

**Hedon Town Council**  
**+ Minutes of the Proceedings of a Meeting of**  
**Finance & General Purposes Committee**

**held at the Town Hall, St Augustine's Gate, Hedon**  
**22 February 2024**

Present: In the Chair – Cllr S Gallant  
Cllrs: Mrs S Banks, C Billany, J Brindley, J Dennis, P Hinch, Mrs G Pocklington,  
Miss S Rommell, Ms D Storr, D Thompson and Mrs S Wright  
Kim Gray (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: Cllr Goldspink (prior commitment)

2. Confirmation of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 25 January 2024 were agreed as being a correct record of the proceedings thereat.

**Resolved:** That the minutes were confirmed as a true record

3. Updates on the Minutes

- 3.1 ERNLLCA's HR training – New date 19 June, 10am-12noon – Cllrs: Billany, Pocklington, Rommell and Storr places booked.
- 3.2 Update possible water supply/collection at the allotments. The Clerk would arrange for letters to be sent asking for feedback from allotment holders regarding water on site.
- 3.3 Update on LCWIP – suggestion from previous meeting submitted.
- 3.4 Update on potholes and road condition – email circulated; T Weaver is happy to meet but asks for Council to provide street names of the areas of concern so that they can be placed on the priority ranking lists of roads. Members mentioned – St Nicholas Gate, Drapers Lane, Haven Basin, Ivy Lane and Holcroft, but if there are other could members inform the Clerk by the end of the month.
- 3.5 Update on MS3 poles in Merryman Garth – email circulated; MS3 declined to pay the wayleave requested by Council, poles scheduled for removal 14 February.
- 3.6 Confirmation of the response from ERYC re additional disabled parking bays by North transept of St Augustine's Church; ERYC investigated the matter but found that there was no appropriate resolution that would suit all parties wanting changes made to the parking situation in that area. The Clerk would respond acknowledging that the Council were satisfied with the outcome and ask again for ERYC to find a way to accommodate at least one disabled bay in the vicinity indicated.
- 3.7 Update on request for passenger figures for Hedon Town Service No 84 – Clerk has requested figures from ERYC Public Transport team is awaiting reply. The summary of passenger figures was circulated to Members. It was agreed to include an item on the next agenda to consider the possibility of running the service on an additional day, perhaps Fridays.

4. Declaration of Interests

- 4.1 To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.
- 4.2 To note dispensations given to any member of the Council in respect of the agenda items listed below.

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5. To approve Accounts Payable Schedule – February  
The Schedule previously circulated to Members, will form part of the Minutes. Amended copy was circulated at the meeting and these will be checked and signed off before payment.  
**Resolved:** that the schedule of payments for February 2024, signed by two Councillors, in the sum of £14,528.88 was approved unseen, subject to the schedule being checked by the Chairman and Vice Chair.
6. To receive an update on the financial position of the Council as at 31 January 2024  
The Chairman referred to the documents attached to these Minutes which had been circulated to all Councillors; the documents indicated the financial position of the Council as at 31 January 2024.  
**Resolved:** that the schedules showing receipts/payments made during January and the budget monitoring report were approved.
7. To approve Risk Reports for 'Town and Country Planning', 'Village Signs', and 'War Memorials'  
The Chairman referred to the Risk Reports 'Town and Country Planning', 'Village Signs', and 'War Memorials'  
**Resolved:** that the Risk Reports 'Town and Country Planning', 'Village Signs', and 'War Memorials' were approved as tabled.
8. To receive a report from the Events Working Group and to approve actions taken  
Cllr Banks gave a report of the meeting held on 9 February. Scruffs dog show will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> April, arrangements are in progress. The Working Group is moving forward with the 2025 calendar and is exploring a new idea would be explored for the calendar. Next meeting 1 March 2pm. The Working Group are considering combining the Hedon Treasure Hunt for 2024 with something else on the same day and to use the Town Hall for more events.  
**Resolved:** that the report was noted, and the actions taken were approved.
9. To receive a report from the Hedfest Working Group and to approve actions taken  
The Clerk gave a report of the meeting held on 15 February. Arrangements are well underway; Africa Studios are finalising the line-up for the stage in St Augustine's Church and acoustic artists to perform alongside the poets performing as part of the spoken word event in the Town Hall. Provision of bars for both the Church and Town Hall are in progress. A Road closure and premise licence are in progress for Market Hill, St Augustine's Gate and Market Place where fairground rides, stalls, entertainment, food and drink vendors will be located. The pubs are also preparing to have bands and entertainment book as part of the event. Funding and sponsorship strategy is being developed as is a strategy to promote the event as far and wide as is practicable. Recommendations and actions are to make applications to ERYC Arts Development fund (£4,200) and Do it for East Yorkshire Grant Fund (£5,000). The next meeting - Friday 15 March 12 noon.  
**Resolved:** that the report was noted, and the actions taken were approved.
10. To receive a report from the D-Day Working Group and to approve actions taken  
Cllr Billany gave a report of the meeting held on 8 February. Preparations are advancing, the road closure and temporary events notice are in place; the entertainment is booked as is the stage. The Mayor Elect will not be available on the 6 June, Cllr Dennis volunteered to read the proclamation at 8am. The next meeting – Thursday 14 March 6:45pm  
**Resolved:** that the report was noted, and the actions taken were approved.

