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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 13 AUGUST 2019 IN THE ARK

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN	S Cobb
COUNCILLORS	D Bowgett, J Chiswick, I Edmondson, D Mackay & M Middlemiss
CLERK	Jane Crowther
DEPUTY CLERK	Jo Mottershead
PRESENT	Police Inspector - Martin Wedgwood, V Townsend (Environment Agency) D Gluck – (Tadcaster Rural CIC), & 2 Members of the public.

C27 APOLOGIES – (Item 1) - Members received and approved apologies for absence from F Greig, G Lodge, C Metcalfe, C Stephenson & R Sweeting.

C28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – (Item 2) - To receive and record declarations of interest at this point or at any other point on the agenda.

C29 PUBLIC SESSION – SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS – (Item 3) - To allow members of the public to speak on any matter as it relates to the town. Residents reported the following matters:-

- Two elderly residents had been injured on steps adjacent to 92 Woodlands Avenue and on steps to the play area, following requests to SDC for handrails at these locations.
- There was a tree overhanging the footpath on the junction of Stutton Road and Woodlands Avenue.
- A burnt out motor scooter was still in situ at Ash Tree Walk.
- Concerns were raised regarding an application to SDC for a 24 hour license at Tadcaster Social Club.

It was felt previous late licenses in the town had led to anti-social behaviour in the town, this had improved following the closure of these premises.

Councillor D Mackay reported that the Club presently held a licence until 2am.

There was a petition being signed by local residents against the application.

Councillor S Cobb reported that SDC had not made a decision on the application. .

- There was a lack of an evening cash machine facility in the centre of the town, which was damaging evening trade.
- A resident felt that there was a lack of street musicians at the Christmas Market and suggested that Leeds College of Music be asked to partake.

C30 REIMPOSE STANDING ORDERS – (Item 4) –

ACTION – Councillor D Mackay to contact SDC regarding the siting of handrails at the above 2 Woodland Estate sites and Parklands Drive and Auster Bank footpath.

ACTION – Clerk to make enquiries to the Police and SDC regarding arrangements for the removal of the above burnt out scooter.

ACTION – Clerk to write to Halifax to request a mini bank facility at the premises on Bridge Street.

Members agreed to discuss item 6 at this stage of the meeting.

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C31 POLICE INSPECTOR – (Item 6) - Inspector M Wedgwood reported that he had worked in the Police Service in the Tadcaster, Sherburn in Elmet and Eggborough area for 24 years, he had no plans to be leaving the area for the next 6 – 7 years.

He had attended 3 meetings in Tadcaster his aim was to be realistic and try his best for the community. He intended to attend the CEF meetings.

Councillor S Cobb raised concerns regarding CCTV in the town, The Crime Commissioner had previously mentioned a County Wide CCTV scheme but no further information had been received.

D Gluck reported that Tadcaster Business Forum had asked the Crime Commissioner/Police to provide a standard requirement/specification for CCTV cameras with a few to businesses looking at a way forward for CCTV in the town.

M Wedgwood reported that the present SDC CCTV contractor was not good, the contract was due to expire in 18 Months and the likelihood was that the contractor would change.

Tadcaster had lost the monitoring service for CCTV, other areas in North Yorkshire still provided this service.

There had been a spree of vehicle theft recently which was a constant issue in Tadcaster due to its close proximity to the A64.

There was a general lack of police recourses.

Councillor D Mackay enquired if Tadcaster Police Station was open to the public.

M Wedgwood reported that Tadcaster Station was manned part time and there were no plans for any changes. Sherburn Station was a backup for Tadcaster.

Councillor S Cobb reported that there had been break-ins at two businesses in Kirkgate, the 101 number had failed to respond.

M Wedgwood did not support the 101 system as it failed to deliver a suitable service. He felt Crime Stoppers was a good service.

There were planned to improvements to the Police Control Room.

Councillor J Chiswick felt that Tadcaster lacked a Youth Provision, which in previous years had provided a link between the Police and the young in the town.

M Wedgwood assured members that he would maintain contact with Manor Farm youth services.

A resident reported that drugs were being sourced in Tadcaster and taken to outlying villages.

