



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARKET WEIGHTON TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024 AT 7.00PM**

**Councillors:** Baxter, Cary, Cashin, Chicken, Curwen, Hemmerman, King, Marshall, McKechnie, Peaks, A Van der Kroon, E Van der Kroon

**Clerk to the Meeting** – Kevin Keller

**Also present:** Cllr Leo Hammond, Graham Ward – Town Action Group.

**1. Apologies for absence**

An apology had been received and was accepted from Cllr Smith.

**2. Declarations**

- a) To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring an interest should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

There were no dispensations

- b) To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items below.

There were no dispensations.

**3. To resolve that the meeting be temporarily suspended to allow an opportunity for members of the public to address the council**

It was Proposed by Cllr Peaks, seconded by Cllr Curwen that the meeting be suspended. Resolved.

Graham Ward from the Town Action Group (TAG) – Agenda items 8 and 12. Due to its location, there was an ongoing problem with patients accessing the Market Weighton Practice. TAG were proposing investigating running a lift service. It would require 8 volunteers (6 x half day shifts, with 2 spare drivers) operating 3 days weekly.

The future of TAG – the group had held approximately 22 meetings with executives from the group practice and progress had been made. Mr Ward felt that the group should continue for the time being.

Cllr Hammond updated members on the following:

Devolution - the consultation was open for members of the public to have their say on the deal which, if agreed, would bring in over £900 million of investment to the area for roads, buses, trains, houses, apprenticeships amongst other benefits.

The Environment Agency have been asked to inspect the culvert which runs from the duck pond by The Green and under the High Street before the £1 million resurfacing of the High Street, Southgate, Princess Road and Princess Close takes place later this year so that any issues can be identified, and remedial work carried out whilst the road is up and not after.

Holme Road Roundabout. Following recent crashes Ward Councillors had met with ERYC officers and the ERYC are going to look at improved signage on the approaches to the roundabout to make it clear drivers have to slow down because the roundabout is on an angle and unlike others, drivers cannot go straight across it without slowing down.

Potholes had been filled on Hawling Road. Potholes are a major issue at this time of year, so Cllr Hammond asked residents to report any potholes so that they can be filled.

Signed by the Chairman

Cllr Hammond thanked the Town Council for lending ERYC a picture of the Bradley Statue which will now hang in the office of the Leader of East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Historically the office had been decorated with items reflecting Beverley, but the new Leader of the Council, Cllr Handley, wants her office to represent the whole county.

**4. To consider continuing the meeting**

It was Proposed by Cllr Peaks, seconded Cllr Chicken that the meeting resume. Resolved.

**5. To agree and adopt the following Minutes**

(Members had received copies of the Minutes with the Agenda, and these were taken as read)

**a) Full Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December had only been received at 5.30 that day and Cllr Marshall stated that councillors had not had an opportunity to read them thoroughly. It was therefore Proposed by Cllr Marshall, seconded Cllr E Van der Kroon that the remainder of the meeting be cancelled. A vote was taken, 6 for cancelling the meeting, 6 opposed. The Chair used his casting vote in favour of continuing the meeting and deferring adopting the minutes until the February meeting. Resolved.

Following recommendations from Tom Clay, Cllr Cashin asked that Standing Orders be put on the February agenda – all supporting documents should be circulated 7 days in advance of meetings.

**6. Matters arising from those Minutes and Acting Town Clerk's Report**

This item was deferred to the February meeting.

**7. To receive financial reports**

As the financial reports had only been received with the minutes, this item was deferred until the February meeting.

**8. To consider investigating the possibility of providing a minibus transport service to the Market Weighton Practice – Cllr Hemmerman**

As had been outlined earlier by Mr Ward, the possibility of establishing a community lift project in Market Weighton to assist residents to access the Market Weighton Practice was under consideration. Outline figures had been circulated, but these figures contained a lot of assumptions. Cllr Hemmerman asked that the Council consider including a sum of £8,800 in their Precept calculations to enable the project to get off the ground. Members felt that there were too many assumptions in the proposed figures. Although they agreed in principle that the project was good and should receive council support, they felt that other funding streams were available such as the Sancton Hill Wind Farm. It was Proposed by Cllr Chicken, seconded Cllr E Van der Kroon that an amount of £4,400 be included in the forthcoming Precept Demand. Resolved.