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11. To consider advertising in Welcome to Hull & East Yorkshire brochure 2024-25  
The Chairman referred to the email inviting members to consider taking an advertisement in the 2024-25 edition of the Welcome to Hull & East Yorkshire brochure. It was agreed that the money could be better spent. The Clerk would include an item on a future agenda to consider producing a pamphlet or flyer to promote Hedon.  
**Resolved:** that the Council would not advertise in the 2024-25 edition of Welcome to Hull & East Yorkshire brochure, but would explore producing a publication specifically to promote Hedon.
12. To consider the Council's position on the Geological Disposal Facility proposed for South Holderness  
The Chairman gave an update on the situation of the proposed geological disposal facility in South Holderness. At a meeting of ERYC full Council on 22 February a motion to exercise ERYC's right to withdraw from the process was tabled and with majority of votes cast 51 to 1 was carried. Town Council welcomed the outcome and would not have supported the proposal moving forward.  
**Resolved:** that the Council would note the outcome.
13. To consider request from former Cllr Ledger to remove his portrait from the Town Hall wall and return to him  
The Chairman referred to the framed photograph of former Cllr Ledger. The Council agreed to remove the photograph from display in the Town Hall. The Council would acquiesce with Mr Ledger's request for the photograph to be returned to him but would ask for £50 donation to the Mayor's charity. Clerk will deal will draft and appropriately worded letter.  
**Resolved:** that the Council would acquiesce with Mr Ledger's request for the photograph to be removed from the display in the Town Hall and to be returned to him but would ask for £50 donation to the Mayor's charity.
14. Correspondence
  - 14.1 Invitation to Crime Prevention and Community Safety Event 2024 – 12:30pm-3:30pm, 11 April in Beverley, numbers restricted, places need to be booked. Noted.
  - 14.2 Invitation received from Hedon Methodist Church to celebrate the installation of the charging point installation paid for by Centrica – 1 March 4pm for tea and cakes. Noted
  - 14.3 International Women's Day, 8 March – Council would support International Women's Day; the Clerk would explore what could be done.
15. Members' points of information and items for the agenda
  - 15.1 It was noted that the drains in George Street were overflowing, the Clerk will report the matter to ERYC.

## In Camera

16. In pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admissions to meetings) Act 1960 it is recommended that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of these matters. AGREED.
17. To consider land for purchase  
*Cllr Wright declared a pecuniary interest as having right of way across the land and renting land adjacent, and left the chamber.*  
Members considered the parcel of land being offered for sale. The suggested sale price considered and it was agreed that the Council would submit an offer of £5,000 for the land.

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Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee

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