

BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Full Council

27th June 2016

Present: Councillors: Robert Begnett (Mayor), Elaine Aird, Peter Astell, Tom Astell, Ben Cooper, Geoff Cooper, Philip Dodsworth, David Elvidge, Nick Machen, Paul McGrath, Bryan Pearson and Ann Willis.

In attendance: Helen Watson (Town Clerk); Carol Oliver (Deputy Town Clerk)

7 members of the public and 1 member of the press were present.

Public Forum:

Ian Gow asked whether Armed Forces Day in Beverley could be commemorated at the same time as the rest of the country in order to enable Beverley to be included in national events. The Mayor responded the comment would be taken on board; however this was not a Town Council event.

Ian Gow said he had seen the statement on the Town Council website in relation to the recent social media comment. The Mayor responded this would be dealt with under the Mayor's announcements.

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and said the meeting was being recorded.

A one minute's silence was held in memory of Mrs Jo Cox MP who was tragically murdered.

200 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Jack.

201 (a) To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

No declarations of interest were received.

(b) To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below.

No dispensations were given.

202 To confirm and sign the minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 16th May 2016

Resolved – The minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 16th May 2016 were confirmed and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

203 To receive, adopt and sign the minutes of the following Committee:

- (i) Planning, Property and Services – 31st May 2016
- (ii) Policy – 6th June 2016

Resolved – The minutes of Planning Property & Services on 31st May 2016 and Policy on 6th June 2016 were received and signed as a correct record of the meetings.

204 To note the working group minutes: Christmas Lights - 7th June 2016 Food Festival - 21st June 2016

Resolved – The minutes of the Christmas Lights working group on 7th June 2016 and Food Festival on 21st June 2016 were noted.

205 To receive a review of the recorded actions from the previous minutes

Resolved – A review of the recorded actions from the previous minutes was noted.

206 Mayor's Announcements.

The Mayor read the press statement put out by the Town Council at 17.20pm on the 21st June 2016 in relation to the comment made on social media. The Mayor reported the Town Clerk had dealt with a large number of complaints from the public and this has been passed on for further action. The Town Clerk was thanked for her prompt action in relation to the complaints. All complaints are handled by East Riding of Yorkshire Council and information is available should any member of the public or Councillor requires it.

The Mayor said he was aware that fellow Councillors may wish to make a statement on this matter but said this needed to be made with respect, concisely and non-politically.

Cllr B Cooper paid a moving tribute to the work of Mrs Jo Cox MP.

Cllr P Astell proposed and Cllr T Astell seconded that this Council deplores the action of Cllr Peacock in relation to his social media comment and the matter is referred to Standards at East Riding of Yorkshire Council. This was a unanimous vote.

Resolved - This Council deplores the action of Cllr Peacock in relation to his social media comment and the matter is referred to Standards at East Riding of Yorkshire Council immediately.

Civic Engagements - The Mayor had attended 18 civic engagements and the Deputy Mayor 5 civic engagements.

207 To consider a feasibility project for community centre, to include:

i) An inventory of existing services across Beverley.

Cllr Begnett reported he is in discussions with ERVAS regarding a directory of existing services across Beverley and these discussions are continuing.

ii) A review of ERYC properties which may become available.

Cllr Begnett is to meet with Alan Menzies from East Riding of Yorkshire Council in the next two weeks and will report back at the next meeting.

iii) A review of existing capital in BTC accounts for such purposes.

The Town Clerk reported there is £95,000 in the Beverley Town Council accounts for capital accommodation/property; £75,000 is in an investment account.

iv) A proposal to canvas residents (online, low cost) regarding services they feel are lacking. This is not a commitment to create a new service but to provide a review of what's currently available.

Cllr Begnett said that before residents are canvassed, the ideas need to be more closely focussed.

208 To propose that BTC take a role in promoting local activities via their Facebook account.

This can be as simple as adding events with details of date, time, contact/website for further details.

If we do this well, it will drive users to use the Facebook page more to include all civic events, BTC sponsored activities and other events of merit

Members discussed the value of social media as a way of sharing information with residents. Some members felt the Council should not be involved with social media. Members said that officers should place items on social media.

Cllr P Astell proposed and Cllr T Astell seconded that courses provided by ERNLLCA and East Riding of Yorkshire Council are investigated for Councillors to attend in relation to social media. Cllr Begnett said a social media policy will be developed by Beverley Town Council which will consider how to protect Councillors and social media should be clear and transparent. This is to be an agenda item for next Full Council.

Cllr Elvidge asked whether there is an option to link to the City of Culture website to publicise events, which the Town Clerk responded there is.