**9. To consider the Precept for 2024-2025**

It was proposed that, following the discussions at agenda item 8 above, this item as deferred and a meeting to discuss an amended Precept Demand be scheduled for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January.

**10. To consider a Community Grant request from Walkers Are Welcome**

An application had been received from the above organisation. Following a discussion, it was Proposed by Cllr Chicken, seconded Cllr Cashin that the application be approved. Cllr A Van der Kroon asked that a named vote take place. Those in favour Cllrs Cary, Cashin, Chicken, Curwen, Hemmerman, King, McKechnie, Peaks – 8, those opposed Cllrs Baxter, Marshall, A Van der Kroon, E Van der Kroon - 4. The proposal was therefore carried. Resolved.

**11. To consider the future of committees and delegated powers**

Following a recommendation by Tom Clay from ERNLLCA regarding the number of committees and their delegated powers, Cllr Cashin asked that the responsibilities of individual committees be investigated and recommendations brought back to Full Council.

**12. To consider proposals for the future of the Town Action Group (TAG)**

Further to Mr Ward's comments regarding the Town Action Group, it was agreed that the name of the group was unclear as to its purpose, but that it did carry more weight with the Market Weighton Group Practice than the Patients' Participation Group and should not be allowed to go into abeyance. TAG would therefore continue to have the Council's support.

**13. To consider recommendations from committees****(a) Personnel committee**

That a key safe be located inside the locked entrance door to allow access to the Clerk's office should be need arise. Proposed Cllr Marshall, seconded Cllr E Van der Kroon. Resolved.

Electronic diary to be available online to include holidays, sickness and planned meetings. Proposed by Cllr Cashin, seconded Cllr Marshall. Resolved.

Staff holidays – 50% to be notified before 30<sup>th</sup> June, remaining 50% to be used by 31<sup>st</sup> December whilst keeping some days allowance for unexpected events such as funerals, but should not be taken if it would leave the office unattended. Proposed Cllr Cashin, seconded Cllr E Van der Kroon. 10 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention. Resolved.

Office hours to be 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Thursday, 9.00am to 1.00pm Friday covered by one officer or both in line with flexibility as contracted. Following a discussion, it was Proposed by Cllr Chicken, seconded Cllr Marshall that these opening times be trialled for 3 months. Resolved.

Action plan to be created in excel covering all outstanding item to indicate task, by whom and timescale to be accessible to all councillors and officers. Proposed Cllr Cashin, seconded Cllr A Van der Kroon. Resolved.

An additional member of staff to be employed for 15 hours a week spread over 4.5 days.

Proposed Cllr Marshall, seconded Cllr A Van der Kroon. Resolved.

**14. To consider correspondence received since the last meeting****GENERAL****1. Weighton Wildlife Group – Swift Nest Boxes****15. To receive Events Diary and Reports**

Cllr Cashin gave members a verbal report,

**16. To consider Planning Applications****23/03716/VAR****Mr James Hill**

Variations of Condition(s):

Variation of Condition 3 (approved plans) of planning permission 23/00047/PLF (Erection of first floor extension over existing extension to rear, single storey extensions to rear and side following removal of existing extension to side) to allow alterations to the roof

Location:

24 Holme Road  
Market Weighton  
East Riding of Yorkshire  
YO43 3EN

<https://newplanningaccess.eastriding.gov.uk/newplanningaccess/PLAN/23/03716/VAR>

The town council recommend approval of this application

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Signed by the Chairman

**17. To discuss any relevant community issues**

Cllr E Van der Kroon asked if the brick sets were to be replaced near the Londesborough Arms. It was confirmed that they were.

Cllr Curwen asked when the lights around Bradley were going to be replaced. It was confirmed that we were just waiting for the electrician.

Cllr Peaks updated members on Giant Bradley Day. She also asked if the town could mark Holocaust Memorial Day on 27<sup>th</sup> January. It was agreed that a flag would be flown.

**18. The next meeting of Market Weighton Town Council – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to discuss the Precept.**

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm