



Howden Town Council



Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee meeting held on Tuesday April 1st 2025 at 7.15pm at the Town Council Offices, 17 Bridgegate, Howden.

Present: Councillors Drury (Chair), McLellan, Roberts, Hart, Cave, Coutts

In Attendance: Councillor Pears, L Smith (Town and Tourism Marketing Officer), Two members of the public

Clerk: S Boggitt

2025-19-AM: Apologies for absence – to receive and accept.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Young – accepted. Note non-attendance from Councillor Howard.

2025-20-AM: Declaration of Interest –

2025-20.1-AM 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.

2025-20.2-AM For the Council to note any dispensations presented to the Clerk prior to the meeting and their resolution.

None.

2025-21-AM: Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday February 4th 2025 – to agree and approve as a true record.

The minutes of the meeting held Tuesday February 4th 2025 were received and agreed and approved as a true record.

2025-22-AM: Derwent Park. To receive an update from the Clerk, agree any actions and make any recommendations to Council.

The Clerk reported that the site report visits for Derwent Park were painting a picture of increased vandalism and damage to the area. Agreed to arrange a site visit with Committee members to see what works need to be done.

2025-23-AM: Howden Marsh Update and Marsh Management Plan. To receive an update from the Clerk and Councillor Roberts.

The Management Plan objectives were discussed with all objectives going to plan. The area where the willows had been taken down were showing good signs of new wildlife and birds. The new trees which had been planted were showing early signs of leafing. Later in the year a chipper will be hired and works to the path (topping off) may need undertaking. Agreed the meadow to potentially bailed in May and then again later in the year. Thanks were given to Friends of Howden Marsh members for all their efforts. The wildlife cameras had captured various species of birds and a number of deer.

2025-24-AM: Streets and Amenities. To receive an update from the Clerk and agree any actions.

No update other than items covered in other agenda items.



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2025-25-AM: CCTV Update. To receive an update from the Clerk and agree any recommendations.

No further update so to be reported back to Full Council.

2025-26-AM: Howden Disability Swing. To receive report from the Clerk and agree any recommendations.

The Clerk reported that following the Full Council meeting, advice has been sought regarding the proposed Disability Swing. Following consultation with ERNLCCA, the advice is that an asset cannot be installed and insured on somebody else's land. However, if the Ashes would like to pursue this with the Town Council's assistance it was agreed to speak to them about this. The Clerk to speak with TC Ashes rep Councillor Young to get an agenda item on a future meeting.

2025-27-AM: Howden Events/Tourism and Marketing. To receive report from the Tourism and Marketing Officer and agree any actions.

Agreed that the town bunting erection and the take down of the Christmas lights would happen on the same day once the equipment was available. The original date of April 27th is not suitable as not enough people are available. Councillor Roberts to liaise with the equipment company to arrange a suitable time within the next couple of weeks. Howden Vintage Day Committee had requested the use of the market stalls. Agreed they could use them, however to emphasise they would need at least four people at the start and end of the day for them. The map boards had now reached completion and awaiting a date for arrival.

2025-28-AM: Community Woodland. To receive update from Councillor Roberts and make any recommendations.

Councillor Roberts reported he had spoken to the Senior Climate Change Officer at ERYC who was prepared to undertake a site visit and give advice on potential funding sources for the purchase of the land.

2025-29-AM: Site Safety Sheets. To receive a report from the Clerk and agree any actions.

All site safety sheets up to date.

2025-30-AM: Correspondence.

None.

2025-31-AM: Items for Next Agenda.

Standing Items.

2025-32-AM: Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday June 3rd 2025 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8pm.