

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the **Town Council of Whitby** held on **Tuesday 2 November 2020** conducted on-line, via Zoom and livestreamed on the Town Council's Facebook page at 6:00pm.

Present Councillor R Dalrymple (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors R Barnett, Mrs H J Brown, Mrs H R Coughlan, L Derrick, J Harston, G Jackson, T Jennison, Cllr S Lapsley, J Nock, S Smith, and C Winspear.

Also M King, Clerk, and Mrs A Cowey, Deputy Clerk, with Mr M Parsons and Ms H King, (Anglo American) and three 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.

081/20 APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from Councillors Mrs H Sumner, Mrs L Wild (Town Mayor) and Mrs N L Wilson.

082/20 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST & REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

Councillor S Smith declared an interest in agenda item 8 Christmas lights

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

083/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No public participation.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

084/20 EXTERNAL REPORT

a. ANGLO AMERICAN

Mr Parsons reported on the progress and work that has been carried out at the Woodsmith Mine site and on the tunnel since the takeover of this project by Anglo American. At present there are about 450 people on site. The company is advertising widely and hope to take on about 200 more people over the next 6 months for the shaft sinking process. Both shafts are prepared for sinking later this year/early next year. The tunnel is 10 weeks ahead of schedule 10½ km to mine site from Wilton.

Councillors asked questions regarding what the proportion of jobs are for local people and the apprentice scheme.

At the last audit two-thirds of the workforce was from the local area (the local area is classed as within a 1 hour commute) – out of 1,200 people, over 100 were from Whitby and surrounding villages. A new audit is required and will be carried out. Anglo American are ensuring that all job opportunities/vacancies are a made available to the local community and they will be advertised on the mine's website and in the local job centre. For employees with transferable skills training will be available.

Fourteen apprentices were taken on to train as multi skilled engineers, and all are still at the mine. Although it needs confirmation there should be 50 further

engineering apprenticeships which will be advertised, and recruitment will take place in September 2021.

b. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE – No Police Report

Councillors were disappointed that there was no attendance or report from North Yorkshire Police, and the Town Clerk was asked to contact North Yorkshire Police and request a written report for future Council meetings.

c. COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

No County or Borough Council Reports

085/20

MINUTES

a. FULL COUNCIL 7 July 2020

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL 11 August 2020, 23 September 2020 and 29 September 2020

MOVED by Cllr J Nock, seconded by Cllr T Jennison and

RESOLVED unanimously that the Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Full Council held on 7 July 2020 and Extraordinary meetings of the Full Council held on the 11 August 2020, 23 September 2020 and 29 September 2020, are confirmed as an accurate record of the meetings and signed by the Town Mayor.

b. COMMITTEE MINUTES

MOVED by Cllr T Jennison, seconded by Cllr J Nock and

RESOLVED unanimously that the following Committee Minutes are received: -
Town Development and Improvement held on 14 September and 26 October 2020
Joint Management held on 12 October 2020
Planning Committee Held on 13 and 27 October 2020
Finance, Policy and General Purposes held on 20 October 2020

086/20

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

JMC 049/20 Report on Property Matters

MOVED by Councillor S Smith, seconded by Councillor G Jackson and

RESOLVED unanimously that the existing quotation to repair the museum hall floor be accepted and approved

FINANCE

F064/20 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

MOVED by Councillor J Nock, seconded by Councillor G Jackson and

RESOLVED unanimously that the schedule of payments up to 15 October 2020 in the sum of £ 22,849.46 (excluding WHG) and income of £116,494.63 as recommended by the Finance Policy and General Purposes Committee for payment is approved.

MOVED by Cllr T Jennison, seconded by Cllr Mrs H J Brown and

RESOLVED unanimously that the supplemental to the schedule of payments up to 15 October 2020 sum of £100.00 (WHG) as recommended by the Finance Policy and General Purposes Committee for payment is approved.

