



Minutes of the Weigh and Tolls Meeting Tuesday 10 December 2019 at 7pm

In Attendance:

Cllr A Gallafant (Chair)	Cllr A Moffitt
Cllr C Walker (Vice Chair)	Cllr P Morton
Cllr P Smailes (Proper Officer)	Cllr P Monck
Cllr P Addison	Cllr M Simpson
Cllr J Coulson	

1.0 **Apologies for Absence:** none received

2.0 **Code of Conduct**

Declarations of Interest: no items declared

Code of Conduct – Requests for Dispensation: no items requested

3.0 **Confirmation of Minutes:** the minutes of the previous Weigh and Tolls Meeting, held on Thursday 12 November 2019, were accepted and signed by the Chair

4.0 **Matters Arising:** no items noted

5.0 **Finance:** Cllr Addison distributed a spreadsheet showing income and expenditure and provided an update on the outstanding mandate issue with Nat West. Cllr Monck advised that a meeting had been held with Barclays Bank with a view to transferring the Council's banking arrangements. It was noted that no invoices are being paid at present due to the mandate issue however this should be resolved on transfer of the banking arrangements to Barclays Bank (within 7-10 days). Cllrs Addison and Gallafant advised that they would be paying two of the suppliers themselves to maintain relationships, and would seek to claim expenses back from the Council once the bank issue had been resolved.

Councillors agreed to authorise three new signatories for the bank mandate: Cllr Gallafant, Cllr Monck and Cllr Addison – previous signatories would be removed.

6.0 **Recreation Meeting (26 November 2019):** Cllr Monck provided a summary of comments raised at the Recreation Meeting in respect of Yarm Fair and the Ridings. Cllr Monck advised that Cleveland Police had provided positive feedback in relation to the fair, with no issues reported – it was agreed that this should be communicated to ISAG at a meeting that is to be scheduled in the new year.

It was noted that ISAG had not signed off the fair in advance of the event, and that this must be discussed proactively with ISAG in the new year. Cllr Simpson commented that she had been told by one of the traders that income was down compared to previous years (and below expenditure) however they still wanted to be part of the event.

Cllr Simpson alleged that Ward Councillor Tony Hampton and Yarm Business Forum were against the continuation of Yarm Fair, and cited a comment she had seen on social media as evidence of this. Cllr Morton noted that whilst individual traders may hold negative views about the impact the fair has on their respective businesses, the Business Forum was not against the continuation of the fair.

Cllr Monck noted that Councillors could assist with advertising and distribution of notices regarding the fair next year.

Cllr Monck commented that the revised timing for the riding of the fair meant that some families missed out on the event – Councillors agreed this would be discussed with ISAG in the new year.

Cllr Walker suggested using social media to gauge local opinion on the fair, and that this could be used as part of the ISAG meeting to show support for the event.

Councillors noted the position.

7.0 Items for Information/Consideration

- Twinning Meal (to celebrate 25 year anniversary of twinning with Schwalbach am Taunus)

The next Weigh and Tolls Meeting to be held at 7pm on Tuesday 14 January 2020 in the Fellowship Hall, West Street Yarm

Cllr Gallafant declared the meeting closed at 7:18pm

Cllr Gallafant