

# WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Report of the meeting of the Town Council of Whitby, duly convened, and conducted in Pannett Art Gallery on Tuesday 15 February 2022 at 6.00pm.

**Present** Councillor Mrs L Wild (Mayor) and Councillors A Abbott, R Barnett, Mrs A Brown, Mrs H Coughlan, R Dalrymple, G Goodberry, J Harston, G Jackson, A Jones, J Nock, J Redfern, C Riddolls, S Smith, Mrs S Smith, Mrs H Sumner and Mrs N L Wilson.

**Also** M King, Town Clerk, Mrs A Cowey, Deputy Town Clerk, with Mr N Edwards, Deputy Chief Executive, Scarborough Borough Council and 4 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.**

**164/22 APOLOGIES**

Apology for absence was received from Councillor S Lapsley.

**165/22 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

## STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

**166/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The five prospective candidates for co-option gave their reasons why they would like to be co-opted on to Whitby Town Council.

## STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

**167/22 EXTERNAL REPORTS**

To receive reports on behalf of external bodies if present

**a) North Yorkshire Police**

Not in attendance

**b) Scarborough Borough Council – Nick Edwards**

Mr Edwards reported on:

- on Project Sunshine - Planting has taken place and the results will be subject to weather conditions – there should be a significant improvement by March.  
£2million will be available for Phase II of project Sunshine for Whitby Filey and Scarborough once the budget is approved at Full Council on 25 February 2022
- Town Deal – Business cases of the projects ready for approval and submission to Government
- Cliff Lift
- Golf Club
- National Armed Forces Day which will take place in Scarborough – events

will be taking place in the Northern Area.

Councillors asked questions about: -

- What the percentage of total spend of the Sunshine Fund took place in Whitby and in Scarborough Town, and what percentage will be allocated for Whitby in the next phase. A significant amount was spent in Scarborough, but Whitby has had refurbishment of bins, railing repainted – help with a business case for PAG – investigating improvements to the cliff lift. Funding will be available to the Sunshine Fund once approved at Full Council on 25th February and will need to be used within the financial year.
- Enforcement issues regarding litter and dog fouling and the need for more manpower to enforce penalties as well as the need for more street cleaners and dog wardens. Covid has made things difficult and the large number of visitors to the borough has been a challenge – the front-line staff have worked hard and SBC speak highly of them. – West Cliff will be taken back as an area of concern and the dog warden informed.
- Whether or not it is a permanent solution that there is a council office on the Fish market – unaware and will investigate
- Devastation to the shellfish stock and compensation to the fishermen to allow stock to rejuvenate – SBC will be as supportive as they can be and looking at how to take it forward, but it is out of SBC's control.

**c) County & Borough Councillors –**

Scarborough Borough Councillor Abbott spoke about

- the previous Tourist Information Centre in Whitby will be coming back under lease and will be part of the harbour court case.
- Cabinet recommended approval of acceptance of the Town Deal business cases and his concern that acceptance had been given without seeing reports
- Star in the Harbour, the company has gone bankrupt, but this restaurant has been transferred to a sister company.

**MOVED** by Councillor J Harston, seconded by Councillor G Jackson and

**RESOLVED** unanimously that the above reports are noted

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**APPLICATIONS FOR CO-OPTION**

**MOVED** by Councillor J Harston, seconded by Councillor G Goodberry and

**RESOLVED** the following applications for co-option onto Whitby Town Council are approved

Ruswarp Ward	Councillor Alf Abbott;
Town South Ward	Councillor Sandra Smith;
Stakesby Ward	Councillor Anne Brown;
West Cliff Ward	Councillor Asa Jones;
White Leys Ward	Councillor Chris Riddolls.

(7 in favour 3 against)

169/22 **MINUTES**

**MOVED** by Councillor G Jackson, seconded by Councillor J Harston and

**RESOLVED** unanimously that the Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Full Council held on 19 January 2022 are confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor

**MOVED** by Councillor Mrs N Wilson, seconded by Councillor J Harston

**RESOLVED** unanimously that the record of decisions to the proper officer under the council's Scheme of Delegation as circulated are approved

Full Council	18 January 2022
Planning Committee	25 January 2022
Town Development & Improvement	31 January 2022
Planning Committee	8 February 2022

170/22 **COMMITTEE PLACES**

Councillors were appointed to the vacant seats on the following committees:

**Planning**

Councillor J Nock  
Councillor Mrs S Smith

**Pannett Art Gallery and Joint Management**

Councillor Mrs A Brown  
Councillor A Jones (substitute)

**Human Resources**

Councillor R Barnett

**Pannett Art Gallery Committee**

Councillor A Jones (Substitute)  
Councillor Mrs A Brown (Substitute)

**Finance Policy & General Purposes Committee**

Councillor G Goodberry,  
Councillor J Redfern (Substitute)  
Councillor A Jones (Substitute)

**Twining Sub-Committee**

Councillor J Harston

**Events Sub-Committee**

Councillor J Redfern

**Town Development and Improvement Committee**

Councillor A Jones,  
Councillor Mrs N Wilson (Substitute)  
Councillor Mrs S Smith (Substitute)

**Christmas Light Sub-Committee**

Councillor Mrs H Coughlan,  
Councillor Mrs H Sumner  
Councillor S R Smith

**Allotment Sub-Committee**

Councillor R Barnett,

Councillor A Jones,  
Councillor G Goodberry  
Councillor Mrs H Coughlan.

