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Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting TADCASTER TOWN COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday 18th February 2025

Time: 7pm

Venue: The Ark, 33 Kirkgate, Tadcaster, LS24 9AQ

In attendance: Cllr D Bowgett (Mayor), Cllr R Sweeting (Deputy Mayor), Cllr G Butcher, Cllr S Cobb, Cllr F Greig, Cllr G Lodge, Cllr K Poskitt, Cllr C Stephenson and Cllr P Tunney. In addition, NDP Consultants (Mike Dando and David Gluck) and 8 residents (including 2 representatives from the Environment Agency and Karl Ickeringill, Environment Agency Project Manager).

Officers: J Crowther, Town Clerk. G Ashton, Locum (remotely).

Late arrivals: none

early departures: Cllr Sweeting left 7.25pm

The meeting opened at 7pm

Minutes of the Meeting

FC/25/140 APOLOGIES

a) To receive and record apologies for absence.

Apologies received in advance of the meeting from Cllr Mackay, Cllr Chiswick and Cllr Metcalfe.

b) To resolve to approve reasons for absence.

Resolution: to accept and approve the reasons for absence received from Cllr Mackay, Cllr Chiswick and Cllr Metcalfe.

At the discretion of the Chairman, the following agenda item was moved forward in the agenda for discussion:

FC/25/146 Election of Mayor/Chairman and Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairman 2025/2026

a) To accept nominations and agree the Mayor/Chairman for ensuing Municipal Year

Cllr Sweeting proposed by Cllr Bowgett and seconded by Cllr Greig.

Resolution: to approve the election of Cllr Sweeting as Mayor of the Council for the municipal year 2025/2026. Unanimous.

b) To accept nominations and agree the Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairman for ensuing Municipal Year

Resolution: to approve the election of Cllr Bowgett as the Deputy Mayor of the Council for the municipal year 2025/2026. Carried.

FC/25/141 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

a) To note any written requests for dispensation the Clerk may have received from members. – None received

b) To consider any new dispensation requests – None received

c) To receive Declarations of Interests from members not already declared under the members Code of Conduct or members Register of Interests, in any business to be transacted. None received

FC/25/142 PUBLIC SESSION – Suspension of Standing Orders

Resolution: to suspend Standing Orders 2(f) to allow members of the public to raise items of interest in the public session. Unanimous.

Resident 1 – queries over the development of the Bus station regeneration project. Project Manager has emailed the resident directly. Concerns that the roof was removed when it shouldn't have been. The guarantee was that the roof would remain during the project to ensure that residents could stand out of the poor weather, unfortunately, there were complications which meant that the whole roof had to be removed, the roof removal was not in the project plans. Concerns over the speeding in the town. VAS sign located on Wighill Lane but not in the appropriate position. The Chairman explained that relocating the VAS into the 40mph zone would provide misleading data. Fixed speed cameras maybe the only solution for this area.

Cllr Tunney explained that the residents of Wighill Lane were not optimistic about the prospect of a fixed speed camera any time soon across the County and there was no question of placing the VAS in a 40mph zone. The request was for a mobile van/VAS to be deployed in the location where the 2019 VAS had been deployed. However, Cllr Poskitt reiterated information received on previous occasions from PC Nick Woods that this section of road does not meet the criteria for the location of a mobile speed camera.

Resident 2 and 3 – wished to raise concerns over dangerous parking on Station Road. This happens during the week and on the weekend. Emergency services located on Station Road and these concerns stretch into Wetherby Road. Road users parking appear to have no consideration for local residents or the safety of other road users. In addition, HGV parking is becoming an increasing concern which can be “long-stay” overnight. Cllr. Tunney said he was not surprised with what had been said by the residents, because he had been raising this issue for the past year. The car parking situation in the town centre was chronic and to hear that NYC officials were still talking to the major landowner about the development of the central area car park for housing was a ridiculous situation.

NYC County Cllr Poskitt explained that there is dangerous parking all over Tadcaster. Cllr Poskitt explained there is illegal parking vs insensitive parking. The Police can enforce dangerous parking and fine car owners parked dangerously or restrict dangerous parking by putting cones out. Resident only parking isn't easy to initiate, all residents have to agree to permit parking and have to financially contribute to this solution. Double Yellow lines are an alternative but there needs to be a co-ordinated approach and could exasperate the issue of limited parking in the town. Enforcement could come to Tadcaster and observe dangerous parking but can only “enforce” illegal parking not insensitive parking.

Cllr Sweeting left the meeting -7.25pm

Resolution: for the Council to write to local businesses as a polite reminder of considerate parking in the town Cllr Bowgett to draft a letter and for Cllr Poskitt to arrange for Enforcement to conduct a site visit and was working in conjunction with Riverside Primary School at Wetherby Road.

Resolution: to reinstate Standing Orders 2(f). Unanimous.

At the discretion of the Chairman, the following agenda item was moved forward in the agenda for discussion:

FC/ 25/143 REPORTS FROM OTHER AUTHORITIES

b) Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme & Environment Agency – To note update regarding the Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme. A representative from the EA in attendance to update members regarding Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme.

Karl Ickeringill provided a verbal update. Current phase is that planning permission is validated and being considered by statutory consultees and neighbours. Approx. 1,050 letters of support have been received. Thank you to all those who have returned positive comments to the planning portal. Statutory consultees are starting to submit their responses to the scheme. Work still to be carried out with North Yorkshire bridging team. Financial business case is currently gathering momentum as is the discussion with contractors. Still some work to be done with funding to make the scheme happen. New round of government funding has been announced. Funding and economics are still tight, but the EA are working towards the final figure. EA are still looking to work with Yorkshire Water and a meeting is planned with one of their programme specialists: there is still progression on this, and an understanding that something needs to be done to prevent surface water flooding.

County Cllr Poskitt felt assured when 4 members of Yorkshire Water recently attended a Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme meeting (led by David Owens, Yorkshire Water). Conversation that an underwater pump will be installed to manage the surface water flooding and provide a local, positive solution. There is a huge amount of preparatory work to carry out once the planning permission has been granted. It is a massive project that will take time to execute to its' finished state.

i. To receive an update from Cllr Tunney regarding the river event on 1 January 2025.

Cllr Tunney provided a verbal update from his report circulated to members. The river levels reached were unusually high levels in Tadcaster on 01 January 2025, forcing closure of the bridge. A cloudburst occurred during the early hours on this day, in the region of Wetherby causing heavy rainfall in the local catchment area covering Ingmanthorpe, Wetherby East, Walton and Wighill. Nearly 9cm of rain fell in the space of 3 hours. Cllr Tunney has acquired video evidence of this, causing huge ponding at a big housing development between Wetherby Services and the racecourse. This water ponding required emergency pumping into a culvert which fed into the Wharfe below Flint Mill. The rainfall further along this cloudburst eventually found its way to the Wharfe later that day. That is why Tadcaster measuring station recorded a 0.5m, higher reading than upstream gauges.

Cllr Bowgett thanked Cllr Tunney for providing the additional information and agreed to share with Wetherby ward Councillors.

At the discretion of the Chairman, the following agenda item was moved forward in the agenda for discussion:

FC/25/145 PLANNING

d) To receive an update on the next steps for the Tadcaster Neighbourhood Development Plan (report from External Consultant and/or Officer).

NDP update – Mike Dando, NDP Consultant and David Gluck, Steering Group Chairman

Mike explained that the revised NPPF changes were published in December 2024 and the cessation of the Selby Local Plan is currently going through North Yorkshire Council, having been through their Executive Committee for recommendation of cessation to the full Council. NPPF changes are subtle, and having little direct impact on the Tadcaster NDP draft plan. With regards to the Local Plan, having reviewed the NDP draft plan, it requires few amendments and can then be reviewed by the Town Council.

Amendments include proofing of the document to remove all Selby Local Plan references, look at the 6 preferred allocation sites as per the Local Plan and potential implications and would be

prudent to develop additional policy references to housing in light of the raising of the government targets.

Cllr Tunney expressed concerns about driving the process of NDP designation when the Council are unaware of the implications of the increase in housing stock across the country. With no recent Selby Local Plan or North Yorkshire Plan or a housing analysis, the Council should pause the progression of the NDP in Tadcaster. Cllr Poskitt responded by saying it would be disastrous to pause at this stage. Entirely legitimate to have aspirational ideas.

Resolution: to approve the continuation of the Tadcaster Neighbourhood Development Plan.

David Gluck confirmed that there has been some overspend on the budget of the NDP as had not re-applied to Locality presently. This overspend is circa £1,500-£1,600 due to some of the additional work now required. David will work with the group to make a new Locality application in the next financial year.

