



Howden Town Council

Howden Annual Town Meeting
Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors held on
Tuesday May 21st 2024 at 6pm
Town Council Offices, 17 Bridgegate, Howden

Present: 10 Town Councillors, L Smith

Chair: Councillor Hugh Roberts

Clerk: S Boggitt

MINUTES

1) Welcome and introduction by the Mayor and Chair of Howden Town Council, Councillor Hugh Roberts.

Councillor Roberts welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2) Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday May 16th 2023.

The minutes of the previous meeting were received and agreed.

3) The Chair's overview, including:

- Grants awarded by the Town Council: Councillor Roberts presented details of the 2023/2024 grants programme. (Attached) Noted that a total of £85,225.52 was awarded.
- Changing Places Update: Councillor Roberts reported that the facility opened in July 2023 and had been a huge bonus to the town. There had been many reports of use and it was the siting of this facility that triggered the Art4All event with Rachel Benton, manager at the Goddards Care Home. It was also noted that we are grateful to ERYC who allowed the Changing Place logo to be added to Howden's new brown tourist signs.
- How-G and Local Plan Update: The Chair reported he, the Clerk and a handful of Councillors had met with Jonathan Atkinson recently. Timings for certain parts of the development were discussed, however a more conclusive report would be available when a date for the tender for the relief road was released.



- Knedlington Crossroads Update: The Chair reported ERYC had agreed to reduce the speed limit to 50mph within this financial year – however, Councillor Howard was looking at whether this could be reduced further.
- Visit Howden: The Chair presented a report from the Town and Tourism Marketing Officer with events from the past year including the Coronation concert, Christmas market, Santa’s Sleigh, Art4All and the grand launch of the new website Visit Howden.
- Community Woodland: The Chair shared details of the plans for a new Community Woodland and shared the links for the ERYC survey.

4) Presentation by Ward Councillor David Howard.

As time overran there was no presentation.

5) Questions and Discussions.

Councillor Roberts was thanked for his presentation and the meeting closed at 6.59pm.