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MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7 PM IN THE ARK, KIRKGATE

PRESENT:	CHAIRMAN	S Cobb
	COUNCILLORS	D Bowgett, I Edmondson, M Middlemiss, C Stephenson and R Sweeting.
	CLERK	J Crowther
	DEPUTY CLERK	J Mottershead
	ALSO PRESENT	D Gluck – TRCIC, 2 members of the public

- E179 APOLOGIES – (Item1)** - apologies for absence were approved for Councillors J Chiswick, F Greig, and D Mackay.
- E180 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – (Item 2)** - To receive and record declarations of interest at this point or at any other point on the agenda.
- E181 PUBLIC SESSION – SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS – (Item 3)** - members of the public raised the following matters:-
- A resident suggested the idea of Tadcaster branding itself as the town that brewed more beer than any other town in Britain.
D Gluck felt this was an good idea and could be looked at as part of the Visitor Strategy.
 - A resident raised concerns that 33% of properties in the identified flood zone in Tadcaster were empty and 85% of those were owned by a local Brewery, he felt that this amounted to the brewery holding commercial power in the town.
Members felt that the above issue was a SDC matter.
 - A resident asked what action North Yorkshire County Council or Selby District Council were planning regarding the sale of The Peace Centre Land in Tadcaster for development purposes as the revenue of the purchase could create £21 million pounds.
Councillor R Sweeting reassured the resident that the comments were noted.
Members felt that the above matter was not within the realms of SDC, NYCC or TTC.
The resident felt that facts relating to the towns development were not being recognised.
ACTION – The above resident to send any views regarding Development in Tadcaster to Councillor R Sweeting, Selby District Council for action.
- E182 REIMPOSE STANDING ORDERS – (Item 4)** -
- E183 CLERKS REPORT – (Item 5)** - None
- E184 PLANNING – (Item 6)** - Members noted the following application received from Selby District Council:-
- a. Granted Application –**
29/18 65 Willow Rise – Proposed re-cladding of front and side elevation with render and cedar timber cladding.
- E185 CORRESPONDENCE – (Item 7)** - members noted and make commented as required:-
- a. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations – White Rose Update** - Newsletter January 2019.
The Clerk circulated information regarding Purdah starting on 18 March 2019 with election on 2 May 2019
- b. Tadcaster Twinning Association** - Twinning Sign Post - Thank you letter.

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North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner – How does the fear of crime affect you and your local community – online survey.

E186 TADCASTER & RURAL COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY – (Item 8) - David Gluck in attendance to update members regarding the TEMPT.

●**The Soap Box Challenge – 9 June 2019** – All arrangements were in hand and ongoing. Sponsorship was being sought for the event.

The Road Closure had been successful with not detriment to any further Road Closures required throughout the year.

Tadcaster Flood Action Group had agreed to steward the event.

Britannia Car Park was to be the event hub.

E187 UCI CYCLING EVENT – 21 to 27 September 2019 – (Item 9) -

D Gluck – reported that he was awaiting Road Closure details.

A community site for the event was being explored, The Central Area Car Park and Britannia Car Park were being considered.

Disabled access was being considered at all stages of the plans.

Councillor R Sweeting felt that local food businesses should be considered ahead of external suppliers. D Gluck reported that the Committee were aware of the above concern.

The Clerk reported that a request had been received from the Para Cycling Event Manager for the use of the Ark during the event for administrative purposes.

RESOLVED –

●**The use of the Ark was agreed with Councillor R Sweeting to arrange the opening and closing of the Ark on 19, 20 & 21 September.**

●**Councillor M Middlemiss to be back up key holder.**

●**Authorisation for use of the printer at the usual cost per copy.**

E188 MP FLOOD LETTERS – (Item 10) - Members noted and discussed the Councils Flood Letter to Nigel Adams and corresponding reply.

Members agreed that a reply would not be advantageous until following the LEP response in June 2019.

Members agreed to suspend standing orders –

A resident reported that there was legislation in the 2011 Localism Act which allows funding from Central Government for development in the local community if Tadcaster were to claim duties from breweries in the town, the MP had recognised the reality.

D Gluck reported that he would be happy to informally discuss the Localism Act with the Council; to decipher if any action could be taken.

