

BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of Full Council

20th October 2014

Present: Councillors: McGrath(Mayor), Gray, Aird, Bottomley, Boynton, Cox. Elvidge, Jack, Pearson, Pinder, Sweet, and Whitfield

In attendance: Helen Watson (Town Clerk); Joanna Render (Administrative Assistant).

6.15 – 6.30pm – public participation.

Two members of the public were present – Mr Neville Holgate and Mr Adam Hawley.

Mr Holgate thanked Council for allowing him to speak and explained that he wished to present his objections to the re-development of the 'Game Bird' public house. He outlined the planning application - demolition of the current property and the building of 8 houses by Richmond Developments. Application ref 14/02923.

Mr Holgate presented Council with a brief history of the property and its significance in the area as a community asset. He expressed concern that the seven houses already built on the old pub car park had caused a parking problem and residents have complained about the state of the path leading to Kirkholme Way. He went on to say that the planning permission should be objected to for the following reasons: Overuse of site; loss of Community; highway access; new housing does not fit with current street scene.e.g.no chimneys, planning blight – issues with car parking and the loss of trees. He requested that council support the refusal of the planning.

Mr Hawley added his concern over the loss of the public house, he believed many residents did not reject to the original application for the seven houses already built, as they believed the public house would be refurbished. This was done, and the business of public house and restaurant appeared to flourish until the loss of the chef.

A discussion followed. Cllr Elvidge advised that he was awaiting a phone call from the Director of Richmond developments regarding the possibility of a Brewery being interested in purchasing the property.

Cllr McGrath thanked Mr Holgate and drew discussion to a close as this subject matter was an item on the Full Council agenda.

The Full Council Meeting started at 6.30pm

1219 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Astell and Thorley

1220 (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.

1221 To confirm the minutes of the Town Council Meeting on the 8th September 2014 are a correct record of that which took place.

Resolved - the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting on the 8th September 2014 were received, and adopted and signed as an accurate record.

1222 To receive and adopt the minutes of the following Committees:

Planning Property & Services	16th September 2014
Policy	29th September 2014
Policy (green paper)	29th September 2014

Resolved - That minute 839 (Policy meeting 29th September) to be put on the policy agenda.

Resolved – That the minutes of Town Council meetings listed above were received adopted and signed as an accurate record.

1223 To note the minutes of the following Working Parties:

Lights	16th September 2014
WW1	24th September 2014
WW1	8th October 2014

Resolved – That the minutes from the above working groups were received.

1224 To receive a review of the recorded actions from the previous minutes

Resolved - The Report was circulated with the agenda was received.

Resolved – Item 839 (Policy meeting 29th September) - Members received information from the Town Clerk regarding a proposed SLA with ERYC Leisure Centre for cleaning of the skate park, at the cost of £19 per hour. Members discussed that this should be put to a policy agenda, to consider approaching the Leisure Centre regards a SLA for tidying and litter picking at the skate park.

Resolved - Item 840 (policy 29th September) - To book an equipment storage container at Barmston Rd. The Town clerk advised that she would be able to give an update in the next few weeks.

Minute 1212 (Full Council 8th September)– Cllr Gray expressed concern that advise could not be given to the Council by Cllr Pinder, as per guidance from Alan Barker at ERNLLCA. Cllr Pinder said she was happy to give advice at no cost to the Council, and it was acceptable, so long as members approved, as there was no consideration required as, there was no contract between herself and the Council.

A discussion followed.

Cllr Whitfield proposed that if Cllr Pinder was happy to give her advice then the Council should accept. This was seconded by Cllr Elvidge. This was accepted by majority of the members.

Resolved - Councillor Pinder is happy to give her advice on the Agreement for Plot 1 Queensgate Allotment, and the Council are happy to accept

Minute 1206- Full Council – The Town Clerk advised that there are five places available, for people involved with the recent application, at the Academy of Urbanism Awards Ceremony on the 14th November. The town Clerk will contact Sue Lang (ERYC) to find out further information on the event and report that Beverley Town Council would like to send the Mayor to represent Beverley Town Council.

Resolved – The Town Clerk to contact Sue Lang to inform her that the Mayor, Cllr Paul McGrath will be representing Beverley Town Council at the Academy of Urbanism Awards Ceremony on the 14th November.

Minute 1217 – Cllr Gray advised members that she will attend the NALC Larger local Councils conference on 3rd December in her own capacity, and at her own expense as ERNLLCA representative or a Charter Towns of England Trustee representative. Cllr McGrath stated that it would be for information only and members agreed that Cllr Gray would not be representing the views of Beverley Town Council.

Resolved – Cllr Gray at her own expense will attend the NALC Larger Local Councils conference on 3rd December, but will not be representing Beverley Town Council.

1225 For information, to receive reports of external organisations, meetings attended and correspondence received which had been already distributed by email.

