

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of
Yarm Town Council to be held at

The Fellowship Hall (side entrance)

West Street, Yarm TS15 9BT.

Date: Tuesday 18th May 2021

Time: Immediately following Annual Meeting at 6pm

Members of the public are invited to
attend the meeting (COVID: 6 MAX)

COVID: PPE MUST BE ADOPTED

in line with government guidance

Juliet Johnson, Proper Officer to YTC



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Weigh and Tolls Committee

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Cllr Alan Gallafant (Chairman)

Cllr Patrick Morton

Cllr John Coulson (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Chris Neil

Cllr Philip Addison

Cllr Pam Smailes

Cllr Alan Moffitt

Cllr Barbara Wegg

Cllr Peter Monck

Town Clerk - Juliet Johnson

IN ATTENDANCE: Ward Councillor Sherris

1. Apologies for absence

1.1 Cllr Marjorie Simpson.

Cllr Chris Johnson gave his apologies and left the evenings' meetings (6.28pm).

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The Rate Payers’ Representative - Karen Shields- had given her apologies.

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 No declarations of interest or requests for dispensation were received.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 The minutes of the previous meeting of the Weigh and Tolls Committee (13th April 2021) were confirmed and approved for signature by the Chairman.

(Proposed: Cllr Monck; Seconded: Cllr Moffitt; all agreed)

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

4.1 Lightning Conductor - update

The Clerk has sought a replacement contractor due to illness re. the original recommendation. This repair is an urgent health and safety priority. Having contacted 3 contractors and received quotes from 2 that were equal amounts (circa £1,377), the Clerk has asked the supplier of the best submission to attend asap (re. quality of information in the quotation submission).

ALL AGREED

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 (May)
Market Toll Rates	Stockton Borough Council	DD	£72.00(May)

6. Update on the Town Hall & Heritage Centre Project

(inc. interpretation discussions and visit)

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6.1 Cllr Monck briefed the meeting regarding a recent visit by an international heritage interpretation artist / specialist (contact of the Clerk in her other role) - Matthew Rosier has created interpretation content for venues such as Hampton Court Palace.

The purpose of the visit was to scope (and very roughly begin to cost) the some options and ambition for the heritage centre that would have a 'wow' factor and promote visitors and repeat visitors to come to Yarm (High Street). Key considerations are education opportunity, engagement of the resident population (which is growing) as to the heritage of Yarm (industrial, agricultural, environmental, social etc) and not least, the economic impact for local businesses from a successful and forward thinking display & interpretation at the heritage centre. Involvement of local people (including school children - query raised by **Cllr Wegg**) in creating content for the centre (or the stories of what is contained therein) will also be critical in fundraising (e.g. given National Lottery Heritage Fund - NLHF- priorities). Due to previous work undertaken, YTC has sound, diverse audience development material already in place that can be expanded upon.

The next steps will be to:

- a) receive proposal and scope of options from the visiting artist/ specialist (Matthew Rosier);
- b) use this to shape up SBC's proposed brief for achieving a specification for the fit out of the centre;
- c) to input to SBC's next iteration of the brief for NLHF application.

6.2 The start on site will potentially now be October / November (previously circulated project timeline refers). The reworked plan of the refurbishment is being presented to SBC Planning Committee. The current budget includes £80k for the internal fit out. Budgets relating to this and further engagement work will be reviewed by the working group at the next meeting.

7. 2021 Events: Remembrance Day & Christmas

(inc. SBC Position Update: Events - latest COVID guidance)

7.1 There is no further update from SBC (re. events and government COVID roadmap). The Clerk has supplied SBC events with the list of YTC events pending: Remembrance - 14th November; Christmas Lights - 5th December; Carols on the Cobbles - Christmas Eve.

7.2 Cllrs Monck & Coulson updated the meeting that SBC had recently met with the Showmans' Guild as regards Yarm Fair - further feedback awaited. The previous Events Manager (whose current contract was interrupted by COVID) has spoken with the Clerk and an initial planning meeting is pending (as previously discussed, noting that the contract allows for cancellation and for work delivered to be paid fairly).

7.3 Cllr Monck confirmed that Julie Danks (SBC) has confirmed a site visit to the High Street to confirm new location for the Christmas Tree (ref. previous meeting discussion).

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

N/A

9. To confirm the date and time of the next Weigh and Tolls Committee meeting:

7pm, 8th June 2021.

Signed (Chairman) :Date :

Signed (Clerk) :Date :

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