FC/25/143 REPORTS FROM OTHER AUTHORITIES

a) Police and other authorities –

- i. To note NYP report - noted
- ii. To note NYP Community Newsletter – January 2025 - noted

c) **County Councillor** – update from County Cllr Poskitt, and to include the following:-

- i. To receive an update on 8-10 Kirkgate – ongoing issues following an incident. Regular contact with the brewery regarding contractors working on the site.
- ii. To receive an update on the Yorkshire Water Tadcaster Flood Plan for surface Water Flooding. Discussed previously in the agenda.
- iii. To receive an update on ongoing works at the Bus Station. Approximately 1 week behind schedule due to inclement weather, possible completion date of week commencing 14 April.
- iv. To receive an update on parking issues in the Town. Covered in public session but clearly impacting an awful lot of local residents and businesses.
- v. To receive an update on the Selby Local Plan – cessation of the Local Plan is inevitable and will likely be agreed by full council at the next meeting.
- vi. To receive and update on the NYC presentation - Changes to NPPF and the Standard Method for Calculating Housing Need. Monthly meetings are taking place with a local brewery and NYC. The housing need has increased under the new government from approx. 1,500 to 4,000 homes each year. Cllr Poskitt attended the members session and found this informative and useful.

FC/25/144 To APPROVE as a true and correct record, the MINUTES of the **Full Council** Meeting held on Tuesday 14 January 2025 and in addition the committee and subcommittee minutes as detailed below:

a) Environment Committee - Members to approve the minutes of the 4 February 2025.

Resolution: to accept and approve as a true and accurate the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14 January 2025 and the Environment Committee meeting held on 4 February 2025.

FC/25/145 PLANNING

Members to note and resolve to comment on the following applications received (North Yorkshire Council):

(a) Planning Applications

<i>Valid date</i>	<i>Planning Reference</i>	<i>Description of application</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
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04 Feb 25	ZG2024/1133/FUL	Erection of a forklift battery charging building	Molson Coors Brewing Company (Uk) Ltd, Four Bays At, Tower Brewery	25 Feb 25
07 Feb 25	ZG2025/0103/HPA	Timber garage in rear of property garden	50 York Road, Tadcaster, LS24 8AF	28 Feb 25
10 Feb 25	NY/2022/0198/73	Re-consultation on planning application for the purposes of the removal of condition No.7 of Planning Permission Ref. C8/2009/1066/CPO to allow blasting in the southern extension area. on land at Land to the south of existing quarry	Jackdaw Crag Quarry, Moor Lane, Sutton, Tadcaster, LS24 9BE	24 Feb 25
03 Feb 25	ZG2025/0116/HPA	Demolition of conservatory and construction of a single storey rear extension	14 Parkland Drive, Tadcaster, LS24 8DW	4 Mar 25

No objections on any of the above

- (b) To note Granted Applications / Decision Notices since the last meeting – None
- (c) To consider any Enforcement Issues & Concerns - None
- (d) To receive an update on the next steps for the Tadcaster Neighbourhood Development Plan (report from External Consultant and/or Officer). *Discussed higher up the agenda.*

Discussed higher up the agenda

FC/25/146 Election of Mayor/Chairman and Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairman 2025/2026

- a) To accept nominations and agree the Mayor/Chairman for ensuing Municipal Year
- b) To accept nominations and agree the Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairman for ensuing Municipal Year

FC/25/147 ASSET MANAGEMENT AND EVENTS

- a) To consider a way forward with bill posting around the Town – Cllr Poskitt to email NYC Highways.
- b) To receive an update on the Tadcaster Enhancement Project from David Gluck, TRCIC including a proposal for the Tadcaster Town Trail boards.
David provided a verbal update on some of the projects, events and workshops.
- c) To consider the data from the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) Nov 24 to Jan 25
Wetherby Road provided interesting data. Speed awareness group appears to be having a positive impact as data reduced in January 2025. Interruption in data in December as the VAS sign was disconnected (Police confirm that this is a crime).
- d) To consider speeding concerns raised by residents on Wighill Lane.
Cllr Tunney has done some research on fixed and mobile cameras. Cllr Bowgett had written a letter (circulated to members) regarding speeding issues in Tadcaster, some amends to be made. Defer to F&GP Committee meeting on 4 March 2025.
- e) To receive an update on VAS signs and potential future sites
Cllr Bowgett confirmed that there will be consideration of potential future sites including Oxton Lane, Wighill Lane and 40mph by Heineken and Stutton Road. However, the latter likely to come under the jurisdiction of Stutton PC.
- f) To receive an update from the Community Speedwatch Group.
Garnet Lane and Stutton Road have produced very little speeding, however parked cars may inhibit this. Not a particular issue at the moment. Wetherby Road has been visited 5 times, Stutton Road twice and Garnet Lane once. Suggestion of re-looking at the possibility of deploying on Wighill Lane but within the Tadcaster parish boundary. Perhaps contact Healaugh Parish Council and Stutton Parish Council to liaise on suitable sites.
- g) To receive an update regarding the Local Prevent Group – An update from Cllr Bowgett, 2nd meeting has taken place, working with Tadcaster Grammar School.

