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Dear Councillor,

21 April 2021

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the **TOWN DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE** to be conducted on-line, via Zoom¹, on **Monday 26 April 2021 at 6:00pm**, the agenda for which is set out below.



Michael King
Town Clerk

To: Councillors Dalrymple, Harston, Jackson, Jennison
Sumner, Wild and Winspear (Subs. Derrick and Nock)

Cc: Councillors Barnett, Coughlan, Goodberry, Lapsley,
Redfern, Smith and Wilson.

NOTICE OF MEETING – Public notice of the meeting is given in accordance with schedule 12, paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive and resolve upon apologies for inability to attend.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

To declare any interests which members have in the following agenda items.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing Orders will be suspended for up to 15 minutes to allow for questions or statements about business items on the agenda, submitted by members of the public (limited to 3 mins per person).

4. MINUTES

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To approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Town Development and Improvement Meeting held on 22 March 2020.

5. CLERK'S UPDATE ON MATTERS RAISED PREVIOUSLY

Verbal report from the Clerk

¹ Link to join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88690043391?pwd=WEhFNnJhOXFCU0E1R2UxK2dRcEN5Zz09>

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6. HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

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Heritage Open Days (HODs) are a national and international initiative co-ordinated in England by the National Trust. Every year in September, places across the country throw open their doors to celebrate their heritage, community and history.

Whitby Civic Society over many years has organised the opening up of interesting local buildings for HODs during one weekend in September. In 2019, the public were given access to 15 local heritage sites, including Abbey House, the Victoria Spa Well and Flowergate Old Chapel. Sadly in 2020, due to Covid, HODs had to be celebrated on-line, but an amazing number of hits showed the popularity of this event.

For 2021, Whitby Civic Society has already registered for the weekend of September 17- 19 to either open up buildings again or take some video clips for an online celebration. The national theme of this year's event is Edible England.

Whitby Civic Society is asking Whitby Town Council to become partners in promoting the event. Costs of the event locally are limited to publicity, as owners offer their buildings for free, and in many cases supply the volunteers to open them up to visitors.

Dr John Field, Chair of Whitby Civic Society, will attend the meeting to answer any questions.

7. 'WILDEYE' PROJECT

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Presentation by Alice Sharp of Invisible Dust

8. MATTERS OF REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE REQUIRED IN TOWN

Opportunity for members to highlight areas of concern which may be brought to the attention of the appropriate department at either the borough or county council.

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **TOWN DEVELOPMENT & IMPROVEMENT** Committee held on **Monday 22 February 2021** conducted on-line, via Zoom at 6:00pm.

Present Councillors J Harston (Chair), B Dalrymple, G Jackson, T Jennison, Mrs L Wild and C Winspear.

Also M King, Clerk, Cllr J Nock & one member of the press

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

TDI205/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was noted post hoc that apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from Cllr Ms Sumner due to technical difficulties in logging on.

TDI206/21 DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

No declarations of interests or requests for dispensations were received.

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

TDI207/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Attending as a member of the public, Cllr Nock raised two issues on the West Cliff and promenade for consideration: an exposed drainpipe and a landslip in the headland opposite the Metropole Hotel.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

TDI208/21 MINUTES

MOVED by Cllr Dalrymple, seconded by Cllr Jennison and unanimously

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Development and Improvement Committee held on 25 January 2021 are confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

TDI209/21 CLERK'S UPDATE ON MATTERS RAISED PREVIOUSLY

The Clerk reported verbally that correspondence was outstanding in relation to: the railings running down the cliff path from the Pavilion undercroft and the playing field at Larpool Lane, where more information had been requested on the replacement of the football goal and the process of identifying additional cemetery land. Requests had been made to Scarborough Borough Council. Substantive responses were awaited. Any progress to be reported to a future meeting.

TDI210/21 MATTERS OF REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE REQUIRED IN TOWN

This item gives members an opportunity to highlight areas of concern which may be advanced or brought to the attention of the appropriate department at either the borough or county council.

