

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are hereby summoned to a virtual meeting of Yarm Town Council to be held via Zoom on-line.

Date: Tuesday 13th April 2021 Time: 7PM

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Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting.

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Juliet Johnson, Proper Officer to YTC



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Weigh and Tolls Committee

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Cllr John Coulson (Vice Chairman) - In the Chair

Cllr Alan Gallafant (Chair)

Cllr Peter Monck

Cllr Philip Addison

Cllr Patrick Morton

Cllr Chris Johnson

Cllr Pam Smailes

Cllr Alan Moffitt

Juliet Johnson (Town Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Andrew Sherris, Ward Councillor Stockton Borough Council and 2 members of the public.

Cllr Gallafant stood aside as Chair due to being in a pre-election period (purdah) as he is standing for Ward Councillor.

Cllr Coulson (as Vice Chairman) took the Chair.

Cllr Coulson led the meeting in observing a one minute silence in memory of His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who died on 9th April 2021.

1. Apologies for absence

1.1 None received.

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2. Code of Conduct | Declaration of Interest | Dispensation:

- a) To record declarations of interest from members of any item to be discussed
- b) To consider, vote upon and record any requests for dispensation

2.1 None received or requested.

3. Confirmation of Minutes:

- a) To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting of the Weigh and Tolls Committee (9th March 2021)

PROPOSED: Cllr Monck; SECONDED: Cllr Moffitt ALL AGREED.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

4.1 Town Hall Lightning Conductor

The Clerk updated the meeting that she was awaiting a final quote and date for completing the work from the company that specialises in this (and recommended by the architects who surveyed the Cupola).

4.2 Update: Events - latest COVID guidance & SBC position

The Clerk stated that no further update had been received from Stockton Borough Council (SBC) Events.

5. Finance:

- a) To authorise payment of the accounts (Weigh and Tolls) - Cllr Addison

ITEM	CREDITOR	METHOD	AMOUNT
Broadband / Wifi	Virgin Media	DD	£38.40 (April)
Market Toll Rates	Stockton Borough Council	DD	£67.97 (April)
Wave	Town Hall Water Rates '21/'22	BACS	£1,295.99 (PA)

5.1 The above payments were agreed. A query was raised regarding the Town Hall Water rate. It is understood this is related to a fixed rateable value (see further note in YTC Ordinary Meeting minutes 13.04.21)

6. Update on Relocating Christmas Tree

6.1 Cllr Monck updated the meeting regarding liaising with SBC as to their recommended location of the Yarm Christmas Tree which is on the east side of the High Street (understood to be in the vicinity of the George & Dragon Pub). This location aims to tackle the previous issues of people spilling into the road.

6.2 Cllr Johnson suggested that residents could be asked where they would like the Christmas Tree to be placed. **Cllrs Moffitt, Monk & Gallafant** commented that it would be unfair / not appropriate to ask the public to make decisions that required health and safety knowledge of the wider situation which had resulted in the suggested relocation and that the best option suggested as regards health and safety had to be adhered to.

6.3 Cllr Monck confirmed that the new location should enable operating without a road closure (and consequent pressure on West Street , associated road blockages etc). **Cllr Addison** pointed out that SBC's ISAG would not approve the event, given that they manage the High Street and cobbles, if the event location was not perceived to be compliant.

ACTION: Clerk to appraise the Event Manager of the situation re. new location for the Christmas tree.

7. Christmas Lights

7.1 Cllr Smailes raised a proposal to add to existing Christmas lights by (e.g.) lighting the Town Hall.

7.2 Cllr Monck referenced that the Town Hall Heritage Centre Redevelopment Project would be underway at this point. **Cllr Smailes** asked if this would affect the outside of the building and it was confirmed that it was likely to be inaccessible but that decorative hoardings might be in place; the situation could be reviewed nearer the time.

8. Update on the Town Hall & Heritage Centre Project

8.1.1 Cllr Monck gave an update on this project confirming a start date that could be as soon as mid August / September 2021 (project timeline circulated refers). Cllr Monck confirmed that a further consultant meeting had been held to look at how the 2 floors / interior of the Town Hall might be used as regards best use of space, best interpretation methodology to attract visitors, including scoping AV options.

8.1.2 The legal document for the partnership with SBC should be with YTC within the next month.

8.1.3 The next Town Hall Project Meeting is 10 a.m. Wednesday, 21.04.21 (online). SBC will issue the invitations to all group members.

9. To receive items for information and consideration for the next agenda

9.1 Events: Remembrance Day & Christmas Onwards - Cllr Monck
(in raising this item, reference was made to a previous minute regarding an appropriate contract for the Events Manager, given ongoing uncertainty).

- 10. To confirm the date and time of the next Weigh and Tolls Committee meeting:**
7pm, 11th May 2021

Signed (Chair):Date:

Signed (Clerk):Date:

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