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Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting TADCASTER TOWN COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday 4th February 2025

Time: 7pm

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

In attendance: Cllr Poskitt (Chairman), Cllr D Bowgett, Cllr R Sweeting, Cllr G Butcher, Cllr S Cobb, Cllr D Mackay, Cllr C Metcalfe and Cllr Tunney. No members of the press or public present.

Officers: J Crowther, Town Clerk. G Ashton, Locum.

Late arrivals: none

early departures: none

The meeting opened at 7.02pm

Minutes of the Meeting

EC/25/43 APOLOGIES

a) To receive and record apologies for absence.

Cllr Chiswick and Cllr Stephenson.

b) To resolve to approve reasons for absence.

Resolution: to approve the reasons for absence from Cllr Chiswick and Cllr Stephenson.

Unanimous.

EC/25/44 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

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

b) To consider any new dispensation requests – None

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

EC/25/45 PUBLIC SESSION – Suspension of Standing Orders - None present

EC/25/46 To NOTE as a true and correct record, the MINUTES of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 05 November 2024.

Resolved: to note the Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 05 November 2024. Unanimous.

EC/25/47 PLANNING

Members to note and resolve to comment on the following applications received (from 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>
24 Dec 24	ZG2024/1328/ADV	Advertisement consent for 2 No digitally printed flexface (Illuminated) signage	Molson Coors Brewing Company (Uk) Ltd, Four Bays At, Tower Brewery	04 Feb 25 (extension requested)
24 Dec 24	ZG2024/1327/FUL	Installation of new hot liquor tank within an existing tank enclosure	Two Bays At, Tower Brewery, Wetherby Road	04 Feb 25 (extension requested)

No comments on either of the above.

(b) To note Granted Applications / Decision Notices since the last meeting.

- i. ZG2024/1202/HPA - 12 Meadow Garth, Tadcaster, LS24 8LY - Single storey rear extension – GRANTED
- ii. ZG2024/1240/HPA - 15 Heatherdene, Tadcaster, LS24 8EZ - Demolition of existing garage/store and proposed single storey rear extension and two storey side extension – GRANTED.

EC/25/48 EVENTS MANAGEMENT

a) To consider the future of the Christmas Market in Tadcaster.

Workload is heavy, takes a lot of officer time to prepare and organise the Christmas Market. Need to be mindful of potential understaffing during the 2nd half of 2025. As a consequence, there are three recommendations and suggestions to members 1) stay as is, the event carries on with the Clerk and Cllr Sweeting supporting the organisation of the event; 2) to hand the event over to an external community group/company or 3) form a working group and inviting members of the community to be involved as well as schools, local community groups, local businesses and other external stakeholders. Suggestion that the third option is favoured, working to a brief set by the Town Council, understanding the cost burden and allocate a grant to this working group. Affords the opportunity for members of the Council to join the working group and feedback to the Council via reports/minutes and verbal reports to full council meetings. Potential for the working group to look at match funding opportunities.

The Clerk explained that it does need to be a fairly quick decision as planning starts very early in the calendar year. A small working group would be useful and the Clerk could maintain ownership of the organisational structure of the event ie. the Temporary Event Notice (issued from NYC), the road closure, the “setting up” of the event. The Chairman explained that we have a very successful “blueprint” of what makes the event work well. Suggestion of a task and finish group in the short term with the Clerk, Cllr Sweeting and Cllr Poskitt and others who have expressed an interest in supporting the Council with the event.

Resolution: to set up a task and finish group in the short term led by Cllr Sweeting with the Cllr Poskitt and the Clerk; and others who have expressed an interest to scope the transition of the event organisation from the Council to a working group who will organise and deliver the event for Christmas 2025 (for the T&F group to report to the next full council meeting).

b) To consider and agree a date for a litter pick in Tadcaster.

Previous event led by the Deputy Clerk. Forms, risk assessments, contacting and organising comms between the groups. Picking up the bagged litter afterwards etc. Cllr Butcher offered to lead on this event. Suggestion to include Scouts, Girl Guides as previous years. Avoid school

holidays. 26 April and 03 May as suggested dates but the 2nd date is May Day weekend. Would be good to have lots of member support.

Resolution: for Cllr Butcher to lead on the co-ordination of the litter pick including the paperwork, forms and risk assessments.

EC/25/49 ASSET MANAGEMENT

- a) To receive an update on green/open space in the town

Cllr Bowgett suggested writing a SWOT analysis for each of the key green areas. NYC have recently done an analysis of green spaces in Tadcaster (2024). Cllr Bowgett suggested having a conversation with Cllr Stephenson which he will pursue.

Resolution: Cllr Poskitt to accompany Cllr Bowgett to carry out a modest biodiversity analysis of green spaces in the town and present a SWOT analysis for each location.

- b) To consider the Christmas Illuminations for 2025

Information and options circulated to the working group on email in terms of suggestions for purchasing additional lights in the spring while the column lights are on special offer and looking at more lights as replacement if required.

Resolved: to accept and approve the proposal from the Christmas Illuminations working group.

- c) To consider a quotation for new numbers at Stutton road allotments

When the Middlemiss allotments were refurbished, they were renumbered, using recycled plastic plaques which have weathered well. Difficult to identify and inspect when the numbers are not easily identifiable.

Resolution: to accept the quotation for £125.00 to provide new numbers on the Stutton Road allotments.

EC/25/50 POLICY & GOVERNANCE - None

EC/25/51 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) To consider a request from a resident for a grit bin on Hillcrest

Cllr Bowgett offered to do the site visit using the Councils criteria and report back with photographs.

- b) To consider a request to join a campaign for Average and Fixed Speed Cameras for York and North Yorkshire

Fantastic initiative. In the past, it has been noted that it is more efficient to send Police out with radar guns, however, acknowledge that fixed speed cameras have some significant value and positive impact to a local community. The Chair expressed caution that this is a relatively newly formed group. 35 Parish Councils have signed up to the initiative but the feeling in the room was to exercise caution until there is more involvement from a significant number of parish councils before signing up to the group. Sensible to communicate with the Mayor/PFCC Commissioner in the first instance.

Resolved: for Cllr Butcher and Cllr Tunney to organise a road safety surgery appointment with the Deputy Mayor in Tadcaster.

Resolved: support and agree to send the communication as previously discussed to David Skaith, Mayor, Alec Shelbrooke, MP and members of the Executive at North Yorkshire Council.

- c) To consider a response to the 2025 -2035 NYC Public Conveniences Service Plan Consultation, deadline 21 Apr 2025. – None statutory consultation - Noted

- d) To consider a nomination for The Sports and Recreation Alliance, deadline 12 Feb 2025 - Noted
- e) To note North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison Parish Update January 2025 - Noted
- f) To note Tree planting in Tadcaster to develop a Miyawaki Forest - Noted

EC/25/52 To consider the agenda items for the next meeting

Bill posting (Highways), Update on River event from 01 January 2025 - river water levels, Local Plan (next FC meeting), Bus Station project (next FC meeting), Christmas Market

EC/25/53 To note date, time and location of next meeting - Tuesday 03 June 2025

The meeting closed at 8.02 pm