

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **TOWN DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT** Committee held in the Pannett Gallery on Tuesday 22 August 2023 at 6:00pm.

Present: Councillors Harston (Chair), Mrs Brown, Croft, Jones, Nock and Mrs Wild.

Also: M King, Town Clerk, and one member 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

150/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Coughlan, Dalrymple and Mrs Turner. Councillors Croft and Jones substituted.

MOVED by Councillor Nock, seconded by Councillor Jones.

RESOLVED that the apologies of Councillors Mrs Coughlan, Dalrymple and Mrs Turner are accepted.

151/23 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None.

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

152/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

153/23 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 JUNE 2023

MOVED by Councillor Harston, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Development & Improvement Committee held on the 20 June 2023 are approved as a correct record.

154/23 CLERK'S UPDATE ON MATTERS RAISED PREVIOUSLY

The Clerk reported progress from NYC on the Sunshine Find Phase II projects. There was an offer from NYC to walk members round these. It was noted that there was no public interest in community gritting partnerships. NY Councillor Trumper remained committed to supporting speed reduction and VAS, with the support of the town council.

MOVED by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Nock

RESOLVED a) that the council takes up the offer of a walk-round and invites the two unitary councillors.

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MOVED by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Nock

RESOLVED b) that it is recommended to full council that community gritting partnerships are a dereliction of the unitary authority's duties and should be denounced as a failure to provide appropriate services for Whitby, considering the health and safety implications and the needs of an aging population.

155/23 DUNDAS GARDENS PLAY AREA

Members noted information discussed between NY Councillor Trumper and residents of the Dundas Gardens area about the events leading to the removal of the existing play area and considerations on re-providing play facilities in this area. Concerns were expressed about the suitability of the existing location due to its visibility and slope.

MOVED by Cllr Mrs Wild, Seconded by Cllr Croft

RESOLVED that, while Whitby Town Council notes the standpoint of North Yorkshire Council in relation to the Dundas Gardens Play Area, it is not in a position, and lacks the resources itself, to consider any asset transfer of this site, which is an unsuitable location for a play area.

156/23 MADE IN YORKSHIRE

Submitted: reports that Made in Yorkshire had been invited by North Yorkshire Council to trade from Dock End in September, following the widely reported decision by Scarborough Borough Council in early 2023 to terminate any future markets on that site, quoting the town council's opposition as a decisive factor.

MOVED by Cllr Croft, Seconded by Cllr Nock

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Leader and Chief Executive of North Yorkshire Council, together with the relevant portfolio holder and the two Whitby Unitary councillors to reiterate the town council's opposition to the continued presence of Made in Yorkshire markets at Dock End.

157/23 LET'S TALK TRANSPORT – FOLLOW UP

Submitted: a draft response to the (on line) questionnaire circulated by the public transport function of North Yorkshire Council seeking feedback from stakeholders including town and parish councils. Members added specific reference to facilities for camper vans, inappropriate coach parking, lack of EV charging infrastructure, train services, and the failure of the current bus concession holder to provide adequate services to, from and within the town of Whitby.

MOVED by Cllr Croft, Seconded by Cllr Nock

RESOLVED that the response, as amended, be submitted.

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MATTERS OF REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE REQUIRED IN TOWN

The following areas of concern were identified to be brought to the attention of the appropriate body.

- a) Outflow to gully on Baxtergate** – concern was expressed that the outflow from a business is misdirected into the surface water drain and causing localised flooding.
- b) Street gullies** - Since the recent heavy rain and standing water there are about a dozen blocked gulley grates along Bagdale, Victoria Square and at the bottom of Brunswick Street.
- c) West Cliff** – overgrown weeds on the cliff paths were reported. It was noted that NYC had recently tended this area and that the problem may have been removed.
- d) Streetlighting** various locations, which had been previously reported, including at the foot of the 199 steps, which have been previously reported. Pressure needs to be maintained to seek resolution.
- e) Field Access to the North of Guisborough Road** – concern was raised about the appropriateness of the proposed access to the highway in the potential development of the field access in this location.
- f) Footpath on Murrayfield Gardens** members were keen to have a progress report on any improvements proposed to the footpath from Murrayfield Gardens across the old railway track bed towards Blenheim Ave, which was reported in 2022.

MOVED by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Mrs Wild

RESOLVED That issues be progressed by the Clerk through the NYC portal and with the relevant officers.

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17 October 2023

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