Resolved – The Town Clerk is to contact ERNLLCA and East Riding of Yorkshire Council in relation to courses for social media. Social media is to be an agenda item for next Full Council.

209 To consider the request from St Mary’s Church Two Churches, One Town Story to change the terms of their grant application “to purchase 4 Ipads to encourage visitors to respond following their visit on the advice of the Heritage Lottery Fund to which a multi-million application is to be made” to purchase 2 Ipads and 2 security mounts for the Ipads, due to the costs involved with the security mounts

Resolved - Members agreed the request from St Mary’s Church Two Churches, One Town Story to change the terms of their grant application to purchase 2 Ipads and 2 security mounts for the Ipads, due to the costs involved with the security mounts.

210 To arrange a date to view the Beverley Charters on a Monday early evening in July, September, October, November.

Resolved – The Town Clerk is to circulate proposed dates to Councillors to view the Beverley Charters and Councillors to respond to the Town Clerk.

211 To nominate 2 representatives to attend Neighbourhood Planning ‘Lessons Learnt’ Event by ERYC on Wednesday 20th July 2016 – County Hall - 6pm-8pm

The Town Clerk is to enquire if she can attend.

Resolved - Councillors Begnett and Machen were nominated as representatives to attend the Neighbourhood Planning ‘Lessons Learnt’ Event by ERYC on Wednesday 20th July 2016.

212 To nominate representatives to attend the Beverley Renaissance Partnership Beverley Town Street Signage Project 2016.

Resolved – Councillors T Astell and Machen were nominated as representatives to attend the Beverley Renaissance Partnership Beverley Town Street Signage Project 2016.

213 To participate in the “Fly the flag for the Commonwealth” on 13th March 2017

Resolved – Members agreed to participate in the Fly the Flag for the Commonwealth on the 13th March 2017.

214 To receive information on a Community Fun Day at Beverley’s Children Centre 11am-1pm and “Have a Field Day” at Burden Road from 11am-3pm.

Cllr Dodsworth asked whether the Mayor or Deputy Mayor would be able to attend. The diary is to be checked.

Resolved – The information on a Community Fun Day at Beverley’s Children Centre 11am-1pm and “Have a Field Day” at Burden Road from 11am-3pm was noted.

215 Food Festival and awards launch Tuesday 5th July 3pm at Elwell’s, East Riding Campus

Resolved – The Food Festival and Awards Launch on Tuesday 5th July 2016 at 3pm at Elwell’s, Beverley East Riding College Campus was noted. All Councillors are to let the Town Clerk know if they wish to attend.

216 To consider the exclusion of the public from the meeting on the grounds that confidential information in relation to the employment of staff shall be disclosed (Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960)

Motion: that the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that confidential information in relation to the engagement of staff shall be disclosed (Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960)

Resolved - that the public were excluded from the meeting on the grounds that confidential information in relation to the engagement of staff shall be disclosed (Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960)

217 Staffing Matters

(a) To receive information on a work experience/intern candidate

The Clerk informed members on the recent application and interview with a possible intern/work experience candidate. The Clerk informed members on the suitability of the candidate and the tasks and experience, which could be gained in mutual partnership. Discussion took place about payment for travel and a lunch allowance.

Resolved - Members agreed to offer work experience to this candidate with payment for travel and a lunch allowance.

(b) To receive, for information, the 2016-2018 National Salary Award

Resolved - Members received the 2016-2018 National Salary Award and approved the payment in line with NJC terms and conditions.

The meeting closed at 19.15hrs.

Signed..... Date.....

FULL COUNCIL 27th June 2016 ACTION PLAN

Min/Action	Who is Responsible	Report back date
206 – Social media comment to be referred to Standards at East Riding of Yorkshire Council	The Town Clerk	
208 – Social Media Training Social media to be an agenda item at next Full Council	The Town Clerk	
209 – Grant application change of terms for St Mary's Church Two Churches, One Town Story	The Town Clerk	
210 – Dates to be circulated to view the Beverley Charters	The Town Clerk	
211 – Neighbourhood Planning Lessons Learnt Event Enquire if Town Clerk can attend	Cllrs Begnett and Machen Town Clerk	
212 – Beverley Renaissance Partnership	Cllrs T Astell and Machen	
213 – Participate in Fly the flag for the Commonwealth	The Town Clerk	
214 – Community Fun Day – availability of Mayor and Deputy Mayor	The Town Clerk/Deputy Town Clerk	
215 – Food Festival and Awards Launch	All Councillors	
217 – Intern candidate to be offered a placement	The Town Clerk	