Town Clerk is to inform the County Council accordingly.

283. INDEPENDENT RECONFIGURATION PANEL (IRP) REVIEW OF MATERNITY SERVICES IN SCARBOROUGH & NORTH EAST YORKSHIRE

At the request of the Secretary of State for Health, the IRP is undertaking an independent review which will consider whether the proposed changes to services will ensure the provision of safe, sustainable and accessible maternity services for the people of Scarborough and North East Yorkshire. This referral relates to Scarborough & North East Yorkshire NHS Trusts proposal to close the midwife-led `home-from-home` maternity service units at Whitby, Malton and Bridlington Community Hospitals and develop a separate midwife-led unit on the Scarborough District General Hospital Site.

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Boyce, seconded by Councillor Mrs Daniels and

RESOLVED that the IRP be invited to a Town Council meeting as soon as possible.

284. CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE`S PLAN 2008-2011: CONSULTATION

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Boyce, seconded by Councillor Dr Daniels and

RESOLVED that a letter from North Yorkshire County Council regarding Children & Young People's Plan 2008-2011 be received.

285. COASTAL AREA PARISH FORUM

There will be a meeting of the Coastal Area Parish Forum on Monday 12th May 2008 at 7.30pm to be held at The Ingrid Flute Gallery, Ravenscar, Scarborough. Councillor Jones volunteered to attend this meeting on behalf of the Council.

286. YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS (YLCA)

At a branch meeting of the YLCA held on the 4th February 2008 members who were present asked the Association to seek information from Councils in the Scarborough Branch as to their opinion of holding one of the quarterly meetings on a Saturday morning.

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Boyce, seconded by Councillor Mrs Coughlan and

RESOLVED that meetings should not be held on a Saturday. It was felt that Councillors already have enough meetings to attend during the week without having their weekends encroached upon with yet further meetings.

287. REPORTS OF THE COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS (for information only)

Councillor Havelock reported that the Ports Strategy Document would be discussed at a meeting to be held on Monday 12th May 2008 at Scarborough Borough Council. Councillor Havelock volunteered to attend this meeting on behalf of the Town Council.

Councillor Mrs Boyce and Councillor Jones gave the Council a short brief regarding the Scoping Group meeting with Scarborough Borough Council.

288. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

MOVED by Councillor Jennison, seconded by Councillor Murphy and

RESOLVED that the accounts, totalling £28,695.90 (including vat) be authorised for payment.