

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the **Town Council of Whitby**, held on **Tuesday 1st December 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 R Coughlan, R Dalrymple, L Derrick, J Harston, G Jackson, T Jennison, Cllr S Lapsley, J Nock, S Smith, Mrs H Sumner, Mrs N L Wilson, and C Winspear.

Also M King, Clerk, and Mrs A Cowey, Deputy Clerk, with PSCO James Senior (Whitby Police); Matthew Joseph (Scarborough Borough Council); Vicky Austin (Chair Green Lane Community Connections); Adrian Spawforth & Daniel Starkey (Spawforths).

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

119/20 APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from Councillor Mrs H J Brown.

120/20 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST & REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

121/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No public participation.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

122/20 EXTERNAL REPORT

a. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE – PSCO James Senior (Whitby Police)

PSCO Senior went through the Police report circulated to member prior to the meeting. Several breaches of Covid regulation penalty notices have been issued during lock down. When dealing with this issue the Police work on the 4E approach – engage, explain, encourage, enforce.

MOVED by Councillor J Nock, seconded by Councillor J Harston and

RESOLVED that the North Yorkshire Police report is received.

b. WHITBY BOXING CLUB – Matthew Joseph (SBC)

Mr Joseph gave an overview of the above project which is part of the ongoing regeneration of the Helredale area. Funding has been secured from Sport England, SBC and Sirius Mineral Foundation to extend the Eastside Community Centre providing a purpose-built training gym with a separate entrance for Whitby Boxing Club.

The aim of this project which is Community lead, is to revitalise the Community Centre as well as provide enhanced sports options for young people. Whitby Boxing Club at present is oversubscribed and has outgrown its premises on

Church Street. This development will improve training facilities and enable the number of trainees and training sessions to be increased.

Abacus Project Managers have been appointed to oversee the project – plans should be submitted to planning in the new year, and it is hoped the project will be completed by November 2021.

Members raised concerns regarding parking situation, as there are no plans to increase in the number of parking spaces at the Eastside Community Centre to accommodate the increased use of the Centre.

Mr Joseph agreed to take members concern about the limited number of car parking spaces available back to the Steering Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Coughlan, seconded by Councillor L Derrick

RESOLVED unanimously that the above report is received.
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c. WALK WITH HERITAGE PROJECT – Matthew Joseph (SBC)

Mr Joseph reported on the Economic Regeneration Development project disguised as a Public Art Project, which is aimed to redistribute footfall to the quieter areas of town to help the businesses situated in these areas. The sculpture trail will be funded from the Coastal Revival fund and SBC. Phase 1 should be completed for Christmas with the remaining sculptures installed at the bottom of Flowergate – outside Church House, Flowergate, Skinner Street/John Street, West Cliff and the Bandstand.

A power point presentation was given showing the proposed sculptures and their sites. Phase 2 of the sculpture trail has been approved by Government as part of the fast-track funding part of the Town Fund. A Fisherman Sculpture will be sited on Bridge Street near the Swing Bridge – A Horn Blower near the Middle Earth Tavern – 'Lizzie' on Church Street slip way. The project has to be fast tracked as the project and funding has to be spent and delivered by March 2021 – The project is due to go to planning on 17th December 2020. An app is being developed as part of the Boroughs Love Exploring App which will accompany the sculpture trail and it will give more information about the individual sculpture.

Queries were raised about:-

- The siting of 'Lizzie' on Church Street Slip Way if this area is going to be used for the proposed roundabout for the pedestrianisation of the swing bridge. The Statues will be designed so that they can be relocated if necessary, in consultation with Whitby Town Council.
- Is there any way of incorporating Whitby Town Councils Story Board Trail within the Love Exploring app - There are various options available and Whitby Town Council will need to contact Mrs Deacon, SBC.
- Will the Wifi provision for the town centre be extended to include the West Cliff to make best use of this App. This will be followed up with Regeneration Officers.
- The removal of the public bench on Bridge Street, as this is used frequently by local people and visitors, and proposed box does not look comfortable.

This has been considered and are thinking of ways around this issue, not sure it will be comfortable but are sure they will be able to provide some type of seating solution.

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Coughlan, seconded by Councillor L Derrick

RESOLVED unanimously that the above report is received.

d. GREEN LANE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS – Vicky Austin (Chair GLCC)

Mrs Austin informed members about a new residents group, which is a constituted voluntary group working in partnership with Residents, Beyond Housing, SBC, Coast and Vale Community Action and WTC. The groups aim is to improve the community on the lower east side. To engage with this community a questionnaire was circulated to all households and businesses in the area. 40 responses were received highlighting the key issues as traffic, parking, public transport and dog fouling. The group aims to strengthen links with local businesses through beneficial working partnership, to develop links with other community groups to tackle community issues and inspire others to engage with the work being carried out. The future is to run the group independently seeking financial support for running costs and any proposed projects which will encompass the evolving needs of the community.

Members asked what help the Town Council could give to assist this group.

As a newly formed group they are looking at the following issues at present – Road Safety, parking and traffic, the negative aspects of tourism, multi occupancy holiday lets and the issues they cause with parking. The group wants to work in partnership with organisations/businesses and not lock heads. To raise awareness of key projects. The group is working with Matthew Joseph to bring key offices to meet the group.

