



Yarm Town Council
Town Hall
High Street
Yarm
TS15 9AH

Minutes of the Recreation Committee Tuesday 11 February 2020 at 6pm

In Attendance:

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

- 1.0 **To appoint a Chairman in the absence of Chair or Vice Chair:** Cllr Monck noted as being in attendance
- 2.0 **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Gallafant and Cllr Moffitt
- 3.0 **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation**
Declarations of Interest: no items declared
Requests for Dispensation: no items requested
- 4.0 **Confirmation of Minutes:** the minutes of the previous Recreation Committee, held on Tuesday 8 January 2020, were accepted and signed by the Chair.
- 5.0 **Matters Arising**
 - a) **Committee Composition:** Cllr Coulson queried the composition of the Recreation Committee – Cllr Monck confirmed this was made up of all Councillors. Cllr Walker queried whether the Committee had a written Terms of Reference – Cllr Monck confirmed that no such document existed.
 - b) **S&DR Re-Enactment:** Cllr Monck confirmed the timings and attendees to the Stockton and Darlington Railway Re-Enactment event. Cllr Coulson queried the process for organising this event – Cllr Monck advised that plans were initiated by the Town Clerk early last year and that the event was discussed at the Annual General Meeting (noted that there is no record of a discussion within the minutes). Cllr Coulson queried the cost of hiring professional actors for the event and suggested local amateur dramatic groups may have been able to carry out these roles at no cost to the Council. A discussion was held and **Councillors agreed to pay the £375 fee given that the event was due to take place the following day, however, it was noted that future payments must be processed in accordance with Standing Order 15.6**

c) **Events across the Borough:** Cllr Walker advised that he had received an e-mail from the Events team at Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council querying plans for 2020. Councillors noted the following:

- S&DR Re-Enactment (one off) (February)
- Yarm Gala (July)
- Riding of the Fair (October)
- Remembrance Sunday (November)
- Christmas Tree Lighting (December)

Cllr Morton queried whether the Council would be leading on Carols on the Cobbles in future years. Councillors suggested that Glen Layfield be invited to the next Recreation Committee meeting to explore this further – **agreed that Carols on the Cobbles would be added to the next agenda**

6.0 **Items for Information**

a) **Yarm Fair:** Cllr Monck advised that he had received a report from ISAG and that he would distribute this to all Councillors

b) **Cycle Event:** Cllr Morton advised that he had been approached by a member of the public who suggested Yarm may wish to organise a cycling event – **Cllr Morton to liaise with the lady who suggested this and bring ideas back to the next meeting**

7.0 **The next Recreation Committee to be held at 6pm on Tuesday 10 March 2020 in the Fellowship Hall, West Street Yarm**

Cllr Monck declared the meeting closed at 6:30pm

Cllr Monck

Date