



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MALTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**HELD AT RYEDALE HOUSE, MALTON, YO17 7HH
ON WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 2024 AT 6.30PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs G Cook (Clerk), Mr T Hicks (Deputy Clerk)

OTHERS David Jeffells (Media)

APOLOGIES Councillors M Brampton & S Pritchard

181. REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Reasons for absence accepted.

182. 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.

183. MAYOR'S REPORT

“I wanted to focus on two major steps forward for our Council as we approach our Annual Meeting.

Firstly, I am delighted to announce that we have appointed a new Town Ranger, Richard Daffern, after interviewing two excellent candidates last Friday (19th April) and he will be starting shortly. He is a retiring firefighter but with significant experience in gardening, and he will be supervised by our Deputy Clerk.

Secondly, I am very excited to say that we have exchanged contracts and due to complete the purchase in the next few days, of our Community Hub on Newgate which will form our base as offices and meeting rooms as soon as we have made the necessary modifications. I want to extend my thanks to Councillors for their unanimous support in this purchase, as well as the flat out hard work of our Clerk and Deputy Clerk in enabling us to proceed so quickly with the purchase, including the public consultation which was overwhelmingly supportive of our move. I am sure as a Council this will be an excellent long term investment for our community as well as our Council and enable us to be much more visible and accessible, as well as enable us to potentially offer a wider range of services to our residents in years to come.

The Town Council Annual Report 2023/4 is now ready and my thanks to the Clerk for putting this together and to the Deputy Mayor for her helpful editing suggestions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul Andrews, who has resigned as Town Councillor, for his huge contribution, as a former Mayor and Town Councillor and also for many years as a District Councillor on Ryedale District Council, for his outstanding contribution to the life of our Town and of the wider area of Ryedale. I am also deeply appreciative of the encouragement he has given me and for standing up for councillor rights even when I disagreed with his views on certain matters. I am unable to do anything like full justice to his contribution in this report, but I would like to highlight his steadfast promotion of Malton's benefits as a market town full of character, together with a defence of it against over development without suitable infrastructure, his part in the campaign to protect Wentworth Street Car park from supermarket development and standing firmly against fracking when this Council alongside neighbouring town and parish councils stood shoulder to shoulder to oppose it too, but voted on to proceed by the County Council. He has helped shape the Neighbourhood Plan, spoke up for the revision of the Ryedale Plan. His legal knowledge and understanding has been brought into play as he stood up for our community and I for one will greatly miss his contribution to our council meetings. His involvement significantly predates my experience and I am impressed at how he has used his experience, knowledge and skills to tenaciously pursue what he has always believed to be the best interests of our community.

Mayoral Engagements February to April 2024:

On Monday 19th February I had my picture taken by Swinton Brass Band to publicise their appeal for funds for roof repairs which will be in the region of £40,000. I will be running 40 miles on Sunday 5th May between all the brass band rooms in Ryedale.

On 2nd April I attended the Kings' Award presentation to the Swinton Band, which was recorded and broadcast on Look North. The Award was presented by the Lord Lieutenant for services to the community, which includes providing free tuition and instrument hire to young people and running two training bands as well as their Main Band.

On Wednesday 27th March I attended the Ryedale Youth Theatre Production of Wizard of Oz. The young people were outstanding, singing, dancing and acting, as was all the behind the scenes work, costumes, music, lighting, set design and front of house.

On Monday 22nd April I and the Mayor of Norton met the Federation President of Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland, together with local and Yorkshire branch representatives including Helen Hyams from Old Malton, at a celebration of Malton and Norton becoming Toilet Twinned Towns at The Kingfisher cafe. This has been developed in partnership with the Fairtrade group, scouts and local churches and both Malton and Norton Town Councils have twinned toilets as part of this. Project money goes straight to local women in developing countries to ensure it is spent on well-built toilets that improve women's lives in particular in these communities."

