

Minutes of Thornaby Town Council's Full Council Meeting held in the Town Hall on Tuesday 25 February 2014 at 6.30pm

Present: Councillor's Tina Large (Chairman), Pat Large, Karina Maxwell, Ian Dalgarno, Steve Walmsley, Mick Trainer, Dave Kennington, Mick Moore

Town Clerk: Tina Mansell

In attendance: Michael Manning – Thornaby Academy

Minutes prepared by the Town Clerk

Before the start of the meeting DMN Project Management gave members the following update:

Application for funding is progressing and that placing a fire exit in the building and other works will start in the summer recess. Only urgent works if needed will be done before then. Northumbrian Water Board had done a building condition survey of the building.

The clerk provided members with copies of the email re Area Transport Strategy information and Local Government Act, s 85 (1) and (2).

FC-14-23: NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice of the meeting was taken as read

FC-14-24: APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr's Corinne Moore, Glenn Eastick, Sean Gowland, Sylvia Walmsley

Apologies accepted

FC-14-25: CODE OF CONDUCT – Declarations of Interest

The Chairman asked if there were any declarations of interest. No declarations of interest were received at this time

FC-14-26: TOWN HALL UPDATE

No update due to it being given before the start of the meeting

It was proposed and agreed that the following agenda item be brought forward.

FC-14-27: PRESENTATION FROM MICHAEL MANNING

The Chair welcomed Michael to the meeting. Michael informed members that Thornaby Academy were in the process of setting up a new project called the 'Thornaby Spirit' which is a website set up for the purpose of promoting Thornaby as a town which could help with attracting new business, initiatives etc. The site itself will include events, advertising local business, local history etc. He asked members if the council would support this new project by providing information on what the council are doing, local history etc. Members agreed that the new website is a good idea and they would fully support by providing information as and when needed. The Chair then thanked Michael for attending before he left the meeting.

RESOLVED that TTC fully support the new website and for the clerk to send the letter previously written to the Queen depicting the local history of Thornaby to the academy for the information in it to be used for the new website.

FC-14-28: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No questions were received from the public

FC-14-29: MASTERS TRAINING

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It was proposed and agreed that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed in this agenda item that the public are excluded (Local Government Act 1972 & Public Bodies Act 1960)

RESOLVED that the proposals were accepted

FC-14-30: MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27 JANUARY 2014

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 27 January 2014

RESOLVED that the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings

FC-14-31: MATTERS ARISING – information only

Members were informed that the plaque in memory of Mick Eddy has now been placed on the bench at the Five Lamps

FC-14-32: MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENT MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2014

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Environment Meeting held on Monday 17 February 2014

RESOLVED that the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings

FC-14-33: MATTERS ARISING – information only

Members were informed that the meeting with Dave Munt from the Lower Tees Angling Trust went well and that the proposal for the disabled platform will be supported by them

FC-14-34: FINANCIAL MATTERS

- Members considered the monthly schedule of accounts

RESOLVED that the monthly schedule of accounts were approved

RESOLVED that the ATS Strategy information was noted

- Members considered the car mileage request from the clerk

RESOLVED that the request was approved and remuneration to be paid out of petty cash

- Members viewed the information from National Association of Local Councils in regards to the financial briefing of the repeal of s.150 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 that requires all cheques or other payable orders to be signed by two councillors

RESOLVED that the information was noted

- Members considered the request from Thornaby Academy to place a four page insert inside the Thornaby Pride that would be in a form of a newsletter for Thornaby residents. They then went on to consider the extra costs of £800 for the insert which Thornaby Academy would need to be invoiced for.

RESOLVED that the request was approved

RESOLVED that the cost for the four page insert was approved and Thornaby Academy informed of the cost

- Members considered the request from Thornaby Football Club for a grant of £1,314 to help with the costs for pitch cuttings for the junior pitches at the club

RESOLVED that the request was approved and the amount to be awarded from next year's precept

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- Members considered the request previously tabled from the treasurer of the Victoria Park Community Hall (formerly Old People's Welfare Hall) for a grant to help with the hall's finances that will aid in keeping the hall open for residents. After a discussion took place members were unsure as to the actual amount that was being asked for.

RESOLVED that the treasurer is to be contacted for clarification on the exact amount that he is requesting

- Members considered the proposal to pay a monthly subscription of £4.00 to Mayberry Consultancy Ltd in regards to HR solutions. After a debate took place a vote was taken with 7 – 1 voting against the proposal.

RESOLVED that the proposal was declined

FC-14-35: PLANNING

Members considered the following applications;

- **App No: 14/0208/OUT** – Outline application for residential development of up to 550 homes land adjacent to Thornaby Road, Ingleby Barwick.

RESOLVED that a letter of objection is put in as the development goes against TTC's Green Wedge policy which states that Thornaby Town Council is committed to safeguard our town's built and natural environment for present and future generations. It is the council's opinion that adherence to Local Agenda 21s principle advocating 'Think Globally Act Locally' should be consistently adhered to. It is Thornaby Town Council's contention that proposed development of green-field, woodland and wildlife habitat merely for profit and with scant regard for community well-being and the natural environment should be opposed without reservation.

- **App No: 14/0231/FUL** – Erection of new Barker & Stonehouse retail store and ancillary use with office and associated parking. Former Springs Leisure Centre, Teesside Park.

RESOLVED that the TTC fully support the application from Barker & Stonehouse to develop the site under the Town & Country Planning Act 1990

FC-14-36: MILLBANK LANE PEDESTRIAN REFUGE

Members considered the email from SBC asking TTC to comment on the draft report for the provision of a pedestrian refuge on Millbank Lane to the west of Thorntree Road in front of the village park entrance.

RESOLVED that due to the increase of traffic and the safety of residents, TTC fully support the need for a second pedestrian refuge on Millbank Lane

FC-14-37: EDWARD 'NED' COOPER VC MEMORIAL STONE

Members considered the email in regards to the family's proposal that Thornaby would be ideal location to place a paving stone commemorating Edward Cooper VC for his actions and bravery during the First World War.

RESOLVED that the family are informed that TTC fully support the proposal to site the memorial stone in Thornaby

FC-14-38: EASTERN LOCALITY FORUM

Members considered the letter from SBC requesting a representative from the council to serve on the new Eastern Locality Forum (ELF) which will bring together representatives of the public, private, voluntary and community sectors to champion and support the delivery of the Stockton Local Strategic Partnership.

RESOLVED that times and dates for the meetings is requested and once that information has been sourced an email is to be sent round to see if any councillor is available to attend

FC-14-39: FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY

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Members viewed the minutes from the First World War Centenary Steering Group Meeting which took place on Thursday 6 February 2014. Members were then asked to consider the following recommendations on how the council can commemorate the First World War from 2014 – 2018:

- That poppies or a poppy display to be planted over the four year period in the following locations:

At the Cenotaph – either side or in large tubs
At the Five Lamps
At the Erimus Stone
On the Green
- A church service (date tbc) possibly in St Patrick's with all local clergy in Thornaby to take part. The service could include a specially written song to be performed by St Patrick's Choir.
- Charity event in Mehboob's as a possible location involving local schools. To be discussed in more detail at a later date.
- A lasting memorial within the Town Hall of a 'wall of poppies' with names of those who lost their lives from Thornaby. A civic event to take place once the wall is finished
- A small civic event in Thornaby Town Centre on Saturday 2 August with a short service. Standards etc to lay a memorial stone donated by Irene Jessop. Would be similar to B-O-B with short service, standards etc. The service could be followed by Jill St John or other entertainer singing songs from that era to entertain shoppers. Alternative entertainment is also to be looked into.
- At the end of the four year centenary, a time capsule to be placed under the same stone in the town centre with photos of events held over the four years.

RESOLVED that the recommendations from the Steering Group were approved

RESOLVED that a progress update be brought to the next meeting

FC-14-40: FREEMAN OF THE TOWN

Members considered the proposal to place a piece about the Freeman of the Town in the next issue of the Thornaby Pride.

RESOLVED that proposal is accepted and that the piece should explain the selection criteria and nomination procedure

FC-14-41: STAFFING

Members considered the clerk's request for eighteen days holiday and request to carry four days holiday over into the new financial year

RESOLVED that the clerk's holidays and carry over days were approved

FC-14-42: PROPOSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE TAXI RANK

Members considered the request to comment on the proposed hackney carriage taxi rank in Thornaby Centre.

RESOLVED that no comment was made

FC-14-43: FREEPOST QUESTIONNAIRE

Members considered the request for a freepost questionnaire on local government, planning etc to be placed in an edition of the Thornaby Pride.

RESOLVED that costs for the questionnaire to be investigated and brought back to a meeting of the council for consideration

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FC-14-44: REQUEST FOR SPECIAL DISPENSATION

Members considered the request from Cllr Trainer for dispensation to attend council meetings due to work commitments. The clerk reminded members of the information she provided members with at the beginning of the meeting in regards to LGA s 85 (1) & (2). A proposal was put forward to alternate council meetings, one month on a Monday and the next month on a Tuesday as this will allow Cllr Trainer to attend. A vote was taken with all members in favour of the proposal.

RESOLVED that full council monthly meetings will now take place on an alternate Monday and Tuesday and that the request for special dispensation is now not required

FC-14-45: POLICE REQUEST

It was proposed and agreed that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed in this agenda item that the public are excluded (Local Government Act 1972 & Public Bodies Act 1960)

RESOLVED that the request was approved

FC-14-46: CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk advised members of the following correspondence:

- Thank You letter from Salvation Army for their donation as a result of their participation in the Five Lamps Carol Service
- Email from Hardwick in Partnership advising of the next meeting date of the Cleveland Local Council Association
- Email from SBC re plaque dedication for Mick Eddy
- February newsletter from Mayberry Consultancy highlighting changes to employment law
- Email from SBC informing of a temporary road closure for Watson Grove, Thornaby

RESOLVED that the correspondence was noted

FC-14-47: COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillor Moore informed members that the plaque for the bench which is to be situated opposite the Spitfire roundabout has now been received by SBC and that works to install the bench have been scheduled in for late March, early April.

It was brought to the member's attention that poster's in regards to the consultation on the gypsy sites should be placed in a more prominent position on the notice board in Thornaby library. At the moment they are right at the top of the board and difficult to view.

FC-14-48: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Changing of the Thornaby Link Bus route due to the removal of bus service 507

FC-14-49: DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 24 March 2014 at 6.30pm

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.50pm

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