

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the **Town Council of Whitby**, held on **Tuesday 2 March 2021** 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 R Barnett, Mrs H Coughlan, R Dalrymple, J Harston, T Jennison, J Nock, Mrs H Sumner, Mrs N L Wilson, and C Winspear.

Also M King, Clerk, and Mrs A Cowey, Deputy Clerk, with Ms H King and Mr M Parsons (Anglo American); Mr T Burkinshaw and Mr R Douglas (Cinder Track); PSCO Rowley (Whitby Police); Mr G Goodberry and Mr J Redfern.

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

221/21 APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from Councillors L Derrick and G Jackson.

222/21 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST & REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

223/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No public participation.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

224/21 EXTERNAL REPORT

a. ANGLO AMERICAN

Mr Parsons gave a power point presentation on the work being carried out at the three sites which included an artists impressions of how the sites will look once the work is completed and the mine is running. At present there are 1200 people working on the project - 450 working on the Woodsmith mine site.

b. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

A Police report was circulated to all members prior to the meeting. PSCO Rowley went through the crime figures highlighting the increased number of fraud phone calls being received by members of the public, and number of Covid breaches within the town.

c. COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

No County or Borough Council Reports

225/21 CINDER TRACK PROJECT

Tim Burkinshaw and Rupert Douglas gave a report on the work carried out on the Cinder Track and a power point presentation on the proposals for the cycle track from Whitby to Staithes.

The surfacing work carried out appears to have been well used and received.

A significant amount of tree planting has taken place which include large trees as well as whips. Once volunteers are allowed to help following restriction a number of bird and bat boxes will be installed along the track. The signage aspect of the project is still outstanding in Whitby.

Sustrans are working with the national park to look at a feasibility study to create a multiuser route between Whitby and Staithes using the disused railway as much as possible including the two tunnels at Sandsend. Inclusion of the tunnels would enable a level coastal gradient to Runswick.

The work will take a number of years and will be carried out in phases. LEP has funded most of the work carried out to present and it is hoped that LEP will commit to future funding. A diversion route is in place for walkers where the tunnels have collapsed – talks between National Parks and Mulgrave Estates are in progress as there are at present a number of uses for these tunnels including access.

226/21 APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION

Two applications for co-option were received for Abbey Ward and Stakesby Ward.

ABBAY WARD

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

RESOLVED unanimously that Mr Joe Redfern is co-opted onto Whitby Town Councils Abbey Ward.

STAKESBY WARD

MOVED by Councillor J Nock, seconded by Councillor Mrs N Wilson and

RESOLVED unanimously that Mr Glen Goodberry is co-opted onto Whitby Town Councils Stakesby Ward.

The Town Mayor welcomed both new Councillors to the Town Council.

227/21 MINUTES

MOVED by Cllr T Jennison, seconded by Cllr C Winspear and

RESOLVED unanimously that the Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Full Council held on 2nd February 2021 are confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Town Mayor.

MOVED by Cllr T Jennison, seconded by Cllr Mrs H Sumner and

RESOLVED unanimously that the following Committee minutes are taken on block and are received:

Planning	9 February 2021
Finance, Policy and General Purposes Committee	16 February 2021
Town Development & Improvement Committee	22 February 2021
Planning Committee	23 February 2021
Harbour	23 February 2021

228/21 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

A FP&GP Committee 16 February

F201/21 INTRODUCTION OF A PROTOCOL TO MARK THE DEATH OF A 'SENIOR PERSON'

RECOMMENDED that the corrected draft protocol be submitted to Council, as amended to take account of the length of time for which flags would be flown at half-mast and the need to recognise significant local deaths expediently.

MOVED by Councillor R Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor C Winspear and

RESOLVED unanimously that the correct draft protocol as recommended by Finance Policy & General Purposes Committee to take account of the length of time for which flags would be flown at half-mast and the need to recognise significant local deaths expediently be approved and adopted by the Council.

FINANCE

F/21 APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE

RECOMMENDED that the schedule of payment up to 15 February 2021 in the sum of **£30,536.23** (in respect WTC) and of **£642.20** (in respect PAG) as attached hereto is approved and submitted to Full Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mrs N Wilson, seconded by Councillor J Nock and

RESOLVED unanimously that the schedule of payments up to 15th February 2021 the sum of £30,536.23 (WTC) and £642.20 (PAG) as recommended by the Finance Policy and General Purposes Committee for payment are approved.

229/21 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS

MOVED by Councillor Mrs N Wilson, seconded by Councillor C Wilson and

That the Town Council undertakes research into a form of positive acknowledgement appropriate to Whitby to NHS workers, individuals, companies, etc who have carried on working/helping throughout the pandemic.

An amendment to the motion was

MOVED by Councillor R Barnett, seconded by Councillor Mrs H Coughlan and that a small working party be formed to carry out the motion.

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RESOLVED unanimously that a small working party be formed to carry out the motion.

Therefore it was

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Wilson, seconded by Councillor C Winspear

RESOLVED unanimously that the Town Council forms a small working party and undertakes research into a form of positive acknowledgement appropriate to Whitby to NHS workers, individuals, companies, etc who have carried on working/helping throughout the pandemic.

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**MAYOR'S REPORT
CIVIC ENGAGEMENTS**

The Town Mayor reported on:

- the meetings she has attended;
- an invitation received from the Falkland Islands to meet to discuss plans to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Falklands War;
- the receipt of a thank you letter from Buckingham Place thanking the Town Mayor for her Christmas Card.

Councillor Mrs Sumner gave a vote of thanks to the Town Mayor for all her work representing the Town Council throughout the lockdown.

MOVED by Councillor J Harston, seconded by Councillor R Dalrymple

RESOLVED unanimously that the Mayors report is received.

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CLERK'S REPORT

Councillor Barnett asked about the May elections and Unitary Authority and suggested that this should be an item on a future agenda.

The Town Clerk reported on the following:-

That the consultation regarding unitary Authority which would be on the April agenda - the consultation regarding unitary is open until the middle of April.

The announcement which is still awaited on the Town Deal – there has been suggestions that the head of terms agreement might be altered and Whitby may see some percentage reduction in the funding leading to local reprioritisation in the project costs, we could hear more after the budget.

Dolos Sculpture and the administrative error where SBC had failed to consult with the Town Council's Planning Committee, which was rectified. 80 further objections had been received from members of the public - the application has been withdrawn and as part of the fast-track projects is now on hold.

Coast and County Radio seeking an expression from support to extend their FM signal.

Civic Society AGM – they were very supportive of the relationship with the Town Council and the work the Town Council are engaged in.

Janet Deacon (SBC) has contacted the Town Clerk to engage in dialogue Regarding the post lockdown of Whitby as a tourist attraction to avoid some crowding issues which occurred previously.

Pedestrianisation of swing bridge has now been pushed back as a decision back to September.

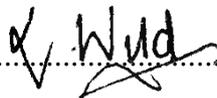
MOVED by Councillor Mrs N Wilson, seconded by Councillor J Nock and

RESOLVED unanimously that Whitby Town Council support Coastal and County Radio in its quest to increase its FM signal.

232/21 FLOODING AWARENESS – STANDING ITEM

Tides above 5.5 metres: 2 ,3 ,13-16 ,28 of March 2021

RESOLVED unanimously that this information is received.



7 April 2021