



Skipton Town Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Skipton Town Council held in the Council Chambers on Thursday 19th January 2023 at 7.00pm

Those Present.

Chairman: Councillor R Judge (town Mayor)
Councillor S Bentley (Deputy Mayor), Councillor P Madeley, Councillor L Morgan, Councillor A Heseltine, Councillor R Heseltine Councillor C Harbron, Councillor K McIntyre, Councillor C Nash, Councillor B McDaid, Councillor W Feather, Councillor V Kettu, Councillor Morton & Councillor Noland

Officers: Mrs L Close (Chief Officer)
Mrs J Dean (Deputy Clerk)
Mrs H Marshall (Finance Manager)
1 invited guest – Cllr S Roden

2223/114 ITEM 1 – Mayor’s Remarks

Councillor R Judge welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for attending. As this was the first meeting of the year, he wished everybody a Happy New Year.

2223/115 ITEM 2 – Apologies for Absence

Councillors Courcier and Higgins who all had prior engagements. (*accepted*)

2223/116 ITEM 3 – Disclosures of Interest

None received.

2223/117 ITEM 4 – Dispensations

None received.

2223/118 ITEM 5 – Representations from public

None

2223/119 ITEM 6- Presentation

Councillor Stuart Roden from Truro City Council presented to the meeting their experience of devolution. Information was circulated to members and the floor was opened for questions.

2223/120 ITEM 7 Devolution of NYCC / CDC

Councillor R Judge submitted Aireville park as a consideration for double devolution. Councillor Madeley advised that the Town Council needed to be careful of what it could afford and what it couldn't and a clear rationale was needed of what services to express an interest in.

Various Councillors submitted ideas and discussions were held in what would be viable to move forward.

Councillor R Judge proposed Aireville Park, Town Hall car park public conveniences and The Ginnel, this was seconded by Councillor P Madeley and was voted unanimously. It was further confirmed that a final resolution would be made in March to allow Councillors more time to look at CDC assets.

- 2223/121** **ITEM 8 – Petyt Library**
Councillor C Nash advised that she did not agree with Ermysteads joint ownership of the library but joint interest. The proposed motion was decided against, and the matter was adjourned as Councillor Nash advised that a trust meeting should decide and not the full council.
Councillor Heseltine wanted to record a note of appreciation to Mrs Dean, Deputy Clerk, for the research she had undertaken for the Petyt library.
- 2223/122** **ITEM 9 – Minutes of the previous meeting**
Proposed by Councillor R Judge that the minutes of the full council meeting held on 17th November 2022 and the Extra Ordinary budget meeting held on 5th December 2022 were a true and accurate record, unanimously supported.
- 2223/123** **ITEM 10 – Reports and Minutes from Committee and Sub committees Meetings**
The minutes from Committees and subcommittee were received and noted. It was confirmed that these documents are available on the shared drive and hard copies were available if members request.
Councillor Heseltine advised that it had been raised at Craven District Council that planning comments were not received from the Town Council. Councillor Nash also stated that she believed planning meetings should be every 3 weeks. The Chairman of Planning responded, and it was confirmed that the Chief Officer would respond to queries raised in her report at the next meeting.
- 2223/124** **ITEM 11- Chief Officers Report**
The Chief Officer’s Report was received and noted with no further comments made.
- 2223/125** **ITEM 12- Finance**
The finance manager was asked if the budgets were being kept to which were confirmed they were. Councillor Sheila Bentley advised that her and Councillor McDaid had recently completed the internal control checklist, and everything was in order and staff were commended.
- 2223/126** **ITEM 13 - Outside Bodies**
A report from Councillor Nash regarding Selrap was circulated with no further questions raised.
- 2223/127** **ITEM 14- Community Safety**
Councillor McDaid gave an update of the Community Safety group and a recent meeting that had been held. He confirmed that the next meeting would be held on the 15th February and he was very encouraged with the group. Councillor Nash asked if the BID could match fund towards helping with anti-social behaviour.
- 2223/128** **ITEM 15- Strategic Plan Working group**
Members of the Strategic plan working group were proposed by Councillor Madeley and were unanimously voted in favour.
Members – Councillors Harbron, Madeley, Nash and Morton

- 2223/129** **ITEM 16 – Sustainability working group.**
The Chairman moved to discuss agenda item 17 (SO1)
- 2223/130** **ITEM 17- Twinning**
Details were received from the twin town, Erquinghem-Lys of a planned trip that was to be organised. Skipton town Council assist in the organising of the trip and the costs are covered by the visiting town. Councillors were asked to be present for the time students were here so that a reception could be organised.
Proposed by Councillor L Morgan and unanimously voted in favour.
- 2223/131** **ITEM 18 – Member / Officer Protocol**
Proposed by Councillor Madeley to adopt the protocol and unanimously agreed in favour.
- 2223/132** **ITEM 16 – Sustainability working group.**
It was all agreed that the following members formed the sustainability working group. Councillors L Morgan, C Nash, K McIntyre, R Judge and S Bentley.
- 2223/132** **ITEM 19- Notification of Business for a Future Agenda**
The Clerk should be given seven clear days' notice of items for the agenda of the next meeting although the absolute statutory minimum notice period is three clear days.

With no further business to be transacted the meeting was closed at 21.00pm

The next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 16th March 2023.