TOWN DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

TD70/20 Whitby Lobster Hatchery

MOVED by Councillor G Jackson, seconded by Councillor J Nock and

RESOLVED unanimously that Whitby Lobster Hatchery be invited to a future meeting of the Full Council to update members on its ambitious plans

TD022/20 How can Whitby Town Council support the Climate Change Agenda

MOVED by Councillor G Jackson, seconded by Councillor L Derrick

RESOLVED unanimously that WTC declares a 'Climate Emergency' and commit to action to achieve a better environment and to support Scarborough Borough Council with their 'Climate' plan; this would involve: continue to work with local community groups and national organisations (including Scarborough's Sustainability Officer and Energy Manager) Communicate the plan and Council actions to wider community to develop a plan for Whitby through a 'Climate Action Group'; Communicate the plan and Council actions to wider community in Whitby via social media press and in council minutes

FINANCE POLICY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

F063/20 Confirm membership and future meetings of Events Sub-Committee

MOVED by Councillor G Jackson, seconded by Councillor S Smith and

RESOLVED unanimously that Councillors L Derrick and S Lapsley are appointed to represent Whitby Town Council on the Whitby Hospitality Group

087/20

MAYOR'S REPORT

CIVIC ENGAGEMENTS

The Town Mayor attended the opening of the sculpture trail. The Deputy Mayors regalia has been repaired and back in the Town Council Office. Councillors were made aware that due to the present lockdown the Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church has been cancelled.

MOVED by Cllr G Jackson, seconded by Cllr C Winspear and

RESOLVED unanimously that the above information is received.

088/20

CLERK'S REPORT

Draft Visitor Economy Strategy and Destination Plan Consultation

Members discussed the above document and the disappointment that the Town Council had not been formally invited to take part in this consultation.

MOVED by Councillor J Nock, seconded by L Derrick and

RESOLVED unanimously that a collective response is submitted by the Town Clerk highlighting the concern that the document is very Scarborough Centric - the lack of information about various Whitby Events - the need to identify Pannett Art Gallery as visitor destination including Whitby Museum and Pannett Park – there is no mention of the Pavilion - the need for the inclusion of alternative strategies for events post Covid to extent the season.

Christmas Lights – Working with Britain in Bloom

Councillor Smith spoke on behalf of Whitby in Bloom regarding its request for financial support to provide Christmas lights around the railway station which will be lit from the middle of December through to January. Councillor Jackson suggested that Whitby in Bloom could work with the Hospitality Group which aims to 'Dazzle Whitby' by encouraging businesses and hotels to put up Christmas lights on their premises.

MOVED by Councillor G Jackson, seconded by Councillor L Derrick and

RESOLVED that Whitby in Blooms request for £232.00 to provide the Christmas lights and batteries is approved. (one against)

Councillor S Smith declared an interest in the above agenda item and did not vote.

Christmas Closure

The Town Clerk reported that the Office will be officially closed from the 24 December 2020 until 2 January 2021. The Gallery would be closed from 2 November and staff would be working from home due to the present lockdown. Staff that met the criteria for furlough would be furloughed when necessary.

Marine Management Consultation

The above Consultation had been circulated to all members. If Councillors were in agreement a draft response would be submitted for approval at the next meeting of the Full Council

MOVED by Councillor R Barnett, seconded by Councillor L Derrick

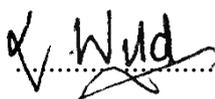
RESOLVED that the Clerk's report is received regarding the Christmas closure and that a draft response is written for approval at next meeting of the Full Council. A request for a formal update from SBC regarding development over the Pavilion and SBC plans to take it back.

089/20 FLOODING AWARENESS –STANDING ITEM

Tides above 5.5 metres – 13 -18 November 2020.

MOVED by Cllr T Jennison, seconded by Councillor G Jackson, and

RESOLVED unanimously that this information is received.



1 December 2020