

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council of Whitby, duly convened, and conducted in Pannett Art Gallery on Tuesday 4 July 2023 at 6:00pm.

Present Councillor R Dalrymple (Town Mayor) and Councillors A Abbott, R Barnett, Mrs A Brown, Mrs H R Coughlan, M Harrison, J Harston, A Jones, J Nock, C Riddolls, S Smith, Mrs S Turner, Mrs L Wild and Mrs N Wilson.

Also M King, Town Clerk, Mrs A Cowey Deputy Clerk, Cllr N Swannick (North Yorkshire Council), Inspector M Dennison and Constable A Metcalf (Ryedale and Whitby Division, NY Police) 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.

086/23 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Goodberry, Hinchliffe, Redfern and Mrs Sumner. Apologies were also received from Councillor Trumper (North Yorkshire Council)

MOVED by Councillor Nock, seconded by Councillor Mrs Wilson

<p>RESOLVED that the apologies received from Councillors Goodberry, Hinchliffe Redfern and Mrs Sumner are accepted.</p>
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087/23 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Dalrymple declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 7.3 Review of Standing Orders section 4d.

088/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation.

089/23 EXTERNAL REPORTS

To receive reports on behalf of external bodies if present

a. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

Inspector Martin Dennison and Constable Andrew Metcalf attended the meeting. Inspector Dennison introduced himself giving some background information about his policing career and his connection to Whitby. Constable Metcalf went through the crime report which was circulated prior to the start of the meeting.

Inspector Dennison reported on the overall reduction in crime figures compared to 2022 for the Whitby areas – Streonshalh – Mayfield – West Cliff.

Councillors asked questions on the following:

- I the reduction in crime rate due to Police presence or the town not being as busy – *combination of the two with other factors such as social media.*
- Drug awareness – *the emergence of vapes is causing concern with new substances being added to them – there is no age restriction on the sale of non-nicotine products. The Police are going into school to raise*

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awareness of the issues – there is a lot of information available on social media.

- Community Alcohol Partnership – a lot of work is being carried out in schools regarding the harmful effect of alcohol as well as the selling of alcohol to underage.

Inspector Dennison offered to give a presentation to members about Community MAPS and the specific geographically based issues tasking Police resources.

MOVED by Councillor Nock, seconded by Councillor Abbott and

RESOLVED unanimously that the Police report is received.

b. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

Councillor Swannick reported on the Following issues

- Food Waste collection and the availability to purchase a food compost bin from the household waste costing £12.00 or £13.00.
- Following a by-election at Eastfield won by the labour candidate – North Yorkshire Council is no longer Conservative lead. The majority group is Conservative/Independents
- Motion was called for the Crime and Fire Commissioner to resign this motion was not carried.
- A public enquiry was called regarding the die off of shellfish and crustations – an amendment was put forward to include support for the fishing industry due to the loss of catches since 2021.
- The Executive Committee approved the closure of Eskdale School the pupils will move to Caedmon College in 2024 following restructuring.
- Scarborough and Whitby Area Committee will be held in each town alternatively – the September meeting will be held in Whitby.
- The Audit Committee will consider the draft end of year accounts for 2023 from all districts to be signed off by North Yorkshire Council following audit. There may be an issue with Scarborough's accounts which haven't been filed for 6 years due to a dispute.
- Grass Cutting – Beyond housing started a new contract which has not been fulfilled – Cllr Swannick is working with colleagues to see if Scarborough can help.
- Esk Valley Railway had reduced it service by withdrawing the 6.30am train to Middlesbrough – there will be an increased number of trains later in the day which does not help residents working in Middlesbrough.
- The 20 plenty campaign has not been supported – there will be a planned review for areas.

Councillors asked questions on the following;

- The die off of shellfish and the amount of information available regarding the effect of dredging

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- Eskdale School – the rationale for closing and what the land is going to be used for
- The scrapping of charges for the disposal of building rubble
- Cliff Lift
- The knock-on effect of the closure of Eskdale School – will primary schools close
- Second homes
- Traffic review
- Overgrown areas on the West Cliff hampering access to the beach

MOVED by Councillor Abbott, seconded by Councillor Smith and

RESOLVED unanimously that the North Yorkshire Council report by Cllr Swannick is received.

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MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Coughlan, seconded by Councillor Jones and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on 2 May 2023 and the meeting of Full Council held on 20 June 2023 having been circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record. 1 Abstention

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Wilson, seconded by Councillor Jones and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the following committee meetings are taken *en Bloc* and received

Planning	9 May 2023
Harbour	16 May 2023
Planning	23 May 2023
Finance Policy & General Purposes	6 June 2023
Planning	13 June 2023
Town Development & Improvement	20 June 2023
Joint Management	27 June 2023
Planning	27 June 2023
	1 Abstention

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. **FP&GP Committee 6 June 2023 27 June 2023**
048/23 APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE

RECOMMENDED that the schedule of expenditure up to 31 May in the sum of **£86,396.52** (as attached) is approved.