184. PUBLIC ACCESS

None

185. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT – COUNCILLOR LINDSAY BURR

“Meetings at Northallerton due to the Mayoral elections and Easter Bank Holidays have been less frequent. It has been a particularly busy with residents complaining about anti-social behaviour, vandalism and no show of police after burglary's such as theft of benches from gardens, garden shed theft etc etc. People just want to see more police in our community!

Our shop keepers are still very unhappy about theft rises in town and no response from the police! Too much bureaucracy for shop keepers to fill in! With no deterrent shopkeepers just let the thefts take place, as they do not want to get in to conflict, especially our women retailers, but the most complaints are about the appalling state of our roads including potholes especially in the Peasy Hills area.

I have lodged complaints and am waiting for an action from Highways.

21st March – attended the area planning meeting (average of 3 items per meeting)

A drive through and other food outlets were approved on land just outside old Malton off the A64 to Pickering and the solar farm applicants have decided to take this application (refused by North Yorkshire) to appeal, I am working on that appeal.

22nd March - attended the area committee meeting held at Northallerton, had a positive outcome to look into to funding regarding joined up cycle paths in the area.

18th April – attended the area planning meeting (average 3 items per meeting).

The Deputy Mayoral end of term report is coming to the end of the year. It has been a very productive and progressive year. I am proud that I brought the idea to invest in our own freehold site for a community hub in the centre of Malton and delighted to say the completion of this building took place recently.

We will be refurbishing the building in to a fabulous community hub and we now have a free hold property belonging to our residents with access for all.

Delighted to report that I see no reason for the pump track not to be completed in 24/25 another major scheme brought forward.

I have enjoyed supporting throughout the year our Clerk and Deputy Clerk on a daily basis if and attending critical weekly catch up meetings to get an overall view on our immediate emerging general issues and looking at long term strategic planning”.

Cllr Burr proposed that we send a letter to Councillor Paul Andrews, thanking him for his long service and hard work on this Council, this was **agreed** unanimously by Members.

186. COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th March 2024 be approved. Proposed by Cllr Conlan seconded by Cllr Hawes. Cllr Carpenter abstained. All other Members approved.

187. FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

- (i) Members noted the bank reconciliation, financial report showing the position as of 31st March 2024 and account balances as per the bank statement totalling £268,528.15.
- (ii) Forty two accounts were submitted for approval.

MALTON TOWN COUNCIL		ACCOUNTS APRIL 2024	
Angela Wright	Chapel Cleaning	50.00	On-line Payment
The Milton Rooms	Studio Bar Hire - Annual Parish Mtg	31.25	On-line Payment
Elkerlodge Services Ltd	Internal Audit	554.40	On-line Payment
Payleys Fruit & Veg	MIB Plants and Compost	691.00	On-line Payment
NYC	Room Hire	210.93	On-line Payment
Ware & Kay Solicitors	1 Newgate Purchase & Fees	187037.86	On-line Payment
K Davis	Bus Shelter Rent - Old Malton	10.00	Cheque
Clare Jenyns	Licence Fee - Event Sign -A64	100.00	On-line Payment
Derek Beale	Licence Fee - Event Sign A169	20.00	Cheque
S Hough	Grass Cutting	15360.00	On-line Payment
The Wesley Centre	Rent & Service Provision April-June	2590.05	On-line Payment

