

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held in the Ryedale Community and Leisure Centre, Bowling Lane Scarborough Road, Norton, on Monday 17 May 2021 at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT** Councillor Mrs A Spencer (Mayor) in the Chair;  
Councillors Mrs L Burr MBE, Ms S. Cawte, A. Croser, P. Farndale, Mrs D. Keal, R. King, J. Howard, D Lloyd-Williams, J. Mackenzie, P. Mooring, H. Spencer.  
Also Mrs R. Tierney, Mr T. Hicks

Prior to the start of the meeting members held a minutes silence in memory of Mr John Taylor, who died on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021 aged 85. He had served as a member of the council from May 1976 to May 1983. He was awarded the Honorary Freedom of the Parish by the Town Council following his campaign that started in 1979, to provide the community with a sports centre, and which finally came to fruition in 2011.

001. (05/21) **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN (TOWN MAYOR)**

Councillor Mrs Ann Spencer was proposed and seconded, there being no other nomination it was;  
RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Ann Spencer be elected to the office of Chairman of the Council and Town Mayor for the council year 2021/22.  
Councillor Mrs Spencer thanked members for electing her.

Councillor Mrs Spencer signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Noted.

002. (05/21) **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN (DEPUTY MAYOR)**

Councillor Paul Farndale was proposed and seconded, there being no other nomination it was;  
RESOLVED that Councillor Paul Farndale be elected to the office of Vice Chairman of the Council and Deputy Mayor for the council year 2021/22.  
Councillor Farndale thanked members for electing him.

Councillor Farndale signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Noted.

003. (05/21) **APOLOGIES AND ATTENDANCE RECORD**

- (a) No apologies all members present.
- (b) Members received a copy of their attendance record for the year 2020/21. Noted.

004. (05/21) **GUEST SPEAKER**

Skatepark Campaign  
All speakers were in support of the campaign to save the large half pipe, which was in need of extensive refurbishment.

Ryan Swain

Thanked supporters for attending the meeting and stated that the half pipe was one of only 10 left in the whole country and as far as he knew the only one left that was free to use on an open site. He had received support from many different organisations including professional skaters. With skateboarding being included in the Olympics for the first time this was an opportunity for tourism, with the possibility of the Olympic Team coming if the ramp was repaired.

James Lindenberg

Refurbishing the ramp would be undertaken by professional fabrication companies, 4 fabrication companies had been to the site and looked, their opinion was that the steel frame was in a decent condition, but the surface needed to be removed to see underneath. They had been quoted £188 for insurance to enable certain volunteers to take the surface off prior to contractors repairing the structure.

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004. (05/21) **GUEST SPEAKER** (continued)

Gemma Atkinson

Working with the County Council on the Skate Everywhere Project, which was promoting inclusivity and supporting others. Stated that the skatepark was in a superb position and was keen to engage community groups and to promote the use of the park.

Hendrik Claver

A pioneering Minister working with the Church of England, raised concerns and asked that politics did not enter into the issue with the half pipe. The skatepark was inspirational for young adults and all parties needed to work together.

Councillor Ian Conlan

As a newly elected member to Malton Town Council he wanted the people of Malton to know that some councillors did support the skatepark.

Deborah Swain

Felt that whatever was said it would fall on deaf ears, and that members had already made their minds up. Disillusioned with councils arguing among themselves. The half pipe was an asset and please vote yes to rescue the ramp.

Members raised questions with the various speakers, as there were still many issues that needed clarification if this was to go forward. Issues on safety protocols were a concern and much technical information would be required in writing. Members thanked the speakers for their contributions and the public supporting the campaign who were in attendance.

005. (05/21) **PUBLIC SESSION**

28 Members of the public in attendance (including speakers)  
All attended to listen and support the campaign to save the half pipe.

006. (05/21) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest made.

007. (05/21) **SKATEPARK**

Members debated the issues with the half pipe at the skatepark taking into consideration all that had been said at the start of the meeting by the speakers, and on reports received.

Further information received was that the Fitzwilliam Estate were aligning the leases on the properties adjacent to the skatepark making it uncertain as to the future following the end of this term.

Some members felt that given this uncertainty they would be unhappy to spend large sums of money restoring the half pipe, and would prefer to spend money on smaller pieces of equipment. Other comments were that with the half pipe there the site needed to be supervised, although the ROSPA report did not stipulate this.

On moving to consider a resolution Councillor Mrs Burr MBE wished to put forward a proposal that we re-engage with Malton Town Council and with a new collaboration with the Malton and Norton Area Partnership.

In response it was pointed out that Malton Town Council would be unable to reconsider the skatepark issue for 6 months. Councillor Mrs Burr MBE then withdrew the proposal without a vote being taken.

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007. (05/21) **SKATEPARK** (continued)

Councillor Mrs Keal put forward a proposal, seconded by Councillor King;

- That Norton Town Council supports the Rescue the Ramp Committee by agreeing to the project to restore the half pipe at Norton Skatepark being taken forward to the Malton and Norton Area Partnership, in agreement with the Chair, for further progress
- That the Town Council agrees as a first step to initial work on the half pipe to strip the wood surface layers from the metal structure, to be carried out by appropriate volunteers, in order to ascertain the level of work required to restore the steel
- That Norton Town Council retains its current position as leaseholder and banker for the project. The Rescue the Ramp committee to report back to the Town Council as the project progresses and costs are forthcoming, with a view to the Town Council contributing to the project alongside other funders.

RESOLVED to approve the proposal put forward.

Voting was 8 for the proposal, 3 against the proposal, and 1 abstention.

Noted

008. (05/21) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- (a) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 26 April 2021 (Minutes 183 to 200 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- (b) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council meeting held on Monday, 10 May 2021 (Minutes 201 to 203 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

009. (05/21) **CLERK'S REPORT**

No report made.

010. (05/21) **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Croser as mayor gave the following report;

Neighbourhood Plan

He had attended the final two meetings analysing the responses received to the consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Malton Cemetery Chapel

As Mayor he had attended Malton Town Council re-dedication of the refurbished New Malton Cemetery Chapel, which took place on the 13 May 2021.

Royal British Legion

As Mayor he had attended the 100 year anniversary of the Royal British Legion, held at the War Memorial in Malton on the 15 May 2021.

011. (05/21) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) Accounts paid and for payment  
The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 020 to 031 inclusive, amounting to £9,363.12 had been paid since the last meeting of the Council.  
RESOLVED that account nos. 032 to 040 inclusive, amounting to £35,328.32 be paid. Payments to be made accordingly.
- (b) Financial report  
The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.04.21 to 30.04.21 was received.

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011. (05/21) **FINANCIAL MATTERS** (continued)

- (c) Budgetary monitoring  
The Clerk’s report for the period ending 30 April 2021 was received.
- (d) Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2021  
The Clerk had circulated copies of the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the financial year ending 31 March 2021.  
RESOLVED that the accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2021 be approved.
- (e) Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ending 31 March 2021  
The Clerk had circulated copies of the Annual Return completed as far as was appropriate prior to approval of the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statement  
RESOLVED that;
  - (i) To receive and note the Annual Internal Audit Report for the year ending 31 March 2021;
  - (ii) The Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Return be approved and signed by the Chairman of the meeting and the Clerk;
  - (iii) To note that the Accounting Statements of the Annual Return to the External Auditor had been duly signed by the Clerk in her capacity as Responsible Financial Officer and that Councillor Mrs Spencer in her capacity as Chairman of the meeting was to sign once approved;
  - (iv) To approve the Accounting Statement of the Annual Return;
  - (v) The Annual Return be submitted to the External Auditor.

012. (05/21) **PLANNING MATTERS**

- (a) Planning applications referred to the Town Council by Ryedale District Council, for comment and/or recommendation were dealt with as follows: -

21/00593/HOUSE      Erection of two storey side extension to include the incorporation of garage into main dwelling with garage roof altered to flat roof and erection of porch to front elevation  
6 Lakeside Way, Norton, YO17 9PG  
RESOLVED Recommend Approval subject to neighbour satisfaction.

- (b) To receive decisions notified by Ryedale District Council.

None.

013. (05/21) **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

014. (05/21) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Members discussed the new surface dressing that had been laid on Welham Road, past Whitewall corner going out of town.  
All members felt that this was unsatisfactory and was causing damage to vehicles. Members were also unhappy with the work undertaken patching Langton Road in the town itself, it had been understood that Langton Road was to be completely resurfaced not patched.  
It was agreed that the Clerk write a strongly worded letter to the County Highway Area Manager and to relevant people at County Hall.

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015. (05/21) **REPRESENTATION ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to serve as the Council's representatives on the organisations listed below, for the year 2021/22.

Derwent Riverside Project	Mrs D. Keal, H. Spencer.
Malton & Norton Comm. Police Committee.	Mayor, Ms S. Cawte, R King.
Malton & Norton Area Partnership	R. King, Mrs D Keal, J Howard (secretary)
Neighbourhood Plan Chairman	D. Lloyd-Williams.
Neighbourhood Plan Committee	Mayor, A. Croser.
Malton Museum Foundation	J. Howard.
Malton School Endowment Governors	Ms S. Cawte.
Milton Rooms Management Committee	Mrs A Spencer. R. King
Ryedale Cameras in Action	R. King, D. Lloyd-Williams, P. Mooring.
Ryedale Five Towns Meeting	Mayor.
Ryedale Market Towns Promotion	Mayor, Ms S. Cawte.
Ryedale Skatepark	R. King, Mrs D Keal, J. Howard, Ms S. Cawte, Mayor.
Yorkshire Local Councils Assoc. Ryedale Br	Mayor.
Woodhams Stone Collection	Mrs D. Keal.

Town Council Committees:

Christmas Party Committee	Mayor, Ms S. Cawte, A. Croser, P. Farndale, Mrs D. Keal, R. King, H. Spencer.
Staffing and Finance Committee	Mayor, Mrs D. Keal, R. King, A Croser.

016. (05/21) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor David Lloyd-Williams reported that the Neighbourhood Plan Committee had met three times in order to update the findings of the consultation into the plan. The next meeting was to be in June to finalise the document prior to it going before the District Council for the next stage.

017. (05/21) **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Councillor Howard asked if there had been any further response from the public to the proposed byelaw.

In reply it was stated that only one response had been received, which had been forwarded to Councillor Howard.

Councillor Ms Cawte stated that the lighting columns in St Peter's Crescent had been updated, but without prior notice being given to the residents this had caused considerable congestion and difficulties for residents trying to access their properties. It was felt that prior notice was essential when any work affecting access was being undertaken. Noted.

018. (05/21) **DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 21 June 2021, at 7.00pm in the council chamber.

(Meeting closed at 9.15pm)

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