M Wedgwood was aware of drug activity in the Bus Station, individuals had been identified and had moved back to West Yorkshire. He was aware of less serious drug issues in the town, any information was useful.

Councillor M Middlemiss asked if any observations of drug use was worth reporting to the police.

Councillors J Chiswick and D Mackay reported incidents of drug misuse in the town.

M Wedgwood informed members of an email address that could be used for reporting incidents.

Councillor D Mackay reported an incident of illegal fishing and the killing of swans in the area.

V Townsend reported that such incidents should be reported to the Environment Agency.

Members thanked Inspector M Wedgwood for his attendance.

C32 ENVIRONMENT AGENCY – (Item 7) - V Townsend/ Environment Agency was in attendance to update members regarding future flood defences for Tadcaster.

Funding had been secured from the Local Enterprise Partnership which would enable the agency to start the design planning stage for future flood defences.

A list of options will be fully investigated and put forward for before March 2021.

Consultants were to be scoped in place by end August 2019.

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An External Project Board would be formed to include all elements of the community including representatives from TTC, SDC, NYCC, businesses and residents with a history of flooding.

D Gluck and Councillor S Cobb offered to be included on the above Board.

RESOLVED – Members agreed for Councillor S Cobb to represent TTC on the above Board.

The final decision would be a collective one and would include community events and drop in sessions.

Members enquired regarding interim flood prevention?

V Townsend reported that this would be the work of the EAs Resilience Team.

Councillor D Mackay asked if the EA were to repair the gap in the flood defences in the area next to the footbridge foundations.

V Townsend reported that if the gap was part of existing flood defences then it could be considered by the EA, if it was due to the installation of the footbridge then NYCC would be responsible, this had looked at previously by the EAs Asset Performance Team. The EA and NYCC had a good working relationship.

The project would only be achievable if all bodies worked collectively.

C33 TADCASTER RURAL COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY – (Item 8) - David Gluck was in attendance to update members regarding the following:-

a. Neighbourhood Plan – Information regarding the plan was circulated to members. Comments regarding the Your Place Your Plan were required by 19 August 2019, this would be advertised on the website etc.

Councillor M Middlemiss left the meeting.

A timescale for completion of a plan would be two years.

The next meeting to discuss the plan was on 10 October 2019.

b. Market – Update of plans for a market on cobbled area in Kirkgate, an Addendum Report was circulated to members.

Plans were for a regular market on the first Thursday in the month beginning on 3 October 2019.

Councillor M Middlemiss re-joined the meeting.

D Gluck was in contact with NYCC regarding highways permission for use of the space, and Selby District Council for licensing requirements.

The Town Council were in the process of looking into the adoption of the phone kiosk adjacent to the cobbles, planning including a 90 day consultation would be required.

c. UCI – D Gluck update members regarding plans for the UCI 21 – 28 September 2019. Emphasis was on encouraging visitors to stay in the town following the event.

C34 POLICE REPORT – (Item 5) Members noted the report.

Members were informed that St Marys Church had been broken into and as a result would not be open to the public.

C35 PLANNING – (Item 9) - Members noted the following applications received from Selby District Council:-

a. Granted Applications –

8/19 - John Smiths Brewery – High Street Proposed widening existing access to car park off London Road, removal of 2no trees to enable implementation of one way system within car park.

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14/18 & 25/18 – The Boys Sunday School – External alterations including removal of entrance door and replacement with glazing and stone infill, widening of gateway to side entrance including new wider timber gate, removal of timber covered walkway and replacement with new ramped access with railings and canopy to afford improved access to the building for elderly and disabled.

C36 CORRESPONDENCE – (Item 10) -

a. Selby District Council – Polling District and Polling Places Review – Deadline for responses 19 August 2019.

ACTION –

- **Clerk to reply to the above**
- **Clerk to write to Riley Smith Hall to request that Disabled Access signs be provided at the facility.**

b. Sustrans – Members discussed and agreed a representative to attend an initial informal meeting with Sustrans to look into options to develop a National Cycle route to include Tadcaster.

RESOLVED – Councillors F Greig and G Lodge to attend the above meeting on 20 August 2019.

c. Resident Letter – Regarding Public Session at the Councils meetings.

