

**MINUTES OF THE DRIFFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY  
OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> 2021 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MILL STREET, DRIFFIELD.**

**Present:** Councillors J Fletcher, P Rounding, M Blakeston, G Lucas, M Rogers, G Helliwell, A Coleman, P Stocker, T Watson, M Garrard, S Starrett, A Croft, S Fletcher and the Town Clerk Mrs C. Binnington. TCO Jill Baldwin also attended.

**94/21 Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr C Scarlett, Cllr K Stack.

**95/21 Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr S Fletcher declared a non pecuniary interest in Minute Number 103/21 as he is a trustee of Driffeld Skate Park.

Cllr J Fletcher declared a non pecuniary interest in Minute Number 103/21 as she is a trustee of Driffeld Skate Park.

Cllr P Rounding declared a non pecuniary interest in Minute Number 103/21 as he is a trustee of Driffeld Skate Park.

**96/21 Registration of Gifts and Hospitality:**

There were none.

**97/21 Questions, Matters of Accuracy and Observations on the Town Council Minutes of September 8<sup>th</sup> 2021:**

There were none.

**98/21 Adoption of the Town Council Minutes of September 8<sup>th</sup> 2021:**

The minutes were **adopted** with 11 in favour and 2 abstentions.

**99/21 Notification to fill the West Ward vacancy by Co-option:**

As no election had been called the position could now be filled by co-option. Applications will be invited in writing to be submitted before Thursday October 28<sup>th</sup> 2021.

**100/21 Clerks Update:**

The clerk reported on the talks with Barrett Homes regarding the Observatory at Long Lane. Cllrs Blakeston and Rogers explained that the site was to be preserved, made safe and an interpretation board erected.

The clerk reported that the tree in Market Place would be decorated with blue and pink ribbons to make Baby Loss Awareness.

**101/21 Town Centre Officer and External Funding Officer Update:**

Jill presented her report and explained her activities over the last month, which was very well received. The clerk distributed Fiona's report (both enclosed in minute book). Cllr J Fletcher commented that Fiona's

commitment and dedication to her role and the support she was giving to various groups was to be commended, the clerk will communicate this to her.

**102/21 Acknowledge receipt from ERYC of the confirmation of nomination of the Alfred Bean Hospital as a community asset and update on Healthy Towns:**

This was acknowledged.

Cllr M Blakeston gave a report on the progress of the meetings being held to secure the future of the Alfred Bean Hospital.

**103/21 To consider a request for funding from the Driffield Skate and BMX Park:**

It was agreed with all in favour that the £2200 received from the Horace Taylor Trust towards the new LED lighting be matched from the DTC Match Funding Pot if the External Funding Officer was unable to secure funding from elsewhere.

**104/21 To consider a request from Great Driffield Radio for a donation from the Small Grant Fund for the Driffield Young Reporters Project:**

It was agreed with all in favour that £500 be donated. The clerk explained that the Young Reporters would provide essential help in consultation work with the young people of the town that was needed by the External Funding Officer to evidence her bids for funding. The council were also informed of the possibility of a youth council being established and they were keen to facilitate assistance from both the clerk and the External Funding Officer, as well as use of the Market Walk meeting room if needed.

**105/21 To consider the purchase of a defibrillator for Little Driffield:**

It was agreed with all in favour that a defibrillator be purchased.

**106/21 To consider the issue of Scrambling 2022:**

It was agreed with 11 in favour and 2 against to refer the issue to the Events Committee and it was suggested that December 31<sup>st</sup> be the date chosen, it was also thought that the COVID situation did not require consideration.

**107/21 To acknowledge the Conclusion of Audit 2020/21:**

The conclusion of audit was agreed with all in favour.

**108/21 To consider the issue of street cleansing in the town centre:**

After considerable discussion it was agreed with all in favour to approach the ERYC with regard to the introduction of a Service Level Agreement whereby the DTC take over the street cleansing of the town centre.

**109/21 To agree the Media Policy:**

Cllr A Coleman voiced concerns re: the intention to create the Discover Driffield social media pages as he felt adequate administration of too many

social media sites would be challenging. It was however felt this was an essential remit of the TCO role to market and promote the town this way.

The Media Policy was **agreed** with 12 in favour and 1 abstention.

**110/21 Adoption of the Personnel Minutes of September 8<sup>th</sup> 2021:**

Cllr P Rounding presented the Personnel Minutes for adoption.

The minutes were **adopted** with all in favour.

**111/21 Adoption of the Events Minutes of September 14<sup>th</sup> 2021:**

Cllr S Starrett presented the Events Minutes for adoption.

The minutes were **adopted** with all in favour.

**112/21 Adoption of the Property & Assets Committee Minutes of September 14<sup>th</sup> 2021:**

Cllr J Fletcher presented the Property & Assets minutes for adoption..

The minutes were **adopted** with all in favour.

**113/21 Adoption of the Market Committee Minutes of September 21<sup>st</sup> 2021:**

Cllr A Croft presented the Market Committee minutes for adoption.

The minutes were **adopted** with all in favour.

**114/21 Adoption of the Planning Committee Minutes of September 21<sup>st</sup> 2021:**

Cllr G Lucas presented the Planning Committee minutes for adoption.

The minutes were **adopted** with all in favour.

**115/21 Adoption of the Environment Committee Minutes of September 21<sup>st</sup> 2021:**

Cllr S Fletcher presented the Environment Committee minutes for adoption.

The minutes were **adopted** with all in favour.

**116/21 Highway Matters:**

Pavements: it was agreed to liaise with Cllr C Scarlett regarding a survey with the Highways Officer.

Manorfield Rd/Ave Speed: the clerk reported that the traffic management team were currently identifying sites for the test equipment and would begin in the spring.

The Horseshoe: it was agreed that the ERYC councillors be contacted to assist in resolving this issue.

Queen Street: request more signs signifying it is one way as people are going up and down it.

Litter bin at Kings Mill Road requested. ERYC to be contacted in the first instance.

**117/21 Responsible Financial Officers Report, Bank Reconciliations and Spend to Budget Report to September 2021:**

Cllr A Coleman asked questions on the waste management and Skerne Park utility figures.

The Responsible Officers Report and bank reconciliations and spend to budget report were **agreed** with all in favour.

**118/21 Delegates Reports:**

**Driffield Youth Action:** Cllr P Rounding reported that the Youth Club was opening up again this week and reminded everyone about the open day on October 20<sup>th</sup> when it was hoped volunteers might come forward.

**CCMC:** Cllr P Rounding reported that he had been elected chair at the recent AGM and that the centre was slowly getting back to normal after the COVID pandemic.

**119/21 Date of Next Meeting:**

Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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