

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council of Whitby, duly convened, held in Pannett Art Gallery, Whitby on Tuesday, 7th July 2009 at 6.45 p.m.

Present: Councillor T Jennison (Town Mayor) and Councillors Mrs S Boyce, Mrs D M Calderley, T N Carson, Mrs H R Coughlan, Mrs J M Daniels, Dr S M Daniels, J Dickinson, D Johnson, W F Jones, J McEachen, M D Murphy, Miss V Pitts, R G Sigsworth, Mrs A J Smith, S R Smith and M Ward.

Apologies: for inability to attend was received from J Freeman.

Mrs A Cowey, Deputy Clerk & Civic Officer, one member of the press and one member of the public.

Opening Prayers.

Prior to the start of the meeting Cllr Abbott, Redcar and Cleveland Council gave a presentation and answered questions on the Yorkshire Society and Yorkshire Day. Cllr Abbott presented a Yorkshire Flag to the Town Mayor.

Councillor Johnson was welcomed to the Council.

42. **MINUTES**

MOVED by Councillor Murphy seconded by Councillor Mrs Daniels and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 2nd June 2009 having been circulated, be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor subject to the inclusion of the word “alleged” in minute 26.

43. **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 16th June 2009 having been circulated, be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor subject to the inclusion of the following in minute 41 – ‘Moved by Cllr Dr Daniels and seconded by Cllr Smith and Resolved that a vote be taken.’

44. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

45. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED.

Mr Budd talked about Local Government act 2007 informing the meeting that final submissions were

required by 31st July 2009. Councillor Mrs Boyce informed Mr Budd that the deadline for submission to Scarborough Borough Council or North Yorkshire County Council was May 2009, for their panels to select items for submission to the LGA by the end of July 2009.

STANDING ORDERS RE-INSTATED

46. **COMMUNICATIONS**

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

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| 5 th June | Fylingdales Annual Reception |
| 10 th June | Larpool Lane – Mrs Blakelock 100 th birthday
Town Assembly |
| 17 th June | Town Assembly |
| 21 st June | Blessing of the Boats |
| 22 nd June | Flag Raising Ceremony – Armed Forces |
| 24 th June | Special Council Meeting/Honorary Freeman of the Borough –
Scarborough |
| 25 th June | Presentation of prizes for Flowerbed Competition – Whitby in Bloom |
| 27 th June | Armed Forces Day |
| 30 th June | Town Assembly |
| 1 st July | Launch of Big Lunch |

The Town Mayor informed members that the Borough Mayor was supporting a launch of the Big Lunch throughout the borough with activities taking place in Scarborough, Filey and Whitby on Sunday 19th July 2009 between 12.00 and 2pm. The Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor would appreciate any help on the day either with the provision of food or setting up tables etc.

(Cllr Jones declared an interest in the above item)

b. Letters received by Council:

- (1) Interactive Whitby and District Newsletter.
- (2) Whitby DAG News.
- (3) Open Space summer 2009/Annual report and accounts 2009.
- (4) North Yorkshire and York NHS, decision notice confirming the application by Delivermyprescription Ltd. For inclusion in the Pharmaceutical List at Unit F14, St Hilda's Business Centre.
- (5) Change in Opening Hours, Spring Vale Pharmacy.
- (6) Report of the meeting of the Whitby in Bloom Group held on 3rd June 2009 for information only.

MOVED by Councillor Dr Daniels, seconded by Councillor Smith and

RESOLVED that the Town Mayors engagements and the above letters be received.

47. **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Smith, seconded by Councillor Carson and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 9th and 24th June 2009, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and adopted by the Council.

48. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

MOVED by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boyce and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 16th June 2009, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and adopted by the Council.

49. PANNETT ART GALLERY AND WHITBY MUSEUM JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Dr Daniels and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Pannett Art Gallery and Whitby Museum Joint Management Committee held on the 3rd June 2009 having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and received by the Council.

50. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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

RESOLVED that the report of the meeting of the Human Resources Committee held on the 27th May and 19th June 2009 having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and received by the Council.

51. PRESENTATION

Various suggestions were put forward for ways to celebrate Yorkshire Day in the future such as the planting of a bed of white roses within the park in conjunction with Whitby in Bloom. Concern was expressed regarding risk assessments and public liability. It was suggested that the Grand Turk obtain permission/licences to fire its cannon on August 1st 2009.

MOVED by Councillor Miss Pitts, seconded by Councillor Carson and

RESOLVED that Councillor Abbott be thanked for his interesting presentation and a small celebration be organised for this year with the Deputy Mayor reading the 'declaration of intent' and Mr Collett in attendance dressed as Captain Cook – The Grand Turk and businesses be asked to fly/display the Yorkshire Flag.

52. PARISHES

In accordance with the resolution passed at the Town Assembly held on 10th June 2009 Councillors discussed the possibility of inviting representatives from the northern area parishes to a meeting with Town Council on matters of mutual interest.