Members agreed that as Chairmen of Council and Committees allowed members of the public to speak as necessary during meetings that existing Standing Orders were satisfactory.

d. Women Against State Pension Injustice- Letter - Members discussed a recommendation from the F&GP Committee meeting on 11 June 2019 regarding a reply to the above letter.

RESOLVED – That a letter of the Councils support be sent to WASPI

ACTION – Clerk to deal

C37 RIVERSIDE PROJECT – (Item 11) - Members noted the following update received from Selby District Council: - the riverside tender has gone out to all companies who appear on Lot 1 of the Yorcivils Framework. The closing date for the tenders was midday on 30th August 2019.

Followed by a 2 week evaluation of the tenders with the award decisions being made on/around 13th September 2019. I will update you again at this point of proceedings.

C38 LAND AT STUTTON ROAD – (Item 12) - Members update from Selby District of the use of land at Stutton Road for a Car Park.

Councillor D Mackay reported that following discussions with Selby District Council the unadopted land was not required by SDC, there could be a contribution should plans for a car park come to fruition. Businesses in the area had shown an interest and should they fund the project then it could be taken forward.

ACTION - Councillor D Mackay to ask SDC to reply to TTC regarding the above decision.

C39 VIADUCT INSPECTION – (Item 13) - Members update of a date for the Principle Inspection of the Viaduct. Members were informed that the inspection was to be carried out on the 2 and 3 September 2019

The Clerk was to meet inspector's onsite on 18.08.19 to discuss plans for the inspection.

ACTION - Councillors D Mackay, M Middlemiss and I Edmondson be available on the 2 and 3 September 2019 should the inspectors have any questions.

C40 COUNCILLOR VACANCY – (Item 14) - Members discussed an application received and agreed the following:-

RESOLVED – Item 14 to be discussed in Part II of the meeting.

C41 CIVIC SERVICE – (Item 15) - Members noted the date of the Civic Service 20 October 2019.

C42 REPORTS BY DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS – (Item 16) - Members update regarding County and District matters.

District – issues had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

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County – Councillor D Mackay reported that drains in the town were in the process of cleaned.

C43 CEF PARTNERSHIP BOARD/FORUM UPDATE – (Item 17) - None - Councillor S Cobb reported that the next CEF was to be held in Ulleskelf on 23 September 2019.

C44 FINANCE – (Item 18) - Payment of Accounts – Three Councillors approved and signed the cheques and stubs. Schedule circulated at the meeting:-

			NET	VAT	TOTAL
1	9232	Tadcaster PCC	200.00	0	200.00
2	9233	B K Parnaby & Sons	482.50	96.50	579.00
3	9234	DCG Tree Surgery	45.00	0	45.00
4	9235	Yorkshire Water	43.49	0	43.49
5	9236	J C Crowther (Amazon)	197.63	0	197.63
6	9237	Cash to (J Mottershead)	209.95	0	209.95
7	9238	Pullan Landscapes	252.00	0	252.00
8	9239	Darren Simpson	120.00	0	120.00
9	9240 - 9244	Administration	5315.11	0	5315.11
10	9245	Corporate Office Furniture Ltd	2762.20	552.44	3314.64
11	9246	B K Parnaby	692.42	138.48	830.90
12	9247	Living Landscapes	1319.72	0	1319.72

C45 TADCASTER TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER – (Item 19) - Members put forward suggestions for the next edition of the Newsletter: - The Mayors attendance at Yorkshire Day.

C46 WEBSITE AND MEDIA ITEMS – (Item 20) – Members suggested appropriate matters from this meeting to place on the website, Facebook and before the media:- WASPI information

C47 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (Item 21) – Members approved as a correct record the Minutes of the following Council and Committee meetings:-

a. Environment Committee Meeting	held	21 May 2019
b. Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting	held	11 June 2019
c. Council Meeting	held	18 June 2019
d. Environment Committee Meeting	held	2 July 2019
e. Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting	held	23 July 2019

C51 RESOLVED –

- That the items discussed in Part II be now ratified and approved
- That members of the press and public be re-admitted to the meeting