1. **(TDI120/20) The drainage pipe to the promenade east of Upgang Ravine**, which had been reported as programmed for repair is still exposed.

2. **Landslip** in the area opposite the Metropole Hotel, raised at TDI205/21, above.
3. **West Cliff Toilets** repair and painting of the fascia boards.
4. **West Cliff Paddling Pool** painting and condition of the pool and its apron.

MOVED en bloc by Cllr Harston, seconded by Cllr Mrs Wild and

RESOLVED unanimously a) That the Clerk write to Scarborough Borough Council in respect to the exposed drainpipe east of Upgang Ravine, the landslip in the headland opposite the Metropole Hotel and the condition of the Paddling Pool on the West Cliff; and
b) That the Clerk consult with the council's contractor to programme necessary refurbishment of the fascias to the West Cliff toilet block.

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Wild Eye by Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and Invisible Dust

Did you know that the North Yorkshire coast is a prime location for coming eye to eye with animals including porpoises, humpback whales, and basking sharks? For a place so rich in nature, why do so few of our residents benefit from connections to that nature?

1 WHAT IS WILD EYE?

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and Invisible Dust are collaborating to create Wild Eye, an ambitious programme of culture and nature connectedness activity. It includes a coming together of world-leading artists and conservation scientists, working with local communities to create unique nature observation structures within the landscape. As well as a programme of local community and business engagement. We have been awarded 'quick win' funding for Phase 1 from both the Whitby and Scarborough Town Deal Boards. We are due to deliver a sculpture and activities by March 2022. We have also applied to both Boards for Phase 2.

The key strengths of the project are in:

- Post-Covid economic recovery through nature-art tourism. Longer dwell times, higher spend per head, and strengthening shoulder season.
- Social impact through high quality, community-rooted art and nature artworks and activity.
- A community and local business led environmental sustainability initiative for Whitby.

2 WHAT WILD EYE PROJECTS ARE PLANNED FOR WHITBY?

Wild Eye will focus on three areas of natural assets for Whitby:

Whitby Lobster Hatchery – Fish Quay: Through Wild Eye, the programme will support development of a new Hatchery, that will have an educational and conservation aim, focusing on Yorkshire's main stay fisheries, such as European Lobster and Edible Crab. Conservationists, scientists, artists, community groups and schools will create activities and a sculpture/structure, connecting local people to their role in supporting wildlife.

Wilder Whitby – Esk estuary and harbour: Wild Eye will work with the Esk partnership established by Yorkshire Wildlife Trust with partners Yorkshire Water, Whitby Yacht Club, local businesses, Whitby Town Council, Whitby Surf School, WetWheels Yorkshire, and Beach Sweep. Artworks and creative workshops will be co-commissioned with local communities. Artworks will encourage connection with nature in the Esk and encourage people to dispose of waste responsibly.

Whitby Nature: Wild Eye will work in partnership with CaVCA and the Whitby Community Alliance. We will consult with Whitby Naturalists and local communities to identify a wildlife focus for our third artwork and nature programme. Local people will select a species, such as local birdlife or wildflowers, and an artist to create a public sculpture. Work with local schools will encourage a new generation of Whitby artists and conservationists. Events and workshops with deprived communities will create wellbeing opportunities centred on Whitby's natural assets.

3 PLEASE HELP US SHAPE WILD EYE

We need your help. Wild Eye has not made the best start in Whitby, with the controversy of the Ryan Gander sculpture which we realise was wrongly sited at Whitby Abbey and failed to capture the communities aspirations. Wild Eye is fully committed to involving local people, community organisations and Businesses in all the planning of our Whitby programme.

Please can committee members give us their advice on people to contact and their thoughts on Wild Eye to shape our plans. We would welcome advice on our planning and exploration of what can be fantastic artworks and activities celebrating and protecting nature.