

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the **Town Council of Whitby**, held on **Tuesday 23 September 2020** conducted on-line, via Zoom and livestreamed on the Town Council's Facebook page at 6:00pm.

Present Councillor Mrs L Wild (Mayor) and Councillors Mrs H J Brown, Mrs H Coughlan, R Dalrymple, L Derrick, G Jackson, T Jennison, J Nock, Mrs H Sumner, Mrs N Wilson and C Winspear.

Also M King, Clerk, and Mrs A Cowey, Deputy Clerk, with Alex Richards (Scarborough Borough Council) Richard Marr (North Yorkshire County Council) and five members of the public.

NOTICE OF MEETING – Public Notice of the Meeting was given in accordance with Schedule 12, paragraph 10 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

031/20 APOLOGIES

An Apology for inability to attend the Extraordinary meeting was received from Councillor J Harston.

032/20 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST & REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

No declarations of interests or requests for dispensations were received.

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

033/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No public participation

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

034/20 WHITBY TOWN DEAL PROPOSALS

Alex Richards gave a power point presentation (attached) of the proposed projects to form the Town Investment Plan to be submitted by SBC as accountable body on behalf of the Town Deal Board. Richard Marr informed members about the proposed pedestrianisation of Whitby Swing Bridge.

Councillors asked questions regarding:

- **For the extension of the free Wi-Fi to include the Westcliff area and beach due to the large number of people who live/visit these areas. Will the 1GB Wi-Fi proposed be enough in 2035 with the change in technology?** Take on board what is said and will look to make the Wi-Fi stretch as far as it can and to include the proposed arts trail. The Wi-Fi will be programmed in over the next 18 months and will investigate further higher speed provision of Wi-Fi which will give top provision in 2035.
- **The inclusion of the Lobster Hatchery project within the bid.** It would not be taken forward at this point, but there may well be an opportunity to be intertwined within the Maritime project in stage 2 if stage 1 is successful
- **Concerns were raised regarding the pedestrianisation of the Swing Bridge – Traffic issues such as queuing to get on to the A171 from Church Street, and into the town on Bagdale; the need for early signage regarding parking to**

direct cars to the Abbey Headland Car Park with shuttle buses to transfer visitors into town and back to the car park; will Park and Ride be extended and open later? Will the consultation be live for the length of the 4 month consultation? *The trial period for the pedestrianisation will go live from the 1st April for 18 months to see how it will impact on the town. Whitby is not laid out for modern traffic and the issues with the junction on to the A171 has been highlighted and there are plans to price up the signalisation of this junction which may have to be carried out in phase 2 if funding is not available in phase 1. Signing on the outskirts of town is planned to catch people before they come into town informing that the swing bridge is closed. At present, although not settled NYCC are looking to close the swing bridge from 10.30am to 4pm as part of the experimental order. Officers have been asked to investigate advance signage and obtain specifications, but, due to time limits for submission it is highly unlikely that this would not be included in the first stage of the funding.*

Clarification on the Roundabout at Tin Ghant car park – *This is the current proposal but not a definite proposal, but an area is required for traffic turn Around – there has been a physical and table top survey carried out and large vehicles could be turned around in this area – The junction at the bottom of Green Land has been put forward as a turning area and NYCC should know imminently whether this area would be viable. Parking is a key concern for a lot of the schemes put forward – permit parking in Tin Ghant could be carried over to Church Street car Park with the possibility of the proposed WTC resident parking at Calla Beck.*

- **Would the Taxi rank need to be moved?** *The taxi rank could stay where it when the road is open but will need to find somewhere else for them to operate from when the closure is in place – this will need to be looked at and consultation will take place with the local taxi firms.*
- **Will there be more enforcement regarding deliveries on the cobbled area of Church Street?** *NYCC are looking into camera enforcement which will enable cameras to identify who break the enforcement notice and implement the process for enforcement.*
- **Emergency Vehicles struggle to go down Bagdale in busy times – It was suggested that the top end of Flowergate should be opened to allow traffic to move up St Hilda's Terrace. Low-level lighting be installed into the Park and Ride to enable it to remain open later. The need for another Park and Ride facility near Sainburys. Park and Ride tickets should be cheaper to encourage people to use it.**
- **Khyber Pass is not included in the within the red line of the pedestrianisation there will be a lot of opposition to the displaced parking.**
- **Management of the running of the Pavilion to be part of the innovation hub.** *The projects discussed to night are the first part of the town investment plan there is a holistic master plan which will be produced towards the end of October which will include the Pavilion.*

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Councillor Chance to make comment on the proposed pedestrianisation of the Swing Bridge.

Councillor Chance expressed reservations regarding the above but does

support the Town Deal although he has reservations regarding consultation. He would like to know what proportion of responses are from visitors compared to residents, hope that the residents' responses are taken on board. He has grave concerns about:

Church Street and the traffic lights on Mayfield road which are demand lead.

Grid lock on Bagdale which will affect the whole town

This has to be sold to the residents – 400,000 for a pilot scheme for 18months 2 summer seasons a lot more though require before the test stage – not a simple matter to shut the bridge as it will disrupt the lives of residents of this town.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED.

035/20 SCHEDULE OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF COUNCIL AND ITS STANDING COMMITTEES

A schedule of meetings was circulated prior to the start of the meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan, seconded by Councillor G Jackson and

RESOLVED unanimously that the Schedule of Forthcoming meetings of council and its standing committees is received.

036/20 FLOODING AWARENESS –STANDING ITEM

Tides above 5.5 metres – 1st – 7th, 14th – 22nd, 28th – 31st October 2020

MOVED by Cllr Mrs N Wilson, seconded by Cllr G Jackson, and

RESOLVED unanimously that this information is received.



3 November 2020