**Harbour Committee**

Councillor C Riddolls  
Councillor Mrs S Smith (Substitute)  
Councillor A Jones (Substitute)

**171/22 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL BODIES**

A meeting of the Anglo-American Liaison Forum was attended, and nothing further to report following Mr Parsons attendance at the last meeting of the Full Council.

**172/22 ISSUES AFFECTING LOCAL SHELLFISH**

Councillors discussed a notice of complaint and vote of no confidence in officers of the North-eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (NEIFCA) sent by Whitby Commercial Fishing Association, Whitby Sea Anglers Association and others.

**MOVED** by Councillor J Nock, seconded by Councillor Goodberry

**RESOLVED** unanimously that Whitby Town Council Support the Fishermen

**MOVED** by Councillor G Goodberry, seconded by Councillor Mrs N Wilson and

**RESOLVED** unanimously that a public statement of support is produced, and Sir Robert Goodwill MP is contacted regarding this situation.

**173/22 PLANNING APPLICATION**

Members considered planning application (21/02709/FL) for the erection of 62 (number) dwellings at Land off Green Lane, Whitby YO22 4JP by Wharfedale Homes Ltd.

**MOVED** by Councillor Mrs N Wilson, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Wild

**RESOLVED** That WTC object to planning application 21/02709/FL – Highways and Access issues, Green Lane unable to take any further increase in volume of traffic, safety issue for pedestrians as footpath reaches part way up Green Lane – an inappropriate density of dwellings in a rural area – infrastructure issues – mediocre designed houses - concerns regarding affordability for local people. (1 abstention)

**174/22 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION**

An invitation has been received to attend a seminar which will be held on the 28 February regarding government reorganisation. Elections will take place on the 5 May 2022 and there will be a seminar for Town/Parish Clerks to attend on the 22 February 2022 regarding this. Whitby Town Council will hold nominations papers for the town and northern area parishes.

**MOVED** by Councillor R Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor J Redfern

**RESOLVED** that the information regarding Local Government Reorganisation is received.

**175/22 FUTURE MEETINGS**

**MOVED** by Councillor S Smith, seconded by Councillor J Harston and

**RESOLVED** that a) face to face meetings are resumed from 16 February 2022 and the amendment to the council's scheme of delegation first approved by Council on the 4 May 2021 (007/21-k) is suspended, and  
b) subject to elections being confirmed to take place on 5 May 2022, the Annual Council be held on 17 May 2022.

**176/22 MAYORS REPORT**

The Town Mayor reported on the town's submission into Platinum Pudding Competition, – A meeting over zoom with the High Commissioner to the Falkland Islands regarding commemoration the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Falklands War which will include the loan of the 'peace Rose' by the Imperial War Museum for this event – attendance at the Harbour Users Group – a meeting of the Fishermen and the Civic Society AGM.

**MOVED** by Councillor Mrs N Wilson, seconded by Councillor G Goodberry and unanimously

**RESOLVED** that the Mayoral report is received.

**177/22 CLERKS REPORT**

The Town Clerk reported on

- the proposed firework display to celebrate the Queens ascension to the Throne to be held on Friday 18 February has been cancelled due to severe weather conditions and rearranged for Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm
- the Town Deal Board to be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and the three business cases put forward
- Proposal to host a Super Car Event in Front Marina Car Park 1 October 2022 using Langborne Road to parade the cars. The organisers would like a letter of support from WTC. Concerns were raised that this was the wrong area to host an event of this type.

**MOVED** by Councillor G Jackson, seconded by Councillor J Harston

**RESOLVED** that the Super Car Event is deferred to the Town Development and Improvement Committee for further information.  
(14 in favour 1 abstention)

- The Town Clerk has received a letter from Yorkshire Internal Audit Services notifying the Council that they will be unable to audit the Town Council's accounts in the future due to reducing workloads.

**MOVED** by Councillor J Harston, seconded by Councillor Mrs N Wilson

**RESOLVED** unanimously that quotes are obtained from other internal Auditors for Full Council approval.

**MOVED** by Councillor R Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor J Nock

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk's report is received.

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**FLOODING AWARENESS - STANDING ITEM**

Tides above 5.5 metres up until 29 March 2022

17-21 February 2022

2-5 March 2022

18-21 March 2022

**MOVED** by Councillor R Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor G Jackson and unanimously

**RESOLVED** that the information be received.



29 March 2022