North Yorkshire Council	Annual Trade Refuse Service	668.81	On-line Payment
Mrs S L Housden	Greenhouse Equipment	121.60	On-line Payment
Archbishop Holgate	Allotment Rent	335.76	On-line Payment
S Bainbridge	Additional Labour	30.00	On-line Payment
Gallagher	Commercial Motor Insurance	569.58	On-line Payment
Gallagher	Annual Insurance	3337.68	On-line Payment
Clark & Kent Contractors	Pump Track Provision - Part Payment	18600.00	On-line Payment
Harrison & Hargreaves	Street Furniture Paint	64.49	On-line Payment
J B Motors	Fuel	83.56	On-line Payment
Hainsworth Plant Hire	Plant Hire - New Malton Cemetery	180.00	On-line Payment
J T Atkinson	Memorial Bench	478.80	On-line Payment
Howarth Timber	Wood - Cemetery Soil Box	145.65	On-line Payment
MKM	Wood - MIB Signage	64.99	On-line Payment
YLCA	Annual Subscription	1005.00	On-line Payment
Rialtas	Account Software & Close Down	1374.00	On-line Payment
R Yates & Sons	Tools & Materials	157.01	On-line Payment
Newsquest	Town Ranger Advert	480.00	On-line Payment
Hopkinson & Sons Ltd	MIB Plants - York Road Welcome Sign	34.96	On-line Payment
Smiths of Derby	Annual Clock Maintenance	746.40	On-line Payment
Videcom	CCTV Maintenance Qtr 1	1438.00	On-line Payment
Nynet Ltd	CCTV Connectivity Qtr 1	1485.00	On-line Payment
NYC	CCTV Monitoring Qtr 1	3445.00	On-line Payment
Account Solutions Yorkshire	Payroll Provider	294.50	On-line Payment
E-On	Malton Lodge	299.91	On-line Payment
North Yorkshire Pension Fund	Pension Contributions	2404.54	On-line Payment
HMRC	Tax/NI Contributions	2566.26	On-line Payment
Staff Salaries	Salaries	7312.49	On-line Payment
100 Green	Energy Cemetery	242.77	Direct Debit
Spoton.net Ltd	MTC Website & Email Subscription	67.20	Direct Debit
Wirehouse	Employment Services	102.00	Direct Debit
EE	Town Council Mobile Phones	91.60	Direct Debit
Total		254883.05	

RESOLVED

- (i) That forty two accounts be approved for payment. Proposed by Cllr Ennis, seconded by Cllr Carpenter. All other Members approved.

- (ii) Councillor Burr proposed that the standing orders are suspended to discuss the work required to prepare the new Town Council civic office and community hub, seconded by Cllr Carpenter. All other Members approved.
- (iii) That the Clerk be given delegated authority in consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to work towards creating the civic office and community hub with accessible ramp utilising CIL funds up to a maximum of £20,000. Proposed by Cllr Oxley, seconded by Cllr Carpenter. Cllr Thackray voted against. All other Members approved.

188. **CLERKS REPORT**

(a) **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Market Place Food Lovers Market Town Council Gazebo events 9am-1pm:-

11th May
 13th July
 10th August
 9th November

20th April - Involve (Milton Rooms)

Multi-Agency Drop In Sessions

The events are held at the Wells Lane Community Centre, Malton 10-11.30am and Malton Secondary School 12.30pm-2pm

1st May - Malton Town Council will have a stand at the Malton & Norton Rotary Club
 Involve Event at the Milton Rooms 10.30-3pm

(b) **MEETINGS/EVENTS ATTENDED**

14 March - Multi-Agency Problem Solving Virtual Meeting
 19 March - St Clements Event Meeting
 21 March - Ryedale Planning Committee at Ryedale House
 11 April - RBS Accounts close down
 15 April - Big Boolies site meeting re Newgate Signage
 17 April - Teams Meeting with Tom Walker representing Malton Museum
 17 April - Meeting with Milton Rooms re potential Malton Town Council Art Exhibition

Weekly meetings with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor held at 8.45am every Thursday

(c) **RAINBOW LANE PLAY AREA – PUMP TRACK**

The groundwork contractor will shortly be removing the redundant athletics equipment and relocating the adult gym equipment within the play area. Clark & Kent have been formally instructed to install the pump track, the Clerk will keep Members informed of timescales with regard to the project.

(d) **1 NEWGATE, MALTON**

Progress with regard to the purchase of the new Malton Town Council Civic Office and Community Hub is moving along nicely. Planning permission has been obtained for change of use from domestic back to office and the application to borrow has been approved by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities. We exchanged contracts on 12th April and are due to complete on Friday 19th April. Once the building is in the ownership of the Town Council, work will begin to transform it into the civic office and community hub.

