

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

MALTON TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN RYEDALE HOUSE, ON WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2015

PRESENT Cllr Mrs J Lawrence (Mayor), Cllr P Andrews (Deputy Mayor)
Mrs J Ford, Mrs A Hopkinson, D Lloyd-Williams, G Lake,
D Townsend, M Dales and P Emberley.

IN ATTENDANCE MP Skehan (Town Clerk), Canon J Manchester (Mayor's Chaplain.)

001 **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Members were reminded of their individual responsibility under the Code of Conduct to decide whether a declaration of interest is appropriate in respect of any matter to be considered at the meeting.

002. **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR**

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Mrs J Lawrence be elected Mayor.

RESOLVED

That Cllr Mrs J Lawrence is elected Mayor of Malton for the Council year 2015-2016.

003. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr P Andrews be elected Deputy Mayor.

RESOLVED

That Cllr P Andrews is elected Deputy Mayor of Malton for the Council year 2015-2016.

004. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council meeting of 29 April 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

005. **MATTERS ARISING**

Min 178. GMI Holbeck contract with RDC for sale of Wentworth Street Car Park.

It was reported that a proposal to renew the contract would be discussed at the June meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee, and put to full Council meeting in July. The Judicial Review sought by the Fitzwilliam Malton Estate will take place in June.

Min 179. Orchard Fields and Ladyspring Wood. It was reported that the Clerk would be meeting with Messrs Long and Housden of Ryedale District Council to explore what assistance the RDC might be able to make available from the Section 106 funds or other sources to aid the continuing maintenance of these areas as public open spaces. It is likely that the Town Council will be asked to formulate and present a business proposal on how it might take on this task. **It was agreed that the Finance Committee would oversee the progress of this matter.**

Min 194. Highway verge cutting. Concerns were expressed at the standard of work being carried out by the contractor who had been engaged in April of this year. **The Clerk was requested to advise the contractor of the Council's concern and to monitor performance closely with a view to achieving a significant improvement.**

Min 195. Tour de Yorkshire. The Tour was generally considered a success, and the Malton initiative drew a lot of spectators into the Market Place before and after the passage of the peleton through Norton. A statement was circulated showing a net cost of the event to the Town Council of £1300. A budget of up to £2,000 had been agreed.

Min 204.1. Website. The work has been commissioned, and a one third deposit paid to Websites Made Easy. Work is now in progress. The template is complete and text is being added.

006. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had attended the Norton Town Council event to mark the passing of the Tour de Yorkshire through Malton.

007. APPOINTMENTS. COMMITTEES

1. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

RESOLVED

That Cllrs Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Ford, Dales, Townsend, and Emberley be reappointed to serve on the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the Council year 2015-16.

2. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN JOINT STEERING GROUP

RESOLVED

That Councillor Lloyd-Williams continue as Chairman representing the two Town Councils, and that Councillors Mrs Ford, Emberley and Townsend be appointed to serve on the Steering Group for the year 2015-16.

008. APPOINTMENTS. REPRESENTATIVES TO ORGANISATIONS.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council be represented on the following organisations in 2015-16 as follows:

Yorks Local Councils Association	Cllrs Mrs Ford & Andrews.
School Governors	
Malton School. (Endowment)	Cllrs Mrs Hopkinson and Mrs Ford.
St Mary's RC	Nominate Cllr Lake
Malton Community School	Cllr Mrs Hopkinson
Malton & Norton Dispensary Fund	Cllr Townsend
Malton Museum Foundation	Cllr Andrews
Ryedale Cameras in Action	Cllr Townsend Cllr Lloyd-Williams (substitute) NB. Cllr Dales chairs this group
Safer Ryedale Partnership	Cllr Mrs Lawrence

Malton & Norton CAP Group	Cllr Mrs Ford (Chairman) and Mrs Lawrence
Malton & Norton Area Partnership	Cllrs Emberley and Dales NB Cllr Lloyd-Williams is current Chairman.
Derwent Riverside Group	Cllr Mrs Ford
Ryedale 5 Towns Group	Cllrs Townsend & Andrews. Cllr Lloyd-Williams (substitute)
Ryedale Market Towns Working Group	Cllrs Mrs Lawrence and Townsend
Milton Rooms Management Committee	Both Cllr Andrews and Emberley were proposed for nomination as the Town Council's representative. The matter was deferred to allow the Clerk to enquire as to whether i) vacancies existed on the Milton Rooms Management Committee, and ii) the Town Council could be allowed two representatives on the Committee.

009. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP.

Cllr Townsend and the Clerk reported on the Steering Group meeting of 14 May

1. It was unlikely that consultation on a draft site allocation document would take place before late summer.
2. The attending consultant Mr Dando commented favourably on the work done. He estimated that the process would take up to two years but urged that the Councils be aware of the danger of overextending the coverage of the plan.
3. If the Town Councils can agree in principle with the Planning Authority on site allocation it would have a huge impact on the size of the task.
4. Mr Dando was asked to prepare and submit a proposal for his involvement in the process, and an estimate of the likely extent and cost of that involvement.

010. INSPECTIONS

No member inspections had taken place. The Clerk reported that while the Play Area and Old Malton Cemetery were in good condition, cutting and particularly weed-spraying was behind in the Malton Cemetery. This will be addressed as soon as conditions allow.
A new member inspection rota will be introduced in the next month.

011.

<u>PLANS</u>		
Six applications to the Local Planning Authority were considered.		
15/00463/FUL	Fitzwilliam Estate Land at Ryder Square Malton	Minor regarding and resurfacing of car park area in tarmac with bonded buff coloured gravel surface dressing. Installation of two trapped drainage gullies, and use of concrete edging kerbs and stone setts to delineate land ownership boundaries.
15/00453/LBC	Fitzwilliam Estate Kings Head Hotel Market Place	Removal of existing cement render to front elevation and application of lime render with mineral paint finish.

15/00464/FUL	Fitzwilliam Estate Land to rear of 14 Saville Street	Minor regarding and tarmac surfacing of car park area to include installation of drainage gully at entrance, and formation of dished channel across width of entrance with three rows of natural stone setts.
15/00326/ADV	Fitzwilliam Estate Old Talbot Yard Yorkersgate Malton	One unlit post mounted sign adjacent to site entrance, and one unlit wall mounted Unit Identification sign at the entrance. NB.Deferred from April meeting
15/00516/LBC	Specsavers 10-12 Castlegate Malton	Formation of 2 no internal openings and widening of internal door to allow link adjacent units.
15/00510/HOUSE	Ann Race Westways Lascelles Lane O Malton	Erection of single storey extension to north elevation

RESOLVED

That the six applications be recommended for approval.

012. ACCOUNTS

Thirty-six accounts were submitted for approval.

		£
R Yates & Son	Materials	40.28
Inland Revenue	Tax / NI	541.82
Orange	Mobile	22.46
Raymac	Banners	720.00
Npower	Cemetery supply	7.10
JB Motors	Fuel	65.8
Yorks Water	Supply Cemeteries	157.21
Russells	Sign remove and repair.	585
Smiths Derby	Clock maintenance	455
D Beale	Sign Licence A169	20
C Jenyns	Sign Licence A64	100.00
B Bushell	Rent Shelter O Malton	10.00
North Yorks Pen Fund	Contributions	1379.71
Wildwood	1st of 6 Insts Verges	1416.67
C Brettle	Electric refund	47.60
Fitzwilliam Sports Assn	2 x hire Cricket Club	90.00
Web Site Made Easy	1/3rd deposit website	151.80
Flying Colours	TdY Bunting	636.00

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Dogtooth	TdY Stickers	390.00
Raymac	TdY signs	96.00
Black Event Hire	TdY Chairs tables	360.00
In Print	TdY Flyers	166.60
Next Steps	S.137 grant	500.00
Ryedale Foodbank	S.137 grant	600.00
Malton Festival Cycling	S.137 grant	400.00
Woodham Stone Cycle Ex	S.137 grant	300.00
North Yorks Pen Fund	Contributions	1376.61
M Skehan	Salary and Expenses	1370.59
M Skehan	Petty Cash	89.18
Wildwood	2nd of 6 Insts Verges	1416.67
Skipton BF Media Displ	TdY Big Screen	1350.00
Viking Direct	Stationery / Ink	245.78
ArchB Holgate Hospital	Allotment rent	300.00
May wages	Paid by Direct Credit	2434.17
Hitachi Capital	Tractor Instalment	252.62
Ryedale DC	Rates	175.31
Total		18269.98

RESOLVED

That the thirty-six accounts be approved for payment.