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

RESOLVED that the Town Council host a meeting for the benefit of the Northern Area parishes, inviting speakers on topics of mutual interest, such as parish clusters or village halls. The meeting to include Yorkshire Local Councils Association being asked to speak on the 'Power of Well Being'.

53. OUT OF TOWN DEVELOPMENT

An in depth discussion took place regarding out of town developments. Confusion regarding the declaration of interest by shop owners was highlighted and the Deputy Clerk was asked to contact the monitoring officer to obtain further advice on this issue.

Members were made aware that although the turn out for the parish poll was very low, a high proportion of those who did vote indicated that residents of Whitby in general were in favour of a development of this nature.

MOVED by Councillor Carson, seconded by Councillor Mrs Smith and

RESOLVED that the letters received from North York Moors National Park Authority, Scarborough Borough Council and Robert Goodwill MP regarding out of town development be received.

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Boyce, seconded by Councillor Jones and

RESOLVED that evidence be sought regarding the effect of out of town developments on market towns and referred back to the Full Council.

(Cllr Ward did not take part in the discussion or vote on the above item).

54. PARK & RIDE ROUNDABOUT

Concern was expressed that following two years of consultation there was no provision to include new and improved access for pedestrians, pedal cyclists and horse riders at the new Park and Ride round about on the A171.

MOVED by Councillor Carson, seconded by Councillor Jones and

RESOLVED to write to North Yorkshire County Council, Highways Department accordingly to ask that the plans be revised to make provision for new and improved access for pedestrians, pedal cyclists and horse riders at the new roundabout on the A171 as well as a new foot path to four lane ends roundabout.

55. OVER DREDGING OF THE HARBOUR

Councillors Sigsworth and Dickinson spoke about their concerns regarding the over dredging of the harbour and alleged slippage of properties on the harbour side.

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Boyce, seconded by Councillor Ward and

RESOLVED that Councillors Sigsworth and Dickinson form a working party to include the Harbour Master or Deputy Harbour Master and Councillor Tindale to discuss dredging issues within the harbour.

56. COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Members discussed the possibility of holding monthly Councillor Surgeries to reach out to the community.

RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for further discussion.

57. ENDEAVOUR WHARF SHED

The letter received from Scarborough Borough Council regarding the above was discussed by Councillors. Councillor Ward reported that five tenders had been received to cover both options and a report would be going to Cabinet on 22nd September 2009.

MOVED by Councillor Dr Daniels, seconded by Councillor Smith and

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Scarborough Borough Council requesting a summary of the tenders received and that a delegate from Whitby Town Council be on the tender selection panel.

58. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – STEERING GROUPS

An invitation was received from North Yorkshire County Council to appoint representatives to Steering Groups 2 and 3 to look at on-street parking/traffic management measures.

RESOLVED that Councillor Dickinson be appointed as Town Council representative on Steering Group 2 with Councillor Ward as a substitute, and Councillor Smith be appointed as Town Council representative on Steering Group 3 with Councillor Miss Pitts as a substitute.

59. WHITBY GAZETTE

This item was withdrawn.

60. SCARBOROUGH BOROUGH LEISURE STRATEGY 2009-2012

MOVED by Councillor Carson, seconded by Councillor Mrs Smith and

RESOLVED that this strategy be deferred referred to the Development Group for completion and submission to Scarborough Borough Council.

61. SCARBOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL'S NEW COMMUNITY STRATEGY FOR THE BOROUGH OF SCARBOROUGH 2010

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

RESOLVED that the above strategy be referred to the Development Group for completion and submission to Scarborough Borough Council.

62. AREA 3 HIGHWAY WORKS 2009 -2010

Members discussed the information received from North Yorkshire County Council regarding Area 3 Highways works 2009-2010 (Maintenance & Local Schemes) and 2009-2010/11 (Integrated Transport). Concern was expressed regarding the disappointing standard of work carried out on the roads within the town and of the monitoring of the work carried out.

RESOLVED that Councillor McEachen draft a letter to be sent to the Highways Authority.

63. PUBLIC ACCESS

RESOLVED that public access to the Town Council offices be on an appointment basis and reviewed again in 8 weeks. All the approved council minutes for this year be sent to the library for public access.

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

Councillor Ward reported on a review of coach parking - no stalls or vehicles being allowed on Royal Crescent Gardens – the cleaning up of grass on top of the cliff and pollution in Bagdale Beck.

Councillor Jones reported on a Scarborough Borough Council planning meeting held regarding the Engine Shed. It was agreed that this issue be put on the next agenda of the Planning Committee. He also reported on the Esk Valley Rail AGM and their new web site.

65. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Councillor Smith asked that it be recorded his dissatisfaction that the Pannett Art Gallery Accounts had not been separated.

MOVED by Councillor Dr Daniels and Seconded by Councillor Mrs Boyce and

RESOLVED that the accounts for April and May be approved for payment £14291.59 (inc VAT).