(e) **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

The annual Parish Assembly will be held on Tuesday 7th May, 7pm at The Studio Bar, Milton Rooms. We will have presentations from the Malton & Norton Tidy Group and Malton Museum who will be presenting the draft report from the consultants with regard to the future of the museum.

RESOLVED

That Members approve the Clerks report. Proposed by Cllr Conlan, seconded by Cllr Burr. All other Members approved.

189. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

ZE24/00336/HOUSE Installation of larch clad rear dormer extension comprising 3no. windows at 29 Milton Avenue, Malton

RESOLVED

Approved

Proposed by Cllr Ennis, seconded by Cllr Hawes. All other Members approved

ZE24/00354/HOUSE Erection of glazed single storey side extension forming a link between the dwelling and the detached garage at 20 The Mount, Malton

RESOLVED

Approved. Members consider that this site is now fully developed

Proposed by Cllr Oxley, seconded by Cllr Hawes. Cllr Thackray abstained. Cllr Conlan objected. All other Members approved

ZE24/00350/CAT Works to Trees A (Lime), B (Lime), C (Willow), D, (Silver Birch), E (Silver Birch), F (Silver Birch), H (Birch), J (Birch), K (Birch), L (Beech), M (Beech), N (Silver Birch) and O (Cherry) as per the submitted work specification documents at 25 The Mount, Malton

RESOLVED

Defer for further information explaining the reason for removal

Proposed by Cllr Conlan, seconded by Cllr Vale. All other Members approved

ZE24/00364/HOUSE Erection of a single storey extension to rear elevation at 20 Headland Rise, Malton

RESOLVED

Approved

Proposed by Cllr Aldrich, seconded by Cllr Oxley. All other Members approved

190. **MULTI USE GAMES AREA UPGRADE PROJECT**

Members to receive a report and consider appropriate action (previously circulated):-

RESOLVED

Proposed by Cllr Conlan, seconded by Cllr Burr. All other Members approved.

(i) **That Members instruct the Clerk to apply for grant aid for the project.**

(ii) **Once grant aid has been awarded, Clerk to instruct Streetscape to carry out the upgrade to the MUGA.**

191. ANNUAL REPORT

Members to receive report and consider appropriate action (previously circulated):-

RESOLVED

That Members approve the annual report. Proposed by Cllr Carpenter, seconded by Cllr Hawes. All other Members approved.

192. MALTON & NORTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Members to receive the final version of the Neighbourhood Plan (previously circulated):-

RESOLVED

That Members approve the final version of the Neighbourhood Plan incorporating the proposed amendments made by the Examiner. Proposed by Cllr Conlan, seconded by Cllr Burr. All other Members approved.

193. NEW HOMES PLANS, HIGHFIELD MEADOWS, HIGHFIELD ROAD, MALTON

Members discussed the new homes plans at length.

RESOLVED

Proposed by Councillor Carpenter, seconded by Cllr Hawes. All other Members approved.

- (i) That a press release is issued stating that Malton Town Council is appalled by the dangerous levels of air pollution in Malton and Norton. This is being made worse by the level of traffic, some of it illegally, passing through the towns. Also by the continued push for housing developments which also have a negative impact on an outdated and over stretched infrastructure. Malton Town Council demand that North Yorkshire Council and the soon to be elected Mayor address this matter publically and immediately.
- (ii) That the Town Council request the air quality impact assessment for the site the developer, prior to them attending a future Town Council meeting.

194. REPRESENTATIVES

- A precis from Cllr Vale was circulated to Members with regard Castle Gardens.
- Members **agreed** that Cllr Aldrich to look at sourcing a commemorative plaque for Mr Hampshire to be installed on the site.
- Cllr Hawes attended an opening of the new Malton School 6th Form Study area.

195. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

None

196. DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 22nd May 2024, 6.30pm to be held at Ryedale House, Malton, YO17 7HH

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chair: _____ Date: _____