013. BALL PARK. RAINBOW LANE PLAY AREA

Members were advised of a complaint by an adjacent resident in Princes Court about noise and nuisance emanating from the ball park on the Rainbow Lane play area.

The Clerk and Cllr Mrs Ford had met with the residents who consider that the effect of this situation upon them and others is significant enough to call for the unit to be removed. The Town Council representatives undertook to investigate remedies and discuss the issue with the appropriate authorities. The Clerk reported that they had together visited the site on a number of occasions in the evening and are yet to see it being used. However there is evidence that there is occasional abuse of the facility and this is confirmed by the Police who do give the site special attention and do move people on. The matter has been discussed with the Senior Housing Officer at the Housing Association, a senior Environmental Monitoring Officer at Ryedale House, and on several occasions with the Police. Remedies for reducing the potential for nuisance which might be considered include screening or hedging to deaden the noise and/or reduce visual contact, enforcing no play times, reducing lighting, and other possibilities. In addition it may be possible to access RDC equipment to monitor background noise levels, and get a more accurate idea of the degree of inappropriate noise.

Members agreed that further investigation be undertake

014. **SKATEPARK**

A meeting had taken place on 21st May attended by Councillors, Police, members of the public and users of the Skatepark to consider the incidence of vandalism and damage which led in part to the need for repairs estimated to cost in the region of £7,000. An inspection had been carried out and it was confirmed that the large half pipe unit could be made safe for use subject to specific improvements being carried out. There is a fund for the maintenance of the Skatepark which can comfortably at this point cover these costs. Council members however were looking to identify a sense of willingness and determination among the users to appreciate the need to protect and care for the site. It was agreed in principle by the members in attendance that the Town Councils should support the repair of the site on this occasion.

Members supported the decision to proceed with the recommended repairs.

015. **SPEED SIGNS.**

1. **Old Malton.** Members considered a proposal that the Town Council should engage with a NYCC scheme to provide one speed limiting sign at one fixed location in rotation for three six week periods per year for four years at a cost of £875 per year. Cllr Dales and the Clerk met with the NYCC Officers and an appropriate location has been identified covering an area of concern through Old Malton.

RESOLVED That the Town Council engage in the NYCC scheme for one speed sign for location at Old Malton on a rotation over four years at a cost of £875 per year.

2. **York Road.** The Clerk will advise the '95 Alive' Speed Management Protocol Team Of the Town Council's concerns at the speed of traffic on York Road.

016. **CO-OPTION**

Co-option to fill the remaining seat on the Council must be effected by 26 June. Members agreed the posting of notices inviting expressions of interest.

017. **COMMUNITY HOUSE.**

A draft licence has been provided for consideration and a meeting has been arranged to finalise the details. It is hoped that an arrangement can be agreed to temporarily occupy two designated rooms with services, for a period initially of a year but subject to three month notice on either side, at a rent plus service charge amounting to circa £1600 per annum. Enquiries will also be made about shared use of the meeting room.

018. **'TOWNS AHEAD' MEETING.**

Members were advised that invitations were now being sent out to a wide variety of people who might have an interest in improving the well-being of the towns. The meeting, under the auspices of the Malton and Norton Area Partnership, will take place at 6.30pm on Thursday 25 June in the Milton Rooms.

019. **NEW MALTON CEMETERY GRAVE SITE**

Members were asked to consider an appeal to be allowed to place a fixed structure over and around a grave site in the lawned area of the Cemetery.

Members agreed to defer discussion to allow for a visit to the site

020. **NEXT MEETING**

The next Town Council meeting was set for Wednesday 24 June 2015

.....TOWN MAYOR. MALTON TOWN COUNCIL