ACTION – D Gluck to attend the Council meeting on 16 April 2019 to discuss the 2011 Localism Act.

E189 VIADUCT SURVEY – (Item 11) - Members discussed a Viaduct Survey Report completed by Councillors S Cobb and D Bowgett on 30 January 2019.

RESOLVED – Members agreed to leave a fallen tree in situ as it was away from the footpath behind a fence and safe.

ACTION – Councillors S Cobb and C Stephenson to remove ivy from the footpath as necessary.

The Clerk reported that owing to river levels the Principal inspection would take place in the summer months when the river levels were low.

The Clerk reported that a request had been made for the resurfacing of an unregistered piece of land connecting Westfield Terrace and Viaduct Walk. Councillor D Mackay offered the use of his NYCC Community Fund for the project.

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RESOLVED – Following a majority vote members agreed for the Council to act as a facilitator for the payment of the above North Yorkshire County Council Community Fund payment to the contractor for the above work.

ACTION – Clerk to deal

- E190 LAND OFF STUTTON ROAD – (Item 12)** - The Clerk reported that the land between the shops and the Jackdaw off Stutton Road, was unadopted, the land would be difficult for the Council to adopt as it had never been maintained by the Council.

RESOLVED – That an agenda item be raised at the Council meeting on 19 March 2019.

- E191 CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS** – (Item 13) - Members discussed plans for illuminations 2019 agreed at the Council meeting on 5 February 2019. The Clerk asked members for their preference of colour for the rope light at the Bus Station and lighting for the small trees.

RESOLVED – Members agreed Cold White rope lighting for the Bus Station and coloured lighting for the small trees.

- E192 PLANTING – (Item 14)** - Members update of 2019 planting.

The Clerk reported that hanging baskets for the Bus Station had been ordered.

Watering volunteers were being sought.

- E193 EMERGENCY PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE – (Item 15)** - Members approved the minutes of the meeting on 8 January 2019.

- E194 LITTER PICK – (Item 16)** -

- a. Members discussed a date for the 2019 Litter Pick.

RESOLVED – Members agreed the 30 March 2019

- b. Members to discuss and agree Councillor Volunteers for the event.

RESOLVED – Councillors M Middlemiss, S Cobb and D Bowgett to coordinate the event from the Ark Chamber.

Councillor C Stephenson volunteered to help at the event.

- E195 ALLOTMENTS – (Item 17)** -

- a. To discuss any matters relating to the allotments - None

b. Keeping of Hens on Allotments Policy - Members considered a policy for the keeping of hens on allotment sites, circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED – Members agreed the above policy.

ACTION – Clerk to deal

- E196 FINANCE – (Item 18) - Payment of Accounts** – Three Councillors approved and signed the cheques and stubs. Schedule to be circulated at the meeting:-

			NET	VAT	TOTAL
1	9141	SDC Legal Fees (Re issued Cheque)	804.00	0	804.00

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			NET	VAT	TOTAL
1	9142	Vision ICT (Re issued cheque)	50.00	10.00	60.00
2	9143	B K Parnaby & Sons	181.50	36.30	217.80
3	9144	Blachere Illuminations	200.00	40.00	240.00
4	9145	Selby District Council	246.02	0	246.02
5	9146	Selby District Council	1064.16	0	1064.16
6	9147	GC Electronics	55.00	11.00	66.00
7	9148	Christmas Plus	44.50	8.90	53.40
8	9149	D C Cleaning Solutions	120.00	0	120.00

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- E197 TADCASTER TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER – (Item 19)** - Members put forward suggestions for the next Newsletter from this meeting: - Flood Warden and Flood Warning information.
- E198 WEBSITE AND MEDIA ITEMS – (Item 20)** – Members suggested appropriate matters from this meeting to place on the website and before the media:- The Soap Box Challenge
- E199 MINOR MATTERS AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING – (Item 21)** - to bring to the attention of the meeting, or the Clerk any relevant items of business for the next meeting of the **Environment Committee.**
- Councillor C Stephenson reported an increase in dog fouling in the Dorchester Road area.
- ACTION - Councillor S Cobb to spray dog fouling fine signs on pavements in the town.**