

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 2 July 2019 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

Members Present: Cllrs: Richard Brook, Ray Gott, Maggie Blanshard, Kelvyn Waites, Susan Hellewell, Ian Atkinson, Eddie Shaw, Stuart Merry, Polly Flinders, Will Simpson, Cynthia Naylor, Steven Slater, Graham Turner, Alison Baskeyfield & Jeremy Patterson

19/049 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Gott welcomed Councillors to the meeting

19/050 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of interest.

19/051 Open Session

Representatives from Cumberworth FC spoke in support of the clubs grant application and answered Councillors' questions.

19/052 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Denby, Newton, Gemmell, Wood and Cook
RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

19/053 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that there were no items to be taken in private.

19/054 Grant Application from Cumberworth FC (Item brought forward)

RESOLVED to award Cumberworth FC a grant of £30,000 towards refurbishment of the club using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.

RESOLVED that the funds for the award be made available from the Council's Reserves, via the Community Grant Aid budget line, and that the grant be awarded upon provision of a copy of the contract between Cumberworth FC and their contractor. The award would be made in stages at the initial, intermediate and final stages of refurbishment, as agreed with the Clerk. The club would also be required to provide a report upon completion of the project, and some form of recognition of the Council's contribution would be made.

19/055 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 4 June

Finance & General Purposes Committee – 11 June (as amended)

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 25 June

19/056 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- A meeting with Yorkshire Tiger had been held, replacement double decker buses had been provided and timetable improvements made and a new head of engineering at Waterloo depot was in place. Real-time information was also improving. Cllr Turner would meet them again on 24 September to assess progress.
- The new Kirklees Cabinet was in place with two new members. Cllr Sheard had retired. Cllr Turner's portfolio had slightly changed to allow more regional and national work to take place.
- The master plan for Huddersfield had been launched with a 10 year investment vision which would go to consultation.
- A peer review was to be undertaken of the corporate area of the Council.
- The library service review report was expected back in a couple of weeks.
- A letter was expected on Friday from The OFSTED report on Children's Services which would be fact checked and then a full report would be sent.
- Last year's budget underspend of £200,000 would be spent on children's holidays services for children in need.

- Shelley Woodhouse path was scheduled for the school holidays.

Cllr Simpson gave a verbal report:

- The council was committed to re-dress roads near the mast works after the work had been completed to the mast, expected to come in early. In the meantime intensive pothole work would be undertaken.
- A meeting with Denby Dale First and Nursery and St Aiden's schools at Westminster had resulted in more funds to education.

RESOLVED that the reports be received

19/057 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer spoke to his report. Thanks were given for the countryside officer's input.

RESOLVED that the report be received

19/058 Clerk's Report

The Clerk tabled a report. The letter of thanks from the Friends of Skelmanthorpe Library was noted.

19/059 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment no 738 be approved for payment, totalling £2647.98
- To Authorise Payment of Salaries: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for July and August 2019.

19/060 CAB Provision.

Cllr Simpson advised that the manager at CAB had categorically stated that outreach provision of services would not be re-considered. This had come to an end in March. The manager would however contact Wakefield and Barnsley CAB to see if they would consider a service provision here. Barnsley Council had advised Cllr Simpson of a disability support group, DIAL, who he would contact should there be no comeback from CAB in Wakefield or Barnsley. Library volunteers had not taken up any offer of training to provide an advice service due to their own commitments.

19/061 The public bodies (website and mobile applications) accessibility regulations

The Clerk informed councillors that the council's website developer was confident that the council's website was in compliance, but would be working with the Clerk to ensure this and to produce a policy.

19/062 Matters Raised by Councillors

- Walkers Are Welcome – Cllr Brook advised councillors that the first of the new trail leaflets agreed to be funded by the council were at the printers. There were 6 new leaflets in total to be produced.
- Art Exhibition Request in the council building – following the successful textile event, a request had been made to hold a local arts event in September. **RESOLVED** that this was agreed in principle, subject to exhibitors/sellers having correct TPL insurance in place.
- YLCA Branch Report - Cllr Shaw provided a written report. Cllr Turner advised that Community Infrastructure Levy was still not in existence in Kirklees as yet.

19/063 Churchfields Update

No update received

19/064 Heritage Working Party

Cllr Brook informed councillors that the Old Emley photos were still being uploaded to the archives website.

19/065 Working Party on Public Transport Report

No further update received.

19/066 Skelmanthorpe Council Building Update

Cllr Gott informed councillors that the re-decoration of the building was now complete and all councillors agreed that they were satisfied with the results. He added that the lighting tender was still in progress and was a complicated issue due to the complexity of the existing lighting. The guttering contractor was settled and had done some emergency remedial work and would be providing a quote for scaffolding and further work.

19/067 Denby Dale & Skelmanthorpe Libraries update:

Cllr Brook stated that no further news on staffing provision was available from Kirklees as yet.

19/068 September Council Meeting Items: items would be required at the latest by 15 August for the September meeting.

19/069 Dates of next meetings:

- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 30 July
- Full Council – 3 September (no August meeting)

Signed.....

CHAIRMAN