

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 2 November 2021**

**Members Present:** Cllrs: Susan Hellewell, Stuart Merry, Kelvyn Waites, Mike Wood, Cynthia Naylor, Will Simpson, Neil Denby, Eddie Shaw, Hannah McKerchar & Polly Flinders

### **21/060 Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed the Council to the meeting.

### **21/061 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests**

No Declarations of Interest were received.

### **21/062 Open Session**

There were no members of the public present.

### **21/063 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Brook, Turner, Carr, Blanshard, Patterson, Cook & Baskeyfield.

**RESOLVED** that the reasons submitted be approved.

Cllrs Slater and Gemmell were absent.

### **21/064 Admission of the Public**

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

### **21/065 Minutes of the last meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the following minutes be approved:

- Full Council Minutes – 5 October
- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 12 October
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 26 October (to be tabled)

### **21/066 Ward Councillor's Report**

Cllr Simpson gave a verbal report:

- In light of COP26, Cllr Simpson gave an update on Kirklees Council's green activity;
- Kirklees had a target to reduce carbon emissions by 40% over the last decade, Kirklees achieved 53 ½ %. There was now a more ambitious target to be carbon neutral by 2038.
- Kirklees had switched to 100% renewable tariff (including schools...) which reduced carbon emissions by 17,250 tonnes.
- Over 12 months, 35,000 trees had been planted (including 3,000 at Parkgate) and this would continue with the White Rose Forest Plan (4-5 million trees over 4 years).
- £1 million investment into the Kirklees fleet had been made to increase the use of electric vehicles, and free parking would be available in Kirklees car parks to all electric vehicles.
- £11 million had been allocated to change street lighting over to LED which saves 60% energy usage.
- The Independent Climate Commission had been created to create a roadmap of further actions.
- Cllr Simpson answered questions around moorland tree cover, stating that he had met with the National Trust (owners of Marsden Moor), where significant tree planting would take place. Exploration was also taking place with grouse shooting and carbon off-setting of this activity.
- Further discussion took place around the use of Electric vehicles, due to the materials used to produce them and the disposal of batteries, as well as the increased need for charging points. Cllr Simpson agreed there were arguments on both sides, but stated that EVs were part of the long term transition.
- Cllr Simpson stated it was difficult to compare Kirklees council with other councils on their green credentials, but did state that Kirklees voluntarily disclosed its measures.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received

### **21/067 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer**

The Countryside Officer submitted a written report. He mentioned that the National Trust were aiming to stop grouse shooting on their land. He also mentioned Peat Bog Restoration projects aimed to capture carbon. He stated that he would be approaching Council with a plan regarding proposed minor alterations to the allotments.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

#### **21/068 Clerk's Report/Delegated Decisions**

**RESOLVED** that the report be received. It was agreed that, due to the high cost of a second boiler, the building would remain with the use of the one, relatively newly installed boiler for now.

**21/069 Vacancy in the Emley Ward:** The Clerk reported that as an election had not been called, the vacancy was now out for co-option.

#### **21/070 Finance Matters**

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment no 793 be approved for payment, totalling £553.37
- To Authorise Payment of Salaries: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for November 2021.
- Community Grants: - **RESOLVED** to award Made in Clayton West Group a grant for £1757.65 plus the additional £31 towards a bench and noticeboard, awarded using the General Power of Competence under the Localism Act 2011
- Schools Grant: **RESOLVED** to award Emley First School a grant of £1000 towards flower drums, awarded using the General Power of Competence under the Localism Act 2011
- Remembrance Day Donation: **RESOLVED** to increase the donation to £300 pa.
- Calendar of Meetings: **RESOLVED** to accept the calendar of meetings for 2022-23
- Standards Workshops: There were no proposed attendees.

#### **21/071 Skelmanthorpe Building**

- Flag/Flagpole: The flag was now with Cllr McKerchar who was attempting to speak to the former councillor regarding how to put the flag up. It was requested that a shortened list of flag-raising days was put to the next Full Council.

- Covid Risk Assessment for the Building – the Clerk stated that due to the current position, the risk assessment would remain on each agenda in order to respond to any changes in Government guidance or legislation. At present it was agreed to keep measures as advisory.

- Request to run the art gallery in the building – **RESOLVED** that the request be approved.

#### **21/072 Climate Emergency Working Group**

No further update.

#### **21/073 Matters Raised by Councillors**

- Consideration to support Kirkburton pc re: trees and woodlands: Although councillors were minded to agree many points, some were viewed as more difficult. Cllr Simpson advised councillors that he had already responded to Kirkburton parish council, highlighting the actions that Kirklees already had in place, and the fact that some actions were more complex, such as land ownership issues, and that some would contradict other policies in place, such as within the planning system. He referred to his report at the head of the meeting of all the work Kirklees were doing, as well as all the work that the Countryside Officer and the Rural officer, Andy Wickham, undertook around the parish and Kirklees.
- Litterbins at Emley – Cllr Simpson agreed to follow up improvements with the ward ranger.
- Diversion, Church Street, Emley – it was agreed that the council write to the contact Cllr Simpson had to thank them for the work around this.
- Scissett Noticeboard maintenance cost £110 – **RESOLVED** that Cllr Waites could go ahead with ordering the noticeboard at this cost.
- YLCA report – Cllr Shaw stated that the layout of the meeting prevented him from being able to hear much, however stated that councillors had been asked to become more

familiar with the Code of Conduct. He also stated that the June meeting would be held at Skelmanthorpe Council Building, and invited councillors to attend.

**21/074 Heritage Working Party**

No report.

**21/075 Heritage and Tourism Report Development**

Cllr Simpson stated that hopefully the heritage strategy would be out for consultation soon and he would therefore be reporting further at the next meeting.

**21/076 Working Party on Public Transport Report**

Cllr Simpson stated that his meeting regarding the service between Wakefield and Holmfirth, discussed at the last full council meeting due to the omission of some areas, had been postponed until later this week.

**21/077 December Council Meeting Items:**

**21/078 Dates of next meetings:**

- Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting – 16 November
- Plans Scrutiny Committee Meeting – 30 November
- Full Council – 7 December

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CHAIRMAN