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Coughlan, seconded by Councillor Nock and

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RESOLVED that the schedule of expenditure up to 31 May 2023 in the sum of £86,396.52 as recommended by the Finance Policy and General Purposes is approved. 2 Abstentions

b. Any other matters for consideration from the minutes noted above.

Councillor Riddolls queried the use of Standing Orders at the Annual Meeting of Council preventing Councillors not in attendance from putting themselves forward for the position of Town Mayor.

About disclosure note being 154 days late for submission – The correct procedure has been followed and the minutes were circulated and approved.

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NOTICES OF MOTION

1) Section 106 Funds Business Group for Whitby

MOVED by Cllr Mrs Wild, seconded by Cllr Nock

- 'a) That the town council appoints a councillor to represent its established position on the proposed Section 106 Funds Business Group for Whitby.
- 'b) That the established position be based on the following policy objectives
- i. Promote existing events led by the community and by the town council, to support their continued success;
 - ii. Champion new and innovative events, put forward from the community, that complement what Whitby does well;
 - iii. Encourage investment from public and private funds in developing sustainable tourism;
 - iv. Ensure additionality, so that funds are not used to subsidise statutory funding from the unitary authority;
 - v. Prioritise activities which sustain Whitby as a place to live, work and do business.'

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Wild, seconded by Councillor Nock and

RESOLVED unanimously a) That the town council appoints a councillor to represent its established position on the proposed Section 106 Funds Business Group for Whitby.

b) That the established position be based on the following policy objectives

- i. Promote existing events led by the community and by the town council, to support their continued success;
- ii. Champion new and innovative events, put forward from the community, that complement what Whitby does well;
- iii. Encourage investment from public and private funds in developing sustainable tourism;
- iv. Ensure additionality, so that funds are not used to subsidise statutory funding from the unitary authority;
- v. Prioritise activities which sustain Whitby as a place to live, work and do business.

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MOVED by Councillor Croft, seconded by Councillor Mrs Wild and

RESOLVED c) that Councillor Croft is appointed to represent Whitby Town Council and its established position on the proposed Section 106 Funds Business Group for Whitby.	1 Abstention
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2) Town Meeting

MOVED by Councillor Barnett, seconded by Councillor Riddolls

'That this Council fixes dates for town meetings on a bi-monthly basis, beginning in July 2023.'

MOTION NOT CARRIED	6 For , 8 Against, 1 Abstention
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3) Review of Standing Orders

MOVED by Cllr Mrs Turner, seconded by Cllr Goodberry

'That Whitby Town Council refers consideration of proposed amendments to Standing Orders to a meeting of the Finance, Policy and General Purposes Committee.

'From existing:

'3e. Subject to Standing Order 3(d) above, members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda.

'To read:

'3e. Subject to standing order 3(d)above, members of the public may make representations, answer questions, and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend, public questions not on the agenda will be referred to the next appropriate committee meeting.

'The remainder of Standing Order 3e remains the same.

'From existing:

'4d. In addition to any committee places allocated to them at the Annual Meeting, the Chair/Town Mayor and Vice Chair/Deputy Town Mayor shall be ex-officio, non-voting members of the Council's committees.

'To read:

'4d. In their capacity as chair/deputy chair of the Full Council the Chair/Town Mayor and Vice Chair/Deputy Town Mayor shall not sit on any of the Council's committees.

'Add as 4i. Every member of the council shall be a member of at least one committee.'

RESOLVED That Whitby Town Council refers consideration of proposed amendments to Standing Orders to a meeting of the Finance, Policy and General Purposes Committee.	13 for 2 Abstentions
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4) Website and Information Accessibility

MOVED by Cllr Abbott, seconded by Cllr Riddolls

- 'a) That the Town Council website will be redesigned, substantially improved, and fully operational by 31 December 2023, subject to the guidance and approval of full council.
- 'b) That the draft and subsequently approved minutes, together with relevant background papers, will be published on the Town Council website within 10 days of the relevant meeting being held.

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Brown, seconded by Councillor Nock and

RESOLVED that the above motion be split and voted on individually

MOVED by Councillor Abbott, seconded by Councillor Riddolls and unanimously

RESOLVED a) that the Town Council website will be redesigned, substantially improved, and fully operational by 31 December 2023, subject to the guidance and approval of full council.

MOVED by Councillor Abbott, seconded by Councillor Riddolls

'That the draft and subsequently approved minutes, together with relevant background papers, will be published on the Town Council website within 10 days of the relevant meeting being held.'

