

**MINUTES OF THE DRIFFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 8TH 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, C Scarlett, A Croft, S Fletcher and the Town Clerk Mrs C. Binnington.

74/21 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr S Starrett, Cllr K Stack

75/21 Declarations of Interest:

There were none.

76/21 Registration of Gifts and Hospitality:

There were none.

77/21 Questions, Matters of Accuracy and Observations on the Town Council Minutes of July 6th 2021:

There were none.

78/21 Adoption of the Town Council Minutes of July 6th 2021:

The minutes were adopted with 14 in favour and 1 abstention.

79/21 To note the resignation of Cllr Kevin McLeod:

It was agreed with all in favour that a letter of thanks be sent to Kevin for his dedication and hard work as a councillor and to wish him well in the future. The casual vacancy for West Ward had been advertised. Cllr M Rogers commented that if the seat required a co-option that all procedures be made clear to those participating.

80/21 Clerk, External Funding Officer, Town Centre Officer Update:

The attached report was presented by the clerk, Fiona Turner (EFO) and Jill Baldwin (TCO). Fiona added that some young people volunteers had nearly completed the painting at Laundry Lane. It was agreed that some recompense be arranged for these young people when they completed the job on September 19th. Several councillors said if they were free they would attend and help. Claire reported that during the summer break the water pump had been removed by the Tidy Team and was now being sandblasted and powder coated. Cllr M Rogers said he would love to see it working properly again and Cllr C Scarlett said she would seek advice from her husband who was an engineer. Fiona also informed the council about the Fun Palaces event at Cass Hall on October 1st. Fiona finally reported that further St Margaret's Close Play Area consultation would take place on Thursday market.

Jill was welcomed by everyone and gave a report of her progress so far, she also said that she would be happy to provide media training in conjunction with Radio Humberside to councillors who wished to take part.

81/21 Acknowledge the notification from ERYC of a nomination to list Alfred Bean Hospital as a community asset:

This was acknowledged.

82/21 To consider a request from Driffield Town Football Club for a donation from the Small Grant Fund:

It was agreed with 13 in favour and 2 abstentions that £500 be donated towards the kit and that the DTC name and crest be highlighted on the kit.

83/21 To consider a request from Driffield & Wolds Mental Health Social Group for a donation from the Small Grant Fund:

It was agreed with all in favour that £500 be donated.

84/21 To consider writing a letter of support to ERYC regarding the Yorkshire Wold Railways application for brown signs:

Cllr M Blakeston explained that the application to ERYC had been turned down for brown signs as the Railway was only open on Sundays, and that to send potential visitors to the attraction when closed would cause traffic mayhem. Cllr P Rounding said that signs that could be adapted to be visible when open and not when closed were available. It was agreed with all in favour that a letter be sent to ERYC appealing for them to reconsider their decision and allow the kind of signs suggested by Cllr Rounding or reimburse the organisation their application money as they knew they were only open on Sundays before they applied.

85/21 To consider a resolution to seek external funding for Driffield Youth Action:

It was agreed with all in favour that the External Funding Officer meet with the Driffield Youth Action committee and to plan a way forward and identify potential projects for which funds could be acquired and also release the £10K earmarked for youth projects in the DTC's match funding budget.

86/21 Review of Public Space Protection Orders:

In the light of the new installation of Umbrella Plaza and the additional seating it was agreed to apply for the No Alcohol Zone to be lifted at Market Place.

87/21 Adoption of the Personnel Minutes of June 1st and July 6th 2021:

Cllr P Rounding presented the Personnel Minutes for adoption.

The minutes were adopted with all in favour.

88/21 Adoption of the CCTV Minutes of August 5th 2021:

Cllr P Rounding presented the CCTV Minutes for adoption.

The clerk reported that the system had assisted in the identification of the person who had snapped the bay tree at Middle Street South in half on Driffield Show night and that he had paid for the damage.

The minutes were adopted with all in favour.

89/21 Adoption of the Events Committee Minutes of August 17th 2021:

Cllr M Rogers presented the Event minutes for adoption.

The clerk reported she had recently had a meeting with John Forrester regarding the Remembrance Service and that it would take place at the new Methodist Church at 2.30pm on Sunday November 14th 2021. She also confirmed that there would be a Parade, Cllr A Croft suggested contacting the Buckrose Band to see if they were able to lead the procession.

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

90/21 Highway Matters:

Manorfield Road/Manorfield Ave: resident Mr Tony Keeman addressed the council about the problems occurring on these roads. After discussion it was agreed to request the installation of golden rivers on both roads to gauge the issues and if there was a charge, pay for them.

The Horseshoe: The clerk had contacted Cllr P Rounding about the situation which she recommended required the involvement of the ERYC councillors such was the complexity of the issue.

Footpaths: Cllr C Scarlett said that practically all the footpaths in Drifffield were now unsuitable for wheelchair users, especially around the doctors at Eastgate but really throughout the town. Some were so badly damaged they were like gravel, useless to negotiate in a wheelchair, cambers and holes added further to the issues.

91/21 Responsible Financial Officers Report and Bank Reconciliations:

The Responsible Officers Report and bank reconciliations were **agreed** with all in favour.

92/21 Delegates Reports:

Drifffield Youth Action: Cllr P Rounding reported that Cllr J Fletcher was now a trustee and the group were getting assistance both from DTC EFO, Fiona Turner and ERYC Youth Services to attract more funding but also more interest from people to perhaps become volunteers. The Council will assist in the promotion of an Open Day on October 20th.

93/21 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday October 5th 2021 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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