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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 MAY 2022 7 PM IN THE BOYS SUNDAY SCHOOL OFF KIRKGATE

PRESENT:	CHAIRMAN	S Cobb
	COUNCILLORS	D Bowgett, J Chiswick, P Emmott, P Grasby, F Greig, D Mackay & C Metcalfe.
	CLERK	J Crowther
	DEPUTY CLERK	J Mottershead
	ALSO PRESENT	4 members of the public

Councillor S Cobb congratulated Councillor K Poskitt on becoming a North Yorkshire Councillor and welcomed P Grasby as a Town Councillor.

AC1 ELECTION OF MAYOR 2022-2023 – Councillor S Cobb requested nominations for the position of Chairman for 2022 – 2023.

Following a unanimous vote members agreed the following: -

RESOLVED – Councillor D Bowgett be elected to serve as Mayor/Chairman for the 2022/2023 Council year.

AC2 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE – Councillor D Bowgett signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and receive the Mayoral Chain.

AC3 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2022-2023 – Councillor D Bowgett requested nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor 2022 2023 –

Following a unanimous vote members agreed the following: -

RESOLVED – Councillor S Cobb be elected to serve as Deputy Mayor/ Vice Chairman 2022 2023.

AC4 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE – Councillor D Bowgett signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and received the Deputy Mayors Chain.

AC5 APOLOGIES – To receive, record and approve apologies for absence - M Middlemiss, & R Sweeting.

AC6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – To receive and record declarations of interest at this point or at any other point on the agenda – None

AC7 OUTGOING MAYOR'S VALEDICTORY ADDRESS –

S Cobb - June 2021 we moved from Zoom meetings caused by the Covid pandemic to face to face meetings in the Boy's Sunday School.

We have seen a lot of discussions over Selby Local Plan and efforts being made to encourage the local land and property owner to reinstate empty properties for affordable rental. There is much concern, however, over plans to build on the Central Car Park. Free parking supports local businesses, events in The Riley-Smith Hall and in our churches.

Under the Neighbourhood Plan we look forward to taking control of future developments and increasing the footfall in the Town. Thanks go to David Gluck and Mike Dando for progressing this.

We are exerting pressure on the Environment Agency to speed up their plans for Flood Alleviation.

Our Grant Aid support has gone to the Old People's Treat and equipment to help clear up February's Flood event.

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The Town Newsletter goes to every house although this is circulated only twice a year.

We continue to maintain the Cemetery, the viaduct and Dorchester to Stutton Road footpaths.

We inspect and upkeep trees, litterbins and benches.

I am proud of the flowers around the Town and the improvements made to Westfield Allotments.

I am pleased about the policing in the Town and thank PC Nicholas Woods and his team for keeping the Town so safe.

Notable and successful events in the Town included Remembrance Sunday, the Christmas Market and the Lantern Procession to celebrate 5 years since The Bridge reopened.

I look forward to the development of a new Brewery Heritage Museum, the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and our new monthly surgery consultations in The Ark.

We look forward to the challenges of the transfer of power from Selby District Council to the new North Yorkshire Unitary Authority.

Our budgets continue to be run very effectively by Jane Crowther, our Clerk.

Thanks for overseeing the above thanks go to our three Officers and my fellow Councillors. I wish Ian Edmondson and Greg Lodge best wishes in their retirement as we welcome Paul Emmott and Peter Grasby

AC8 MAYOR'S ADDRESS –

Councillor D Bowgett - I would like to start by thanking Cllr Cobb for the sterling work he has done over the past three years. When he took the job of Mayor on in the summer of 2019, I don't think there's any way anyone could have predicted that he would have to help steer the town through anything like the COVID pandemic, or another major flooding event, and yet his dedication to the job and the people of this town were fully on display throughout the last three years.

The year ahead is a very unique one in two ways. Firstly, it is the last one with Selby District Council and North Yorkshire County Council in operation, before they will be merged into the unitary North Yorkshire Council, and I look forward to working with our new county councillor, Kirsty Poskitt, as well as the three current Selby District councillors during this time of transition.

Secondly, this year will see the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, something that has never before been celebrated by any monarch of this country. We have a number of events planned to celebrate this monumental occasion, I think we owe it to the queen to make them worthy of the occasion, and I hope you will all join us in turning out to support them.

There are many opportunities for the town ahead, and, I believe, more cause for optimism than there has been in quite some time. However, as always, we still have a great many challenges ahead. I firmly believe that we can work together to seize these opportunities and overcome any challenges, but it is vitally important that we all play our role, as councillors, as community groups, and as residents.

The mayor's chosen charities for this year will be Macmillan Cancer Support, and the Tadcaster Flood Action Group.

Finally, I would like to thank the town council for trusting me with this role at such a critical point. I am aware that I am the first person since Cllr Cobb ten years ago to be taking on the mayor's role for the first time, and I hope that a year from now, when I am handing over my role

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to the next mayor of Tadcaster, that I will have fully repaid the trust that the town council has placed in me today. Thank you all once again.

AC9 DEPUTY MAYOR'S ADDRESS – S Cobb reported that he was looking forward to supporting the Mayor during his Mayoral year.

AC10 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP - To agree the allocation of Councillors to the two Standing Committees.

COUNCILLOR	ENVIRONMENT	F&GP
D Bowgett	/	/Chairman
J Chiswick	/	/
S Cobb	/Chairman	/
P Emmott	/	
P Grasby	/	/
F Greig	/	
D Mackay	/	/Vice Chairman
C Metcalfe	/	
M Middlemiss	/Vice Chairman	
C Stephenson	/	/
R Sweeting	/	/
TOTAL	11	7

AC11 CHAIRMANSHIPS & VICE-CHAIRMANSHIPS OF COMMITTEES – Members elected Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen for the two Standing Committees as follows: -

a. Environment Committee

b. Finance & General Purposes Committee

RESOLVED – That the Chairman & Vice Chairman of the two standing Committees be as stated above.

AC12 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OTHER BODIES (2022/2023)

Members elected Councillors to serve on the following bodies: -

CLLR	YLCA	Swim Pool	Daw & Ogle	Town Twin	SD AVS	Com Library	Patient Participati on Group	EA Client Group	Rural Market Town
D Bowgett			/	/	/	/			
S Cobb		/		/				/	
J Chiswick							/		
P Emmott									/
P Grasby									
F Greig						/			
D Mackay	/								
C Metcalfe									
M Middlemiss									
C Stephenson									
R Sweeting									

AC13 PLANNING –

4/22 – 123 Stutton Road – Single storey rear and side extension to provide additional living accommodation.

RESOLVED – Members had no objection to the above application.

ACTION – Clerk to reply to SDC accordingly.

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AC14 COUNCILLOR VACANCIES – Members considered Councillor vacancies.

Members considered the Co-option of C Stephenson.

RESOLVED – Members voted unanimously to elect C Stephenson for Town Councillor.

The Clerk reported that Councillor Vacancies would be on the 21 June 2022 Council Meeting agenda.

AC15 TADCASTER BREWING HERITAGE CENTRE – Members update of the project.

P Emmott reported that he had sent numerous emails to Selby District Council to include Local Councillors and Executive Councillors, regarding funding for the TBHC with no reply.

He felt Breweries needed to be involved and help fund the scheme. Two breweries had agreed in principle to funding.

He understood that funding had been allocated for Britannia Car Park and the Bus Station he had not seen any plans. These plans would be completed following the Tadcaster FAS Flood Defence schemes in 2026. He had asked SDC for Tadcaster Regeneration plans.

D Mackay felt Tadcaster was a forgotten territory.

C Metcalfe shared frustrations regarding the uncertainty of the potential use of Tadcaster Social Club for a centre. He felt there had been confusion regarding funding for a pop-up event as a tester for the scheme also misunderstandings regarding, match funding which would be required from several partners for a Heritage Centre.

P Emmott reported that he had clearly stated the funding required in his letter to SDC.

SDC had allocated millions to other causes in the district and could not understand why the £4,000 required for a pop-up event had not been agreed.

C Metcalfe reported that there was an understandable lack of enthusiasm at SDC owing to the change to a Unitary Authority.

P Emmott reported that a large building required for the project would require a large amount of funding, it was disappointing that SDC could not help.

D Mackay felt that as SDC could not be relied on in its present state that NYCC and the NY Councillor be approached.

K Poskitt understood the frustrations and felt that a pop-up event would test the Communities enthusiasm and support for Brewing Heritage Centre.

P Emmott asked members to register their support on the Heritage Centre website.

D Bowgett stated that he would re post Heritage Centre on the Councils Website.

The Clerk suggested advertising the Centre at the Queens Jubilee Market.

P Emmott to liaise with the Clerk.

AC16 TADCASTER NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – Members approved the minutes of the following meetings: -

a. 6 October 2021

b. 26 January 2022

c. 14 February 2022

AC17 FINANCE - Payment of Accounts – Three Councillors approved and signed the cheques and stubs. Schedule to be circulated at the meeting as follows: -

9860	J Crowther (RBLI)	129.99	0	129.99
9861	Julian Hall	131.25	0	131.25
9862	Low Carbon Products Ltd (Benches)	1776.30	355.26	2131.56
9863	Cookie Graphic Design	135.00	0	135.00
9864	D C Cleaning Solutions	140.00	0	140.00
9865	DCK Accounting Solutions	540.90	108.18	649.08
9866	Fulprint	475.00	0	475.00
9867	Living Landscapes	1749.55	0	1749.55

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9868	Living Landscapes	40.00	0	40.00
9869	DCG Tree Surgery	147.50	0	147.50
9870	Pullan Landscapes	180.00	0	180.00
9871	Vision ICT	459.00	0	459.00
9872	The Advertising Bike Company	490.00	98.00	588.00
9873	Yorkshire Internal Audit Services	310.00	0	310.00
9874	Cancelled			
9875	Petty Cash	271.69	0	271.69
9876 9880	Administration	5954.43	0	5954.43

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AC18 SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS: - To allow members of the public to speak on any matter or issue relating to the town.

- A resident reported that flood funding had not been distributed to residents and businesses following flooding in February 2022. The application form had been disappointing and had required irrelevant information.

K Poskitt reported that funding was being allocated by Two Ridings and the MPs Senior Assistant was in contact with SDC Chief Executive.

ACTION - Clerk to send a letter to SDC requesting the following: -

- **a timeline for the distribution of flood funding**
- **confirmation as to how funding is to be distributed**
- **if it is to be means tested.**
- **What will happen to excess funding following distribution**
- C Metcalfe congratulated K Poskitt in her post as North Yorkshire Council for Tadcaster, asked what her priorities were going forward.

K Poskitt reported that her main aim was to improve communications between Councils and to work together to get things done. She wanted to listen people and gage community priorities with the aim of creating positivity.

C Metcalfe felt there was 12 months to ascertain a concept for the new North Yorkshire Council the delivery of localism was vital.

K Poskitt reported that the new authority was a huge project and could see a lot of stumbling blocks along the way. Tadcaster Town Council needed to be in a position to push for power. She was in the early stages, had attended an induction and was to attend webinars and meetings to further understand the new systems. She would report back to Council in due course.

- C Metcalfe asked for an agenda item on a meeting for the Council to discussed how loneliness the cost-of-living crisis and keeping the elderly warm in winter could be supported by the Council.

RESOLVED – That the above item be raised as an agenda item at the Environment Committee meeting on 7 June 2022.

ACTION – Clerk to deal

AC19 REINSTATE STANDING ORDERS

AC20 CLOSE OF MEETING

To consider exclusion of the press and public by virtue of the Public (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed at the following agenda items only.