



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MALTON TOWN COUNCIL

HELD AT THE NEWGATE CIVIC OFFICE, MALTON, YO17 7LF
ON WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2024 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT Councillors I Conlan (Mayor), L Burr MBE (Deputy Mayor), J Aldrich, P Andrews, M Brampton, M Carpenter, K Ennis, S Hawes, W Oxley, S Thackray & J Vale

IN ATTENDANCE Gail Cook (Clerk) & Tim Hicks (Deputy Clerk)

OTHERS No Members of the Public were present

APOLOGIES Revd Cate Turner

127. **REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

None

128. **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Members were reminded of their responsibility under the Code of Conduct in respect of making declarations of interest and that any declarations should be made now.

Due to Cllr Burr MBE being a Member of the North Yorkshire Planning Committee, she will abstain from any planning matters considered by Malton Town Council.

Cllrs Andrews and Vale declared an interest as Members of MNAP

Councillor Andrews reminded Members of certain sections of the Standing Orders and the Code of Conduct.

The Mayor asked all Members for their support in his role of Mayor of Malton.

129. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

I would like to extend by deepest gratitude to Councillor Stephen Pritchard, who has resigned since our last meeting. He has given a huge amount of time and energy as Chair of the Malton and Norton Neighbourhood Plan over a period of over 2 years, and worked tirelessly with our Clerks Gail, Tim, and others to achieve a successful public consultation and revisions, get the Plan through the Public Examination and successfully through the Referendum. He also saw through the importance of implementation, with clear plans and encouraging us Councillors and residents to take an active part in its implementation and I do hope he will find a continuing role in helping in the implementation and realisation of that plan. I wish him all the best.

On 5th December I attended the Malton White Star Main Band and Training Band Christmas Concert at the Milton Rooms. I was encouraged to see so many young people being trained up and older starters too, that will help ensure the future of the band. Both bands put on some fine performances.

I am pleased to see out Market Place looking so beautiful with our new Balloon, now tethered securely after a brief hiatus in a recent storm, but thankfully surviving unscathed, alongside all the lights and the lit up Christmas Trees, so important at this dark time of year to bring a bit of sparkle and cheer to our streets.

I would like to wish all our hard working staff, our diligent town councillors, and all our residents, a very Merry and peaceful Christmas, and a happy and prosperous 2025.

130. **PUBLIC ACCESS**

None

131. **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT – COUNCILLOR LINDSAY BURR MBE**

- Working on the flooding issues and informing residents
- Working on town centre investment initiatives
- Our two possible new crossings are progressing through the system hopefully have good news about them soon
- Attended online teams meetings re new combined authority, regarding best practice
- Attended many church services and Xmas fairs this month
- Attended the last planning meeting of the year
- Made representation re new North Yorkshire boundary relating to a Councillors division
- Supported the girls local football team
- Attended safeguarding meeting for women and girls. Violence against women and girls increasing
- Spoke at Mr Whitwell's funeral

Cllr Thackray requested assistance from Cllr Burr with regard to the poor quality of the sound on an online North Yorkshire Council meeting. Cllr Thackray would like to request a transcript of a particular part of the meeting.

It was **agreed** that Malton Town Council formally complain about the poor quality of the sound and request agenda item 8 question and answers from the Area Committee meeting held on 27 September Area Committee. We are of the opinion that the meetings do not comply with the Disability and Equality Act.

132. **COUNCIL MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th November 2024 be approved. Proposed by Cllr Conlan seconded by Cllr Burr. Cllrs Carpenter, Hawes, Ennis, Thackray & Oxley abstained. All other Members approved.

133. **FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

- (i) Members noted the bank reconciliation, financial report showing the position as of 30th November 2024, account balances as per the bank statement totalling £188,171.62.

(ii) Thirty three accounts were submitted for approval.

Angela Wright	Chapel Cleaning	120.00	On-line Payment
M I'Anson	Clear blocked drain - New Malton Cemetery	115.79	On-line Payment
Environmental Art	St Clements Event - Slabs & Tree Holders	150.89	On-line Payment
Burleys	Roundabout Solar Xmas Lights	1615.20	On-line Payment
Howarth Timber	Wood Boards	111.01	On-line Payment
Hainsworth Plan Hire	Grave Excavation	180.00	On-line Payment
Dring Stone	Eden Business Park Roundabout Stone	660.00	On-line Payment
North Yorkshire Council	Wentworth Street Speed Survey	132.00	On-line Payment
Screwfix	Tools & Materials	54.24	On-line Payment
Miss J O Ingram	Roaming Minstrel - St Clements	75.00	On-line Payment
Harrison & Hargreaves	Street Furniture Paint	2.50	On-line Payment
BATA	Rosate & Tree Stakes	81.05	On-line Payment
R Yates & Sons	Tools & Materials	106.21	On-line Payment
J B Motors	Fuel	135.49	On-line Payment
Castle Howard	Silver Birch Trees - Market	57.60	On-line Payment
Be Amazing Arts	Creativity Team - St Clements	3398.00	On-line Payment
Ryedale Pubwatch	Small Grant	400.00	On-line Payment
Clerk	Stationery, Thank you gifts	146.79	On-line Payment
Big Boolies	MTC Polo Shirt	21.54	On-line Payment
Videcom	CCTV Maintenance Qtr 4	1438.00	On-line Payment
NYC	CCTV Monitoring Qtr 4	3445.00	On-line Payment
North Yorkshire Pension Fund	Pension Contributions	2483.09	On-line Payment
HMRC	Tax/NI Contributions	3212.13	On-line Payment
Staff Salaries	Salaries	8696.60	On-line Payment
Barclaycard	BT Phone Box Notice Board & Staff Christmas Meal deposit	216.80	Direct Debit
NPower	Church Clock Lighting Energy	250.43	Direct Debit
100 Green	Energy Cemetery	870.73	Direct Debit
Spoton.net Ltd	MTC Website & Email Subscription	72.00	Direct Debit
Wirehouse	Employment Services	102.00	Direct Debit
North Yorkshire Council	Newgate Rates	189.00	Direct Debit
North Yorkshire Council	Cemetery Rates	71.00	Direct Debit
Octopus	Newgate Energy	101.38	Direct Debit
Octopus	Newgate Energy	1.38	Direct Debit
BT	Newgate Telephone & Broadband	113.22	Direct Debit
EE	Town Council Mobile Phones	73.95	Direct Debit

RESOLVED

That thirty seven accounts be approved for payment. Proposed by Cllr Conlan, seconded by Cllr Andrews. All other Members approved

134. BUDGET 2024-25

The Clerk presented the draft 2025-2026 revenue budget, precept and CIL Forecast Spend (previously circulated).

RESOLVED

Cllr Conlan proposed that (i), (ii) & (iii) be approved, this was seconded by Cllr Burr, all other Members approved.

- (i) **REVENUE BUDGET.** That the Town Council approves the revenue budget of £296,349 for the financial year 2025-26.
- (ii) **PRECEPT.** That the Town Council sets a precept of £272,970 for the year 2025-26 which represents an increase of 5.99%.
- (iii) **CIL BUDGET 2025-26.** That the Town Council approves the CIL budget of £29,357.19 for 2025-26.

135. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None

136. REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Ennis attended a Milton Rooms North Yorkshire Cultural event on Friday 13th December

Cllr Aldrich attended site meetings during the flooding and raised concern about the procedure to close County Bridge, the process needs run more smoothly in future.

Cllr Thackray gave an update on the flooding issues in Malton and Norton and ideas he has for the future.

Cllr Vale gave an update on the work of the Castle Gardens committee.

137. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

None

138. DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 29th January 2025, 6.30pm to be held at the Newgate Civic Office, Malton

139. EXCLUDED ITEM**RESOLVED**

That Members of the press and public are excluded for the following item of business as the Council considers that the business to be transacted is prejudicial to the public interest. Proposed by Cllr Andrews, seconded by Cllr Burr, all other Members approved.

The clerk reported on the three Grass Verge Cutting Tenders received.

RESOLVED

That the Three plus two year grass Verge Cutting Contract be awarded to Steve's Gardening Services. Proposed by Cllr Andrews, seconded by Cllr Burr. All other Members approved.