

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 8 January 2019 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

Members Present: Cllrs: Polly Ann Flinders, Richard Brook, Ray Gott, Cynthia Naylor, Graham Turner, Mike Wood, Eddie Shaw, Maggie Blanshard, Stuart Merry, John Cook, Neil Gemmell, Susan Hellewell, Janet Depledge and William Simpson (Jeremy Patterson after co-option)

16/810 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Cook welcomed Councillors to the first meeting of the New Year and welcomed members of the public.

16/811 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of interest.

16/812 Open Session

No members of the public wished to speak in the open session

16/813 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Waites, Denby and Slater. Cllr Summers was absent.

RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

16/814 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that Item 12 'Countryside Project Vehicle' was to be taken in private session.

16/815 Community Plus Team (item brought forward) – John Thompson, EIP Manager at Kirklees, gave a presentation on the work of the Community Plus Team:

- The team was established in 2017 as part of the Early Intervention Service, with 4 teams, one of which is based in Kirklees Rural, and 7 co-ordinators and 1 manager. There are 2 co-ordinators for this area, Enrique and Kylie.
- Community Plus focusses on early intervention, with community-based solutions to help prevent dependency on health and social care provision. They hope to connect people with resources in the local community and help them feel engaged and involved in the community and in more control, as this has a positive effect on their well-being and reduces dependency on health care services.
- Anyone can make an introduction to the service and the team are keen to speak to local groups. They try to work with those who are isolated socially and are lonely.
- They have developed initiatives with the Denby Dale Centre, due to the lack of community transport they have given funds towards a volunteer car service.
- They have other initiatives with Locala for those people recently out of hospital to encourage lifestyle changes to help prevent re-admissions.
- They are working in wider Kirklees on the lack of youth provision and have funding to put initiatives in place.
- The team aim to have conversations with individuals about what they want and are able to do for themselves which then also helps reduce GP appointments and dependence and can result in a financial saving to social care services. There is evidence from other local authorities that this is the case.
- John is meeting with all ward councillors to identify gaps in services where they can help, all areas have their own presenting issues, such as lack of transport, poor wifi connections, lack of youth provision...
- He has found that many local groups are very willing to support each other and hopes CP will be able to be made aware of and link up with these groups and already arrange drop-in sessions at libraries and will be advertising this more.
- They also work with the Fire Service who identify those in need via the 'Stay Safe, Stay Well' model.

16/816 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 4 December (*attached*)

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 18 December (*attached*)

Staffing Committee – 4 December (*attached*)

16/817 Co-option for Clayton West and Emley Wards: RESOLVED that Ian Atkinson and Jeremy Patterson both be co-opted onto the council and meet with the Chairman to arrange which ward they will represent.

16/818 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Simpson gave a verbal report:

- Cllr Simpson has been receiving training in his new role, and is on the corporate scrutiny panel.
- He is working with the Men's Shed initiative in Scissett.
- He is the regional co-ordinator for the Red Box Project which aims to address period poverty in schools. They already work with Shelley College and have now enabled both Kirkburton and Scissett Middle Schools to receive free sanitary products where needed.
- He is involved with anti-social behaviour and vandalism prevention and will be meeting with Caroline Newsome with Cllr Turner.
- The Green Spaces Team have met with ward councillors to address some areas, such as footpaths along Wakefield Road and the car park here in Skelmanthorpe.
- The Citizens Advice Bureau, which holds meetings at Skelmanthorpe Council Building, has been able to re-coup £30,372 (pa) of claims at a cost of £4,475 pa, which the ward councillors hope to continue to support.

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- Kirklees were now in Budget protocol. The financial settlement had been largely as expected.
- This year, month 8, the overspend has been reduced from approx. £5million to approx. £2 million as spending slows down and extra money provided by Government nationally for SENT.
- There would be a Local Plan meeting on 27 February.
- The Libraries Plan was on-going with an announcement to be made shortly. He could confirm that library book fines were being abolished.
- There had been national recognition for the work of library volunteers and staff in the honours list.
- They were still waiting for a decision on the Emley bus stop issue.
- There were draft plans for the yellow lines in Emley which would now go through due process.

RESOLVED that the reports be received

16/819 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer tabled a report, highlighting repairs to the Churchfield wall to be undertaken by the parish council under the lease agreement and the mowing regime agreement.

RESOLVED that the report be received

16/820 Clerk's Report

No report was tabled.

16/821 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment no 723 be approved for payment, totalling £13,397.99
- Bank Authorisation: **RESOLVED** that Cllr Gott be added to the list of bank signatories for cheque and on-line authorisations.

- To Authorise Payment of Salaries: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for January 2018.
- Countryside Vehicle: **RESOLVED** that the Council purchase, outright, an Isuzu D-Max vehicle from R N Golden (Lepton) in line with quotation and specifications report to the council.
RESOLVED that Cllr Gott should act in all respects on behalf of the council to effect purchase of the Isuzu vehicle as resolved by the council, this to be processed as soon as is practicable.
RESOLVED that the sum of £23,315 be vired from budget line 4081 (Community Grant Aid) to line 4065 Equipment) in order to cover the purchase of the new vehicle.
A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Gott for producing a comprehensive report and presenting it to council. Cllr Gott stated that he would be visiting the garage tomorrow to confirm the deal as quoted.
- Budget 2019/2020 & Precept: noted that the decision on the precept would be discussed at the next Finance meeting and presented for decision at the 5 February Full Council meeting.

16/822 GDPR Compliance: No updates received.

16/823 Matters Raised by Councillors

- Litterbin at Pilling Lane (Cllr Merry) **RESOLVED** that the Clerk arrange for a bin to be purchased and placed at Pilling Lane.
- Walkers are Welcome (Cllr Brook) – Cllr Brook noted that previously, Denby Dale Walkers are Welcome group were given funding from EPIP to produce its trail leaflets. As this funding was now no longer available, they would be applying to the Finance meeting for funds to produce a further four leaflets of up to £1500 for 2000 copies of each.

16/824 Denby Dale & Skelmanthorpe Libraries update:

Cllr Depledge spoke of the agreement made for herself and Cllr Brook to gather information on the likely changes to the library service and a meeting to be held around the service in two weeks time with Kirklees.

16/825 Churchfields Update – no update

16/826 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook reported that following the agreement to fund further archives website expansion, more items had been digitised and uploaded, mainly 'old Scissett', Emley boundary walks and historic Wheatley Hill Farm. The textile Centre would be opening on the 2nd Sunday of the month, but from 2-4pm.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/827 Working Party on Public Transport Report

Cllr Depledge informed council that the previous contacts at Naylor's had left, and that the new contact she had established had known nothing of the partnership arrangements with the parish council but was keen to pursue this and had stated he would come back to us early in the New year. Naylor's were currently surveying all mining sites, and it is yet unclear if the clay will be removed from the Denby Dale station site.

16/828 Skelmanthorpe Council Building Update

A proposal for re-decorating the building was on the Finance agenda. Cllr Gott would be undertaking the Fire Safety Check shortly.

16/829 February Council Meeting Items:

- Countryside Vehicle (Cllr Gott)

16/830 Dates of next meetings:

- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 15 January

- Full Council – 5 February
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 26 February

Signed.....

CHAIRMAN