- (i) **Humber NHS Foundation Trust forthcoming elections and annual members event**
- (ii) **Fields in Trust information**
- (iii) **Beverley and Rural Area Community Partnership – 20th August 2014**
- (iv) **Email from ERNLLCA regarding NALC's survey request on member services, conference and events programme**
- (v) **Skatepark Meeting Minutes of the 11th September 2014**
Cllr Pinder requested that they were re-circulated by email.
- (vi) **Town Improvement Group – June Action Points**
- (vii) **East Riding of Yorkshire Council Press Release - Councillors' concern over changes to Humberside Police**

Resolved - The above listed correspondence was noted.

1226 Agenda item 19 was moved forward - To consider the outcome of the local residents' meeting regarding the demolition of The Gamebird pub on Holme Church Lane and the proposal to build houses on the site.

This item was moved forward in the meeting, as requested by Cllr McGrath and agreed upon by the members.

The members received the notes from the public meeting and a discussion was held.

The number of proposed houses has been reduced to seven and the date for planning objections has been extended until 7th November.

Cllr McGrath suggested keeping the public house as an 'Asset of Community Value'. Cllr Pinder advised that under the Localism Act, communities can apply to have buildings listed as 'Assets of community value, however this does not protect them only provides them being sold for a short period of time, allowing communities to put financial arrangements together to purchase the buildings. She does not think that this would apply in this situation.

The members agreed that whilst they could not instruct the PPS committee to reject the planning application, they do support the resident's view of retaining the public house as a 'community asset'.

Cllr Jack proposed that the consideration and decision of the planning application should be left to the PPS committee. Seconded by Cllr Pinder, this vote was carried by majority.

Resolved – To leave the consideration of the planning application to build houses on the site of 'The Game Bird', public house on Holme Church lane to the PPS committee.

Two members of the public left the meeting.

1227 Mayor's Announcements

Cllr McGrath advised that due to personal circumstances he has been unable to attend many recent events. However, he reflected on the success of the Food Festival and passed on his thanks to all staff and those involved in the event. He noted that it had been a long, tiring but rewarding day

He mentioned the recent referendum concerning boundary changes and suggested a referendum could be held regarding future development in Beverley.

Recommended – To consider at November's Full Council the possibility of a referendum being held regarding future development in Beverley.

Cllr Gray, the Deputy Mayor expressed concern that the chains of office worn by the Deputy Mayor were that of Haltemprice, she requested considering the purchase of new chains displaying the Beverley emblem.

Resolved – To give budget consideration to replacing the Deputy Mayor's chains of office with one displaying the Beverley emblem.

1228 To sign the amended Lease of 12 Well Lane, Beverley

Resolved – That the amended Lease of 12 Well Lane Beverley was signed.

1229 To sign the agreement with ERNLLCA for provision for advice to the Chair of Council, the Chair of Personnel Committee and the Town Clerk or in their absence, their deputies

Resolved – That the agreement with ERNLLCA for provision for advice to the Chair of Council, the Chair of Personnel Committee and the Town Clerk or in their absence, their deputies, was signed.

1230 To consider a request from Beverley Christmas Lights Appeal Group to use the Beverley Town Council event for the lighting up event on Sunday 30th November 2014.

Cllr Gray reported on this agenda item. Brief discussion took place among members including first aid, health and safety and risk assessments matters.

Resolved – That the Beverley Christmas Lights Appeal Group were granted permission to use the event licence for lighting up event on 30th November 2014.

1231 To inform Council of the outcome of the Yorkshire in Bloom and It's Your Neighbourhood Awards entries

The Town Clerk advised Council that Beverley has won a Silver Gilt in the Large Town / Small City (12-35k) category and the Field to Table Allotment has attained Level 4: Thriving in the RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Award.

1232 To receive and consider an evaluation and review of the 2014 Food Festival costs

Amended financial reports were circulated by the Town Clerk. Members discussed various aspects of the Food Festival relating to costs and staffing. Cllr McGrath asked if staff costs for this event could be considered during budget discussions. Cllr Pinder stated that there had been a largely positive response on the evaluation form regarding the re-invigoration of Wednesday Market. Cllr Jack wanted to know where the initial funds for the event came from, the Town Clerk advised the members that the money for the stalls was received in May into the Field to Table account, along with any sponsorship. It was noted that some people had complained about noise levels of the entertainment at the Market Cross.

Cllrs Whitfield and Sweet wished to pass on thanks to all involved for their hard work on the run up to the event and on the day. The event was, once again, a great success. This was seconded by Cllr Bottomley. All members supported this.

Resolved – To discuss and consider staffing costs for the Food Festival when preparing the budgets and to check that all receipts relating to the Food Festival have been transferred from BTC cost centre code to the Field to Table Cost Centre Code.

Cllr Jack left the room (7.35pm)

1233 To receive an update on the High Street Fund application

The Town Clerk updated members of the current position of the proposed High Street project application. The Town Clerk reported that the secret supper and town food trail were not in keeping with the ERYC funding criteria. A discussion was held as to whether the name on the form could be amended to read Beverley Town Council instead of Beverley Food Festival. The Town Clerk said she will check on this and amend if able to do so.

Resolved – The Town Clerk is to make enquiries and to amend if able the title on the name on the High Street Fund application form, from Beverley Food Festival to Beverley Town Council.

1234 To approve support funding for the Christmas Festival of Food & Drink

Cllr Jack returned to the meeting (7.37pm)

The Town Clerk advised members of an amendment to the figures and re-circulated a new financial report, leaving a shortfall of £182. The council discussed how the figures could be reduced. The Town Clerk advised that there was approx £12,000 in the Field to Table account; Cllr Aird asked why council were discussing how to reduce costs when the money was available in this account. Cllr Aird proposed that all costs should come from the Field to table account. This was seconded by Cllr Pearson. All members were in favour.

Resolved – All costs associated with the Christmas Festival of Food and Drink as tabled, are to taken from the Field to Table account.

1235 To receive the ERNLLCA financial training information

Cllr Gray reminder all councillors of the importance of reading and understanding this document. The Town Clerk advised the members that we as a Council are doing all that we should be, as stated in the training information pack. She has received the financial audit today, which will be included on the next Full Council agenda. The Town clerk reported that the training documentation would be used in the new Councillor packs.

Resolved – The Town Clerk is including the document in the new Councillors pack.

1236 To consider formal twinning arrangements with Nogent-sur-Oise – Cllr Cox to report

Cllr Cox advised of the request from the Chair of the Nogent committee to have a more formal twinning agreement between Beverley and Nogent- Sur -Oise. Members discussed the issues involved. Cllr Gray reported that the original twinning agreement was with Daryl Stephenson a former ERYC Chief Executive. The Town Clerk reported that she did not have a copy of the original agreement.

Resolved – The Town Clerk is to locate the original agreement, discuss requirements of new agreement with the Chair of Nogent and to draft a new agreement.

1237 To respond to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Kingston upon Hull Joint Access Forum in connection with the importance of verges in Beverley

Resolved - The information circulated with the agenda was received, no action was required.

1238 To receive the letter from East Riding of Yorkshire Council regarding the review of polling districts/places and stations and for Council to make any comment regarding the locations in Beverley

Resolved - The information circulated with the agenda was received, no action was required.

1239 To consider the exclusion of the public from the meeting on the grounds that confidential information in relation to the proposal of bestowing the title of Honorary Freeman 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 proposal of bestowing the title of Honorary Freeman shall be disclosed (Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960)

No members of the public present

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

Action Plan

Minute/ Action	Person Responsible	Time to be reported back
1226- To leave the consideration of the planning application to build houses on the site of The Game Bird, public house on Holme Church lane to the PPS committee.	PPS Committee	21/10/2014
1206 - Town Clerk to contact Sue Lang ERYC	Town Clerk	Operational
1224- Item 839 (Policy meeting 29 th September) To be put onto policy agenda. To consider approaching the Leisure Centre regarding a SLA for tidying and litter picking at the skate park	Town Clerk	Policy meeting
1224 - item 840 (policy 29 th September) To book equipment storage container at Barmston Rd. The Town clerk advised that she would be able to give an update in the next few weeks.	Town Clerk	Operational
1225 (v) - Town Clerk to send Cllr's a copy of the minutes of the Skate Park meeting held on 11 th September 2014.	Town Clerk	Operational

1226 - To consider at November's Full Council the possibility of a referendum being held regarding future development in Beverley.	Town Clerk	Operational
1230 - The Beverley Christmas Lights Appeal Group was granted permission to use the event licence for lighting up event on 30 th November 2014.	Assistant Town Clerk	Operational
1232- To discuss and consider staffing costs for the Food Festival when preparing the budgets.	Town Clerk / Full Council	Operational
1232- To consider the volume of entertainment on the Market Cross at future food festivals.	Town Clerk/ Local Food Co-ordinator	Operational
1232- Town Clerk to check that all receipts relating to the Food Festival have been transferred from BTC cost centre code to the Field to Table Cost Centre Code.	Town Clerk/Assistant Town Clerk	Operational
1233- The Town Clerk is to make enquiries and to amend if able the title on the name on the High Street Fund application form, from Beverley Food Festival to Beverley Town Council.	Town Clerk	Operational
1234 - All costs associated with the Christmas Festival of Food and Drink are to taken from the Field to Table account.	Town Clerk / Local Food Co-ordinator	Operational
1235- The Town Clerk is including the document in the new Councillors pack	Town Clerk / All Councillors	Operational
1235- Financial Audit to be included on the agenda for the next full Council meeting.	Town Clerk	Operational
1236- The Town Clerk is to locate the original agreement, discuss requirements of new agreement with the Chair of Nogent and to draft the new agreement.	Town Clerk	Operational