- h) To receive an update and a way forward on improving the image of the Town – Cllr Poskitt meeting with Community Payback team next week (identify areas that don't look great, ie Hillside). Happy to receive ideas and comments from members prior to the meeting.
- i) To receive an update on the 2025 Litter Pick and agree a date – Cllr Butcher provided a verbal update. Date to be decided at next full council meeting.
- j) To receive an update on the 2025 Christmas Market Working Group – Cllr Poskitt provided a verbal update. Suggestion of a task and finish group. Cllr Poskitt, Sweeting and the Town Clerk have met and provided a recommendation. For the Full Council to remain overall control of the Christmas Market but to delegate to a working group. For the Clerk to maintain the infrastructure element of the organisation of the event. Working group to review costings and fees to market stall holders.

Resolution: to approve the above recommendations for organisation and management of the Christmas Market on 30 November 2025

- k) To consider the exclusion of the press and public by virtue of the Public (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted – None present
- l) To consider correspondence received regarding the Cemetery tree – meeting tomorrow to discuss.

Resolution: for the Cemetery Sub Committee to propose a plan of action.

- m) To consider essential maintenance to the Ark – quotations to be sourced as a matter of urgency.

Resolution: to delegate the spend to the Clerk for emergency expenditure at The Ark.

FC/25/148 POLICY & GOVERNANCE – None

FC/25/149 FINANCE

- a) To approve the schedule of payments to 31 January 2025 - (Two Councillors to approve and sign the Payment Schedule sheet to be paid by electronic payment. Schedule to be circulated at the meeting.)

Electronic Payments	NET	VAT	TOTAL
Calcaria Domestic Cleaning	105.00	0.00	105.00
D Simpson Cleaning	110.00	0.00	110.00
GC Electronics Ltd	67.50	0.00	81.00
M Dando, TNDP Consultant	2896.80	0.00	2896.80
Pullan	185.00	37.00	222.00
SLCC	1172.50	234.50	1407.00
Tadcaster Treat Association	600.00	0.00	600.00

Direct Debits	NET	VAT	TOTAL
Nycom	286.20	57.24	343.44
Ricoh	169.97	33.99	203.96

Payments to Note	NET	VAT	TOTAL
Administration	4544.07	0.00	4544.07

Resolution: to approve the payment schedule to 31 January 2025

- b) To consider the budget communication document
Resolution: to approve the prepared document and share with residents on request.
- c) To consider any grant applications and evaluation forms presented to the Town Council
None received

FC/25/150 PROJECTS & MEDIA

- a) WEBSITE NEWSLETTER AND MEDIA ITEMS – To suggest appropriate matters from this meeting to place on the website, Newsletter, Facebook and before the media.
Parade and Festival – 13 July 2025
- b) To consider the Spring edition of the Newsletter – Parade and Festival, Litter Pick, a thank to the community for TFAS support

FC/25/151 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – for members to note as required.

- a) YLCA – White Rose Bulletin (10, 24, 31 Jan, 7 Feb), Law and Governance Bulletin January 2025 - noted
- b) To consider correspondence from NYC parish Liaison: Local Plan Update – ‘Call for Sites’ site submissions - noted
- c) To consider a response to the 2025 -2035 NYC Public Conveniences Service Plan Consultation, deadline 21 Apr 2025 – noted, to reply as individuals rather than the Council.
- d) To consider an invitation to the Tadcaster Climathon two-part event – Online webinar Friday 28 March 1-am-12pm and in-person workshop Tuesday 1 April 10am-4pm at The Barn. Reminder for individuals to register.
- e) To consider correspondence from NY Council Parish Liaison regarding The Communities Innovating Yorkshire Fund – noted, refer to the Community Projects Working Group
- f) To receive a report from David Gluck, TRCIC on the Business Forum held on 6 February 2025 – noted.
- g) To note a copy of the presentation given at the Selby and Ainsty Parish Liaison meeting held at Selby Town Hall on 20 Jan 2025. - noted
- h) To note Jo Coles, York and North Yorkshire Deputy Mayor Newsletter – noted. Cllr Tunney & Cllr Butcher signed up to a remote meeting. Agenda item for next full council for verbal update.

FC/25/152 To consider **agenda items for next meeting –
Meeting with Jo Coles, Deputy Mayor, speeding workshop**

FC/25/153 To **note date, time and location of next meeting.
Tuesday 18 March 2025 at 7pm**

The meeting closed at 9.09pm