MOTION NOT CARRIED 6 for 6 against 3 abstentions
the Town Mayor used his casting vote against the motion

MOVED by Councillor Harrison, seconded by Councillor Abbott and

RESOLVED b) that the following councillors be appointed to a working group to look at the Town Council Website:
Councillors Riddolls, Mrs Brown, Jones, Dalrymple and Croft
2 Abstentions

5) Meetings of Council and Committees.

MOVED by Cllr Abbott, seconded by Cllr Riddolls

'That all meetings of Whitby Town Council and its committees will:

- 'a) Be held in venues which meet the requirements of the Equalities Act 2010. (i.e. not in the Art Gallery until the system has been repaired/replaced to enable full councillor and public participation by those who are deaf or hard of hearing.)
- 'b) Be recorded in full on video with sound. With the exception of confidential items, all such recordings will be available to the public on the Town Council website within 10 days of the relevant meeting being held.'

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MOVED by Councillor Mrs Brown, seconded by Councillor Jones and

RESOLVED that the above motions be split and voted on individually
1 Abstention

MOVED by Councillor Riddolls, seconded by Councillor Abbott and

RESOLVED a) that all meetings of Whitby Town Council be held in venues which meet the requirements of the Equality Act 2010. (i.e. not in the Art Gallery until the system has been repaired/replaced to enable full councillor and public participation by those who are deaf or hard of hearing.)
7 for, 5 against, 2 abstentions.

MOVED by Councillor Riddolls, seconded by Councillor Abbott and

RESOLVED b) that all meetings of Whitby Town Council be recorded in full on video with sound. With the exception of confidential items, all such recordings will be available to the public on the Town Council website within 10 days of the relevant meeting being held.'
10 for, 4 against

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COMMITTEE PLACES

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Wilson, seconded by Councillor Harston and

RESOLVED a) that Cllr Croft is confirmed as a substitute member of the Town Development & Improvement Committee; and Cllr Goodberry is confirmed as a substitute member of the Finance Policy & General Purposes Committee
11 in favour

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Turner, seconded by Councillor Mrs Wild and

RESOLVED unanimously b) that substitutes appointed for the following are:
Councillor Mrs Turner - Pannett Art Gallery and Joint Management Committee
Councillor Abbott – Finance Policy and General Purposes and Harbour Committee
Councillor Croft – Harbour Committee

MOVED by Councillor Mr Wilson, seconded by Councillor Abbott and

RESOLVED unanimously c) that the members appointed to following sub-committees are:
ALLOTMENTS - Councillors Mrs Brown, Jones, Dalrymple, Riddolls, Harrison substitutes Mrs Turner, Harston
EVENTS - Councillors Dalrymple, Mrs Coughlan, Mrs Sumner, Mr Wild, Mrs Wilson, Croft Substitutes Harston and Hinchliffe
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS - Councillors Mrs Brown, Mrs Coughlan, Croft, Smith, Mrs Wild and Mrs Wilson,
TWINNING - Councillors Abbott, Jones, Dalrymple, Mrs Coughlan Mrs Wild, Mrs Wilson, Substitutes Redfern, Harston,

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094/23 BUILDING WORK TO THE PANNETT ART GALLERY AND WHITBY MUSEUM

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Mrs Wilson and

RESOLVED unanimously that the Town Clerk pursues funding including approaching the Lit and Phil for a loan/co-funding of work to be carried out.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Abbott and

RESOLVED unanimously that approval is given for the Lit & Phil to carry out heating improvements in the library archive at their own cost, subject to a satisfactory assessment and assurance of the compatibility of all equipment with the existing heating system.

Councillor Smith left the meeting following the above agenda item at 8.25

095/23 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL BODIES

Councillor Nock reported on the Costal Parish Forum meeting held at Loftus which he attended with Councillor Mrs Wild.

MOVED by Mrs Wilson, seconded by Councillor Harston and

RESOLVED unanimously that the above report is received.

096/23 MAYOR'S REPORT

Civic engagements since 2 May 2023 and other activities undertaken to note.

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nock and

RESOLVED unanimously that the Civic engagements since 2 May 2023 are noted

Councillors Jones and Barnett left the meeting at 8.30pm following the above agenda item

097/23 CLERK'S REPORT

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Wild, seconded by Councillor Mrs Coughlan and

RESOLVED that the Clerks report is received.

098/23 FLOODING AWARENESS - STANDING ITEM

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Wilson seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown and

RESOLVED unanimously that the following Tides above 5.5 metres up until 5 September 2023 are received.
5-8 July, 2-7 August, 18-19 August, 30-31 August, and 1-5 September

Signature

5 September 2023

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