



Skipton Town Council

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Full Council **Thursday 16 November 2017 at 7pm**

Present: Councillors A Rankine (Town Mayor), G Bell, C Clark, Mrs W Clark, J Dawson, C Harbron, R G Heseltine, Mrs P Heseltine, A Hickman, E Jaquin, J Kerr, P Madeley, Mrs. K McIntyre & P Whitaker.

Officers: Dave Parker (Chief Officer), Les Chandler (Estate Manager) & Wendy Allsopp (Committee Services Officer).

In attendance: Sarah Seastron (Clockwork HR).

Prior to the meeting one minute of silence was observed as a mark of respect to John Goodfellow, former Chief Executive of Skipton Building Society, who sadly passed away recently. Members noted the contribution Mr Goodfellow had made to the town including allowing Skipton Rotary Club to use the Building Society Headquarters car park on a weekend to raise funds for their charities.

1. To accept representations from the Public between 7.00 pm and 7.15 pm.

None

2. To accept apologies for absence.

Cllr M Emmerson

Absent - C Dow

3. To record declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda.

Cllr R G Heseltine declared a non-pecuniary interest with regard to planning application 2017/18352/VAR as he is a Managing Trustee of the Tarn Moor Estate Trust whose land is adjacent to Skipton Golf Club.

4. To consider the recommendations of the Chief Officer relating to requests for dispensations to Members on items requiring a declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.

None

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5. To approve the minutes from the Full Council meeting held on 14 September 2017.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Full Council meeting held on 14 September 2017 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

6. To report and receive information arising from the minutes of items not on the agenda from Members and the Chief Officer.

None.

7. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Environment and Planning Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 21 September 2017 and the Environment and Planning Sub-Committee meetings held on 27 July, 4 September and 23 October 2017 and as a true and accurate record of what transpired at those meetings subject to the following amendment:

Agenda item 3 in the minutes of the meeting held on 27 July should read 'Cllrs Bell, Clark, Hickman, Kerr and Rankine each declared a non-pecuniary interest with regard to agenda item 7 as the Town Council acts as Custodian Trustee to the Tarn Moor Estate Trust'.

8. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Public Services Committee

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Public Services Committee meetings held on the 10 August and 7 September 2017 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at those meetings.

9. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Finance and Policy Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on the 22 June and 17 August 2017 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at those meetings.

Councillor W Clark chose not to approve agenda item 9 in the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2017 and asked that, subject to recent advice from NALC, the restoration of the churchyard wall at Holy trinity should be referred back to the Finance and Policy Committee for further consideration.

10. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 24 August 2017 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

11. To receive a report of the Mayoral Engagements for September until November 2017.

The Mayor, Councillor Rankine, asked Members to note the engagements which he had attended.

The Mayor expressed his delight that so many people has attended the Remembrance Sunday ceremony in the town centre.

12. To consider the recommendations of the Council's Finance & Policy Committee relating to the Council's Committee Structure.

Members approved the proposed move to six standing Committees as follows - Finance & Policy, Audit & Scrutiny, Public Services, Environment & Planning, Events & Tourism and Skipton Market. A basic outline structure was noted.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Finance & Policy Committee should be asked to formulate a proposal for the remit of each of the Committees, look at issues surrounding the membership of each of the proposed Committees, together with the frequency and timing of meetings, and bring final proposals back to Full Council for ratification.

13. To consider excluding press and public for consideration of items 14 on the grounds that it relates to confidential matters.

It was **RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable and in the public interest that the press and public be asked to withdraw.

14. To consider the recommendations of the Council's Finance & Policy Committee relating to the Council's Staffing Structure.

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15. Questions for the Leader of the Council.

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It was **RESOLVED** to readmit press and public.

16. To receive notification of matters that members would like including on a future agenda.

The acceptance of awards on behalf of the town and associated extra development/ growth of the town.

A report from the town's County Councillors to be a standing item on the Full Council agenda.

The meeting closed t 8.20 pm