

BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

24th July 2017

Held at 6.30 pm in the Minster Parish Hall, Minster Yard, Beverley

Present: Councillors Willis (Mayor), Aird, B Cooper, G Cooper, Dodsworth, Elvidge, Jack, Peacock and Pearson.

In attendance: Helen Watson (Town Clerk), Libby Woodhouse (Administrative Assistant)

6 Members of the public were present.

375 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors P Astell, R Begnett, N Machen and P McGrath.

376 (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.

Councillor Pearson declared a non-pecuniary interest as his wife is a member of the Christmas Lights Committee.

Councillor Jack declared a non-pecuniary interest as his wife is a member of the Christmas Lights Committee.

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

No dispensations were received.

377 To confirm the minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 26th June 2017

Resolved: The minutes of Full Council Meeting on 26th June 2017 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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

- (i) Policy – 21st June 2017**
- (ii) Planning Property & Services – 4th July 2017**
- (iii) Grants – 17th July 2017**

Resolved: The minutes of the Policy Meeting on the 21st June 2017, Planning Property & Services on the 4th July 2017 and Grants on the 17th July 2017 were confirmed and signed as a correct record of the meetings.

379 To note the working group minutes:

- (i) Christmas Lights – 11th July 2017**

Resolved: The notes of the Christmas Lights working group dated 11th July 2017 were noted as correct record of the meeting.

380 To receive a review of the Town Clerk's report/recorded actions from the previous minutes:

It was noted that the Annual Report has been circulated to Councillors. The Clerk reported that the new Police Inspector will attend the Full Council Meeting in September. There were no other matters requiring attention.

381 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor reported that she had attended 14 engagements and the Deputy Mayor had undertaken 5.

382 To consider the “Adoption of the East Riding of Yorkshire Statement of Community Involvement (2017)”

The Council noted the adoption of the East Riding of Yorkshire Statement of Community Involvement.

383 To consider the offer from CountyLife Ltd in relation to the Town Guide

Resolved: That the Town Clerk investigates other organisations to gather further information prior to accepting this offer.

384 To discuss and consider the 75th Anniversary of the loss of HMS Beverley

Resolved: The Town Clerk investigates the possibility of a Service of Commemoration at St Mary’s Church on Saturday/Sunday in April 2018.

The Mayor reported that she had also received a letter asking whether the Town Council would consider honouring the 471 men of the 1st Battalion the East Yorkshire Regiment who were killed at the 2nd Battle of Kemmel Ridge on 25th April 1918.

Resolved: That Councillor Elvidge and the Town Clerk will find out more about this and the Council will consider it at the September meeting.

385 Motion from Cllr Ben Cooper - "That Beverley Town Council is firmly opposed to any plan to scrap the rail links connecting Beverley to Doncaster and Sheffield; that implementing the proposed change would harm and inconvenience the town; and that there should be a full public consultation with the people of Beverley before the implementation of a new timetable in 2018

Resolved: That Beverley Town Council is firmly opposed to any plan to scrap the rail links connecting Beverley to Doncaster and Sheffield; that implementing the proposed change would harm and inconvenience the town; and that there should be a full public consultation with the people of Beverley before the implementation of a new timetable in 2018. The Town Clerk will also ask Northern Rail whether a survey of numbers has been done and a press release will be circulated. Councillor B Cooper will assist with the press release. It was also noted that the timetable for 2018 will be consulted upon in the summer of 2017.

386 To discuss Rail track fencing on Flemingate and Armstrong Way

Councillor Jack reported on the long running problem with vegetation growing through the fencing and obstructing the road causing members of the public to step into the highway at times. He had contacted Network Rail on several times during the past 2-3 years. Network Rail come now and then and chop the undergrowth through the fence however now there is a mess consisting of brambles, tree growth, etc.

Resolved: that Beverley Town Council write to Network Rail asking that they do something more constructive about the problem and to write to ERYC as the vegetation is obstructing the highway and request that they write to Network Rail. Councillor Jack will liaise with the Town Clerk.

387 To discuss options and consider looking into the initial cost and budget for works to the compound and fencing with a possible shed or building with screening to improve the facility.

The Town Clerk reported that insurers WPS had advised that if the fencing is screened, it would invalidate the insurance as any potential risk posed by the fence would be covered up. Repairs had been undertaken to the wall but as it was listed, the wall has to remain. Risk assessments had been done and no injuries had been reported to date. Discussion took place with regard to the possibility of an agricultural shed to house the van and contents of the compound but there were budget costs to consider, the fence would remain and a skip would still be required. The Council had rented a garage close to the offices where items could be removed to from the compound. Members of the public voiced concerns regarding potential injury to children who were walking on the wall who could fall onto the fence spikes. The Town Clerk reported that re-rendering to the wall is in hand but to cut off the fence spikes would create sharp edges. The Council did not allow anyone to walk on the wall however could not stop people doing what they should not be doing. Signs had been erected but a check needed to be kept on the situation and liaison with the insurers. There was considerable discussion.

Resolved: the Full Council will consider this again in September and the Town Clerk will look into the costs for changing the fencing

389 Community Allotment plots/growing spaces:

(i) To receive a verbal report on the NGS Open Day

The Town Clerk reported that the day had been a success and £570 had been raised for the NGS Charity and £25 for the Mayor's Charity. It was attended by 180 paying people and 100 allotment holders. The Scarecrow competition was popular and won by Karina Clappison, chosen by the Mayor and Sandra and Pauling Johnson. NGS Day dates for 2018 will be considered at the next meeting.

(ii) To consider the Field to Table (Sparkmill) community allotment and work required to facilitate its usage for shared community/youth groups

The Town Clerk reported that discussion is being held with some other interested groups at present.

(iii) To consider a half plot allotment on Queensgate allotment to cultivate as a community/wild flower garden

The Town Clerk outlined plans to cultivate and improve this area as a community wildflower plot. This will be paid for from the Field to Table account in line with the terms and conditions of the From Field to Table funded project.

390 To consider an alternative venue or BTC Council Chamber for the Full Council meeting to be held on the 18th September 2017 as the Minster Rooms are unavailable

Resolved: that the Council will go back to holding meetings in the Beverley Town Council meeting room

391 To consider the possibility of holding a Community Consultation Pop Up Picnic in August or September

The Town Clerk reported on the implications of this and it was thought it would be better to take place in the Summer of 2018. The Council will consider this next year.

392 To receive an update on the Youth Coalition and Having a Field Day on Mon 7th August

The Town Clerk handed out a report from Councillor Begnett and reported that ERYC's Mr Lawer had advised getting more information/consultation with young people at the Having a Field Day prior to doing any activities. Staffing/Councillor help would be required. Councillor Aird and the Town Clerk will help on the day.

393 To consider the Track Fitness and Boxing Club Grant application

Councillor Dodsworth explained that the Treasurer had been on holiday but accounts should be available for the Council by September's meeting.

394 To consider supporting the Christmas Tree Festival at Beverley Minster as in previous years

Resolved: Beverley Town Council agreed to support the Christmas Tree Festival at Beverley Minster.

395 To receive for information:

(i) Progress Report – Two Churches: One Story

Resolved: The Progress Report – Two Churches: One Story was received and is ongoing

(ii) June CCTV Statistics from Cherry Tree

Resolved: The Cherry Tree Community Centre Statistics for June 2017 were received.

Meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Action Plan – Full Council 24th July 2017

Action	Person Responsible	Due by
383. Investigate other organisations prior to accepting Countrylife Ltd's offer regarding the Town Guide	Town Clerk	Operational
384. Investigate having a Service of Commemoration at St Mary's Church in April 2018 re the loss of HMS Beverley	Town Clerk	Operational
384. Find out more about the loss of 471 men of the 1 st Battalion Yorkshire Regiment at the 2 nd battle of Kemmel Ridge in April 1918.	Town Clerk/Cllr Elvidge	Operational
385. Write to Network Rail with opposition to any plans to scrap links connecting Beverley with Doncaster/Sheffield	Town Clerk	Operational
386. Write to Network Rail & ERYC with regard to vegetation growing through fencing on Armstrong Way which is obstructing the highway.	Town Clerk	Operational
387. Compound – look into costs of changing fencing for next meeting	Town Clerk	Operational Agenda in September
389 (ii) Sparkmill Community Allotment usage	Town Clerk	Operational
389 (iii) Queensgate allotment community wildflower garden	Town Clerk	Operational
391. Community Pop up Picnic – Council to consider for Summer 2018	Town Clerk/Council	Agenda next year
392. Support Youth Coalition at Having a Field Day on 7 th August 2017	Town Clerk/Cllr Aird	Operational