



Skipton Town Council

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Full Council Thursday 16 March 2017 at 7pm

Present: Councillors M Emmerson, A Rankine, G Bell, C Clark, Mrs W Clark, J Dawson, C Harbron, Mrs. P Heseltine, R G 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).

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

None.

2. To accept apologies for absence.

Absent - Cllr C Dow.

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

None.

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.

5. To approve the minutes from the Full Council meetings held on 19 January 2017.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Full Council meetings held on 19 January 2017 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

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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 the 13 October 2016 and Sub-Committee meeting held on 9 January 2017 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at those meetings.

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 Committees meetings held on the 8 December 2016 and 12 January 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 meetings held on the 15 December 2016 and 12 January 2017 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at those meetings.

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 November 2016 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

11. To receive a report of the Mayoral Engagements for February until March 2017.

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

He told Members that he had enjoyed all engagements and he had met some interesting people.

Members acknowledged the Mayor's contribution over the last year.

12. To receive an update from the Chief Officer regarding the Council's accommodation at Skipton Town Hall and to consider matters relating to rent and service charge payments.

The Chief Officer informed Members that he would be speaking with Craven District Council (CDC) to advise that Skipton Town Council is not happy paying rent and service charge payments on office accommodation which is not currently fit for purpose.

Members agreed that compensation should be requested from CDC and endorsed the Chief Officer's actions with regard to this going forward.

Councillors expressed their appreciation to staff who were working under difficult circumstances.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council's Annual Meeting in May 2017 should be held in the Town Hall Exhibition Gallery if the room was available.

13. To consider matters relating to the Petyt Library and associated librarian arrangements.

Members **NOTED** the pending redundancy, from North Yorkshire County Council Library Service, of Gill Taylor the Custodian of the Petyt Library.

As the arrangement between the Town Council and the Custodian was an historic one it was agreed that some research was required, including the location of all the Collection and the extent of Ms Taylor's role, then the award of a future honorarium increase could be considered.

It was **RESOLVED** that Ms Taylor should be asked to continue to act as Custodian. The matter of an increase in the honorarium would be deferred until a future meeting.

14. To receive a progress update on, and to consider any matters relating to, the Council's review of staffing arrangements.

Councillors **NOTED** an update on the review.

The next meeting of the Staffing Working Group would be Monday, 27 March 2017.

It was **RESOLVED** that, if appropriate, the meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee scheduled for 20 April 2017 should be converted to an additional meeting of the Full Council.

15. Questions for the Leader of the Council.

A Member asked what the Leader's view was on the forthcoming closure of the Craven Volunteer Centre – and did he believe there is anything the Council could do?

The Leader expressed his sadness at the pending closure of the Volunteer Centre, however, there was little the Town Council could do.

Members wished to record their thanks to Dee Pollitt and her team for a fantastic job.

Another Member asked whether Skipton Town Council would reconsider supporting a request to provide an additional dog waste/litter bin on Moorview Way near the new housing development at Elsey Croft.

It was agreed to place this item on the next Public Services Committee agenda.

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

None.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm