



STAINFORTH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2024 AT
6.00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.



PRESENT: Cllr. D. Bowling, in the chair.

Councillors: Mrs. A. Abbott, W.S.Q. Cook, Mrs. L. Crosby, A. Flynn, Ms. S. Farmer, D. Marshall, Mrs. C. Ruane, Mrs. A. Sylvester, J. Thompson, the Town Clerk, Mrs. K. Evans and the Admin Assistant, Mrs. J. Cantley.

Also present: Public x 1, Representatives x 3 from Shaping Stainforth.

1. **TO NOTE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE.**

RESOLVED that the following be accepted:
 Cllr. Mrs. C. Lunney.

2. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS.**

Cllr. Ms. S. Farmer declared an interest in item 5.

3. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETING:**

RESOLVED that the following be approved:

- (a) Town Council meeting held on 16.1.2024.
- (b) Budget meeting held on 23.1.2024.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

- (a) Shaping Stainforth – Update. Representatives provided an update to members on their current projects. This includes working alongside other villages, sharing feedback and gaining knowledge on similar initiatives. The Young Persons Steering Group have been working with the NSPCC to develop an inline safety tool kit which is being supported by Damien Allen CEO of CDC and will be shared throughout Doncaster schools.
 A group of 7 children have been chosen to visit the Houses of Parliament and meet Ed Miliband for a Q&A session, followed by site seeing in London.
 A workshop has been arranged for Friday 15th March at 1pm in the CRC for residents and other bodies to attend. Shaping Stainforth will showcase their work and discuss ways to remain sustainable in the town after the funding from CDC stops.
 A ‘re-launch’ open event is being planned to try and get more children to attend the Steering Group. The primary schools will also be visited to try and achieve the same. Noted.

5. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS.** None received.

Signed.....Signed.....Mayor, 19th March 2024.

6. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OTHER AUTHORITIES:**
 - (a) Ward Councillors. Cllr. Farmer reported that it has been a busy month for meetings with once scheduled on Thursday 22nd Feb with Oliver Coppard. An event is being planned for August 2024 to be held on Peacock Park. Date to be confirmed.

2 residents attended the last Community Engagement meeting with SYP in January. Councillors are urged to ask more residents to attend. Clerk to advertise the next meeting on the TC website and Facebook page. The next meeting is scheduled for 22nd March 2024 at 6pm.

An event is to be held on 9th March to mark the 40th anniversary of the miner’s strike. Cllr. Farmer asked if the TC could donate to the event. It was advised that this is not possible at this stage as the finance request has not been made in advance and therefore is not an item on the agenda. However, a donation can be made from the Mayor’s Allowance. Cllr. Bowling agreed to discuss this with the Clerk following the meeting.

Noted.
 - (b) Police, Safer Communities/Neighbourhood Team & Other Authorities. None in attendance.
7. **TO RECEIVE TOWNS DEAL REPORT.** The Town Deal is now moving in to the delivery phase and as a result the board will now be ‘thinned out’ and made smaller. Questions were asked as to why changes need to be made to the board this far along in the process. Cllr. Farmer advised that it is standard practice.
8. **TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.** No further update.
9. **TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS.** Listed on a separate sheet and RESOLVED that they be approved.
10. **TO CONSIDER CEMETERY MATTERS.** The Clerk informed members that she has had a request from Mr. Abbott (retired Cemetery Operative) to do some voluntary work in The Park for a few hours per week. This was agreed and the Clerk confirmed that she will write up a volunteer policy and agreement prior to any work being started.
11. **TO CONSIDER WELFARE GROUND MATTERS.** Nothing to report.
12. **TO NOTE MAYOR’S CHARITY PROGRESS.** No update.
13. **TO CONSIDER ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE.** None.
14. **TO NOTE UPDATE ON CURRENT VACANCY.** No update. Application period closes Thursday 29th February 2024. Noted.
15. **TO RECEIVE DEED OF GIFT FOR CCTV CAMERAS FROM CDC AND APPROVE SIGNAGE.** The Clerk advised that the document needed to be signed prior to installation of the cameras. Mrs. Evans had been asked to get the document signed prior to the meeting but she had refused to do so without members agreement. RESOLVED that the deed of gift be signed by 2 Councillors.

Signed.....Signed.....Mayor, 19th March 2024.

16. **TO NOTE PLANS FOR ICE RINK – 24TH AUGUST 2024.** It was confirmed that the Ice Rink will be placed at the CRC event as originally agreed. The Clerk reported to members that the CRC Social Committee would like to see more councillors attending the events and supporting the centre. Noted.
17. **TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** – confirmed as **TUESDAY 19TH MARCH 2024** at 6:00pm in the Town Council Chamber.

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting was declared closed at 7:05pm.

5. **ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

BACS payments made between 1.1.2024 – 31.1.2024:

DMBC	Non-Dom Rates, Cem	202.00
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British Gas	Electricity, Office	948.62
Torne Valley Ltd	Parts, Cem	8.63
DMBC	Refuse collection, Office 1.1.24-31.3.24	104.00
Wake Up Media Ltd - T/A Thorne Times	Advertising Fee	420.00
Arco Limited	Workwear	152.91
ISK8	Ice Rink Hire - Balance	3,000.00
SLCC	Annual Membership	229.00
Aries Networks Ltd	IT Services Cloud Backup, Microsoft, Phones & Broadband	159.48
Mr. A. Strong	Refund, Key Cutting, Pavilion	45.00
Mrs. J. Hepworth	Accountancy Fees	112.00
Manor Tyres Limited	Repairs, Cem	36.00
Viking Office UK Limited	Stationary, Office	62.44
HMRC	M10 Conts	2,026.07
Various	M10 Sals	8,878.96

Signed.....Mayor, 19th March 2024.