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Coughlan, seconded by Councillor L Derrick

RESOLVED unanimously that the above report is received.

e. LAND AT BROOMFILEDS FARM

Adrian Spawforth & Daniel Starke (Spawforths)

Mr Spawforth and Mr Starke gave a power point presentation (attached) on the proposed development at Broomfield Farm by Keyland, the property arm of Yorkshire Water. Outline Planning has been approved by Scarborough Borough Council. The development is to be inclusive for young people, older people and affordable housing. Using the '6 Capitals' the Broomfield site is to be used as a pilot scheme to attract more landowners and partners. The development will use local supply chain and contractors. The area of land has been allocated within the local plan as areas for local housing. The infrastructure and access have been approved in full. There are 2 phases – house building with elements of later living and the retained football field in the first phase and the custom and self-build in the second phase. Houses have been reduced from 320 to 290 due to the increased odour zone area around the waste-water treatment works.

There is a promise in place from Yorkshire Water to undertake their capital works project which will solve the issue regarding the odour which is to be completed

by June 2022 – work to start in January 2022. A delivery partner has not been identified as yet. Working with the Wildlife Sanctuary more of a buffer has been created and the architects will be working with them during phase 2 of the development. Phase 1 will be marketed to a house building developer, who will submit reserved matters and other planning applications which will contain the detail of house type. This phase of the development should be delivered in 2022. The second phase will be a zero-carbon community custom build and multigenerational the properties will be from 1 – 3 storeys built around a green space each house meeting the needs of each owner, tailor made.

- Councillors raised concerns about the odour issues due to the proximity of the development to the treatment plant.
Capital works are in place to reduce odour to put a cap on top, Spawforths will circulated details of the proposed odour reduction to members. Keyland Don't want to be a site affected by odour and it is in its best interest to have this issue sorted. Planning conditions are in place preventing the start of building work until the odour issue is resolved.
- Does Keyland own all the area marked on the property map for housing?
Keyland owns part of the land with planning on – they are future proofing the development with access to the western part for any future development.
- Will Spawforth be engaging with people in the town
Local engagement will start next year to see what local demand is – it will only be opened out the larger Scarborough district following engagement session with Whitby over a number of months. The Town Council will be informed when they start consultation. Workshops will be in place to help people the self-build process.
- Is the odour not methane, if capped will it blow up – could it be used for local energy etc.
Technical people are working on this issue – It is something that could be investigated further if Keyland had full control.

Mr Spawforth offered to attend a future meeting with technical professionals to answer any further questions.

MOVED by Councillor Mrs H Sumner, seconded by Councillor L Derrick

RESOLVED unanimously that the above report is received.

(Councillor Smith left the meeting during the above agenda item)

- f. COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS –**
No County or Borough Council Reports

123/20 MINUTES

MOVED by Cllr Mrs N Wilson, seconded by Cllr Mrs H Coughlan and

RESOLVED unanimously that the Minutes be taken on block

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Full Council held on 3rd November 2020 are confirmed as an accurate record of the meetings and signed by the Town Mayor, and the following Committee minutes are received:-	
Finance, Policy and General Purposes Committee	17 November 20
Town Development & Improvement Committee	23 November 20
Human Resources Committee	24 November 20
Planning Committee	24 November 20

124/20 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
FINANCE
F095/20 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the schedule of payments up to 15 th November 2020 in the sum of £ 31,938.17 (WTC) and 31,010.34 (PAG) as recommended by the Finance Policy and General Purposes Committee for payment is approved.

125/20 MAYOR'S REPORT
CIVIC ENGAGEMENTS

The Town Mayor reported that there had been no Civic Engagements due to the Covid 19 situation, but she had attended a number of Zoom meetings and reported on them which included the Town Deal, Maritime Hub, Bridlington Lobster Hatchery Seminar, Rural Market Town and the Harbour Users Group.

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the Town Mayors report is received

126/20 CLERK'S REPORT
a. Pedestrianisation of Swing Bridge

Members discussed the pedestrianisation of the swing bridge. Concerns were raised regarding:

- the need for a roundabout at Tin Ghaut Car Park if all the necessary sign posting is in place
- a roundabout would encourage heavy vehicles
- the quality of life for the people living in the vicinity of the proposed roundabout.
- That Khyber Pass would be used as a rat run

Members agreed that the Park and Ride season would need to be extended turning the P & R into a bus route to make it financially viable.

MOVED by Councillor T Jennison, seconded by R Dalrymple and

RESOLVED unanimously that the information regarding the pedestrianisation of the Swing Bridge is received.

(Councillor L Derrick left the meeting during the above agenda item)

b. Covid-19 Response

MOVED by Councillor T Jennison, seconded by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan and

RESOLVED unanimously that information and letters received regarding Covid-19 response is received.

127/20 MARINE MANAGEMENT CONSULTATION

MOVED by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan, seconded by Councillor J Nock

RESOLVED unanimously that the draft response for the Marine Management consultation is approved and submitted

128/20 CASUAL VACANCY IN THE WEST CLIFF WARD

The Town Clerk informed members that the Council would be notified by the 7th December 2020 whether an election would be called for the vacant seat on the West Cliff Ward. Due to the present situation if an election is called it would not be held until May 2021.

MOVED by Councillor J Harston, seconded by Councillor T Jennison and

RESOLVED unanimously that if an election for the West Cliff seat is not required all four vacant seats be advertised in the New Year for co-option.

129/20 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

MOVED by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan, seconded by Councillor T Jennison

RESOLVED unanimously that Councillor Mrs H Brown is appointed a full member of the Christmas Lights Committee and substitute for the Planning Committee, Events Committee and Twinning Committee.

130/20 FLOODING AWARENESS –STANDING ITEM

Tides above 5.5 metres – 13th -18th December 2020.

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

RESOLVED unanimously that this information is received.



12 January 2021