



Howden Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of Howden Town Council held Tuesday February 18th 2025 at 7pm at the Town Council Offices, Bridgegate, Howden.

Present: Councillors Roberts (Chair), Drury, Ward, Coutts, Hart, Clarke, Howard, McLellan, Young, Cave

In Attendance: Member of the Press, Member of the Public

Clerk: S Boggitt

2025-24-FC: Apologies for absence – to receive and accept.

Apologies were received from Councillors Blee and Long – both accepted.

2025-25-FC: Declaration of Interest –

2025-25.1-FC Declarations of Interests, in respect to Agenda items, to be made and recorded in the minutes even if an interest has been declared in the register.

None.

2025-25.2-FC For the Council to note any dispensations presented to the Clerk prior to the meeting and their resolution.

None.

2025-26-FC: Public Participation. To adjourn (for a maximum of 15 minutes) the meeting for members of the public to make representation over any item on the agenda. (NB any item not on the agenda will not be discussed but may be considered for a future meeting).

No participation requested.

2025-27-FC: Minutes of the Town Council meeting held Tuesday January 21st 2025 – to agree and approve as a true record.

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held Tuesday January 21st 2025 were agreed and approved as a true record.

2025-28-FC: Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held Tuesday February 4th 2025– to receive and approve any recommendations. (Also to include update from Councillor Roberts about the Community Woodland funding application and to agree any actions).

The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held Tuesday February 4th 2025 were received with no recommendations to approve. Councillor Roberts reported that the EOI had not been accepted by the Lottery regarding the Community Woodland, however, would take the feedback onboard and re-submit in three months' time. It was also agreed to do a press release for local media. Councillor Roberts to liaise with the Clerk over this.

In addition to the minutes of the Amenities Committee it was also fed back to Council the vandalism which had recently taken place at Howden Marsh where new trees and signs had been targeted and also a fire which had been lit on the other side of the drain. All instances have been reported to the Police. It was reported that the Police had requested a meeting which the Clerk and the Chair attended. Police have stepped up patrols around the Marsh and will be doing speedchecks on Flatgate and Bridgegate in the coming weeks. Following last month's meeting and the request by the Police for town CCTV, the Clerk reported she is



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following procedure and getting advice from the ICO. She has been in touch with ERYC and requesting a site visit from their CCTV department. This will be brought back to the next meeting as an agenda item.

2025-29-FC: Committee Membership. To review and amend Committee membership for the remainder of the Council year.

The membership was reviewed and amended.

2025-30-FC: Traffic Regulation Orders. To agree Council's response to a) the TRO (Station Road, The Hall Spinney, Bridgegate, Flatgate, Hopyard Court, Hull Road Avenue, Hull Road) and b) the TRO Knedlington Crossroads and the Surrounding area 40mph and 50mph.

Council debated the TROs and agreed to respond as follows: a) Howden Town Council supports this order, however we would request it could be looked at again to extend to encompass the school entrance on Station Road and would request more repeater signs along the full length of the new 20mph route. b) Howden Town Council supports these proposals.

2025-31-FC: Relief Road Update. To receive update from the Clerk and agree any actions.

The Clerk presented update from ERYC confirming tenders were due to be returned mid February with the formal contract being awarded towards the end of March and works anticipated to start May 2025. A meeting is taking place between the Clerk, Chairs of Committee and the developers of How-G on Wednesday February 26th.

2025-32-FC: Stronger Together Event. To receive update from the Clerk and agree any actions.

The Clerk presented marketing material for the June Stronger Together event and confirmed she would take the lead on this event, collaborating with A Shining Light and SHAKE Howden.

2025-33-FC: Tourism and Marketing Officer Report. To receive report and agree any actions.

In the absence of the Tourism and Marketing Officer, the Clerk asked Council to agree a £150 donation to the Shire Hall for the agreed cinema events. Approved.

2025-34-FC: Ashes Committee. To receive the latest minutes and agree any actions.

There were no minutes to receive, however Councillor Young reported back from the most recent meeting. Awaiting the minutes officially from the Committee.

2025-35-FC: Rumoured Closure of Goole Hospital. To receive update from Councillor Howard and agree Town Council support to the petition.

Councillor Howard spoke about the rumoured closure of Goole Hospital and the moving of appointments from Goole to Scunthorpe and Grimsby hospitals. Council fully supported an open letter to disagree with the moving of appointments and any closures either part or full. Councillor Howard to draft the letter and the Clerk to send out.

2025-36-FC: Finance January/February. To authorise the invoices and monthly schedules for payment; to receive a copy of the bank transactions and reconciled bank statements since the last meeting and a copy of SCRIBE reports to receive and accept.

A copy of the January and February monthly schedules with voucher numbers for each invoice received, alongside bank reconciliations up to January 28th 2025 were received. Council



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approved the payments of £6708.35 for January since the last meeting and £7136.08 for February to be made. The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed by the Chair.

2025-37-FC: Monthly Checklist. To receive the Clerk's monthly checklist.

Received.

2025-38-FC: Ward Councillor. To receive report from Ward Councillor David Howard and agree any items for next agenda.

Councillor Howard reported Knedlington crossroads works had been completed and new signage would be erected in the next financial year. The Chair requested Council's thanks be made to ERYC for these works. The Community Shed is due to fully open at the beginning of March and the Youth Bus would be coming back to Howden for periods in the school holidays.

2025-39-FC: Correspondence.

The Clerk shared information on the Consultation of the Draft open Space SPD and the Draft Housing Needs SPD to be commented on at the next Planning meeting.

2025-40-FC: Items for next agenda.

Hanging Baskets and Planters Contract, CCTV Update, Presentation from Councillor Pears on Howden Disability Swing.

2025-41-FC: Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday March 18th 2025 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.21pm