



FULL COUNCIL

Thursday 18 July 2019 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors P Madeley (Chairman), G Bell, S Bentley, A Barrett, J Dawson, W Feather, R G Heseltine, A Hickman, E Jaquin, R Judge, C Nash, D Painter and D Shaw.

Dave Parker (Chief Officer) and Wendy Allsopp (Administration & Member Services Manager).

2 members of the public and 1 member of the press were present.

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

None

Following this item a small presentation was made to Reverend Richard Atkinson, who has served the town for 10 years, thanking him for his contribution to the community.

2. To accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Cllr K McIntyre (family commitments) and Cllr M Emmerson (illness).

Absent: Cllr G Iannaccone

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 agenda item 20 as he is a managing trustee of the Tarn Moor Estate.

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 16 May and 20 June 2019.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Full Council meetings held on 16 May and 20 June 2019 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at those meetings subject to the following additional wording to be included within the June minutes:

Following approval of the above financial matters a number of Members suggested that issues relating to the Mayoral chains should be considered at the next Full Council meeting. The Chief Officer confirmed that the matter had been considered at the recent meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee but a report would be prepared for Full Council in July.

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 & Planning Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meeting held on 22 November 2018 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

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 meeting held on 28 February 2019 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

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 19 April 2019 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

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 28 April 2019 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

11. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Events and Tourism Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Events and Tourism Committee meetings held on 10 January & 6 June 2019 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at those meetings.

12. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Market Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Market Committee meeting held on 28 April 2019 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

13. To receive a report of the Mayoral Engagements for May until July 2019.

Members noted engagements attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor said the gala had been marvellous fun and hoped that this event would continue to take place. He thanked staff and Cllrs for their effort in making Skipton Sheep Day a successful event.

14. To note the Council's Internal Audit Report for year-ending 31st March 2019.

Those present at the meeting noted the satisfactory completion of the Internal Audit Report 2018-2019 and the overall conclusion of the Internal Auditor.

It was noted that no matters have been raised as part of the audit.

Members confirmed that the report will be forwarded, as per normal practice, to the Audit & Scrutiny Committee for any further consideration the Committee feels to be appropriate.

Members agreed to invite the Internal Auditor's representative to attend the next meeting of the Audit & Scrutiny Committee.

15. To approve amendments to the Council's Bank Signatories.

Members agreed to approve the following changes to the Council's main bank account:

- Remove C Harbron, W Clark and P Whitaker from the list of authorised signatories
- Add Cllr P Madeley, Cllr J Dawson and Cllr E Jaquin to the list of authorised signatories

Members further agreed to approve the following changes to the Mayor's Charity Account:

- Remove W Clark
- Add Cllr P Madeley and Cllr K McIntyre

Members also agreed to approve the following changes to the Charitable Trust Accounts:

Remove W Clark and J Peacock from Marsden & Mullineaux Trust

Add S Poole on the Marsden & Mullineaux Trust

Change the key contact from J Peacock to S Poole on both the Marsden & Mullineaux Trust and the John Rimmington Bequest

16. To consider a request from a Member of the Council to reaffirm the Council's support for the following

- a. Skipton's status as a Fair Trade town - Members agreed to reaffirm the resolution of the previous Council to support and to continue to work towards maintaining Skipton's status as a Fair Trade Town.
- b. Skipton's status as a Town of Sanctuary – Members also agreed to again support the principles behind declaring Skipton as a Town of Sanctuary.

17. To consider matters relating to the Council's Mayoral Chains.

Members noted an update regarding issues surrounding the mayoral chains and suggested that:

- North Yorkshire and, if appropriate, West Yorkshire Police should be asked to investigate the circumstances of loss of part of the pendant
- The Chief Officer should locate quotes for both a replica chain and case for the mayoral chains
- In the interim period the pendant is not to be used unless under the supervision of a responsible Council officer

Members considered the proposed amendments to the Mayoral Chains protocol and asked that the Chief Officer draft an amended protocol to be considered by the Finance and Policy Committee taking into account comments made by Full Council.

18. Questions for the Leader of the Council.

A Member asked whether Councillors were all able to now able to receive documentation via their secure Council email addresses.

The Leader confirmed that he supported the need for improved delivery of documents, however, a handful of Members still wanted to receive hardcopies of paperwork.

Some further work was needed to make the system fully operational and Members were encouraged to contact the office to ensure they were fully set up.

The Chief Officer said that regular update emails to Members would commence once he was confident they would reach all Councillors.

19. To consider excluding press and public for consideration of item 20 on the grounds that it relates to confidential matters concerning the terms of a contract between two third-parties.

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.

20. To approve a request from the Trustees to the Tarn Moor Estate to execute a transfer deed (in line with the Council's obligations as Custodian Trustee) for the sale of a small parcel of the Estate's land.

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21. To receive notification of matters that Members would like including on a future agenda.

None

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm