



LEYBURN TOWN COUNCIL

Market and Burial Authority

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH LEYBURN

held in the Oak Room, Thornborough Hall on Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at 7pm

Present: Cllr Barker Cllr Holder Cllr Laws Cllr Spenceley
Clerk– MRS C Smith 13 Members of the public

- 1. Introductions & Welcome.**
- 2. Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 28TH March 2022 -**
approved as a correct record.
- 3. Annual Reports from**
 - a. The Chairman of the Town Council- Appendix 1
 - b. North Yorkshire Councillors Sedgewick- Appendix 2
- 4. Question and Answer Session with Councillors**

The residents raised the following matters:

North Yorkshire Highways

Concerns over the Brentwood roundabout safety were raised.

It was reported that the roundabout and zebra crossing at the top of Leyburn needs repainting and that there is a pot hole outside House & Home / The Black Swan Hotel in need of repair.

These items will be reported to the Highways Authority, North Yorkshire Council.

It was reported that the gutters need cleaning, as the main roads get swept but not gutters – for example the section outside the chemists up to John Hills.

The town Council will contact North Yorkshire Council Street Scene team to request a deep clean, as they are responsible for the street cleansing.

Police & Traffic

Concerns were raised over the speed of traffic going down past the Church near the scout hut. Residents were advised that before a complaint can be taken forward by the police, a York & North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership



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'Speed complaint form' needs to be submitted. You can find it online at www.roadwise.co.uk/using-the-road/speed-concerns Once completed, please send it by email to speedconcerns@northyorkshire.police.uk , or by post to North Yorkshire Police Traffic Bureau PO Box 809 York YO31 6DG

Land & Parking

The Emergency resilience plan was discussed - Leyburn Arts Centre will support this. LTC to arrange a meeting to update the plan contact details.

Items reported at the meeting:

- Signpost needs changing outside the old Police Station as the pointers have been moved.
- Clean up of the Market Squares- deep clean matter for civic pride group and volunteers.
- The bus shelter windows are in need of repair.
- The lining and wording of the no parking area in front of the Bus Shelter is faded.

Transport

Concerns were raised over the little white bus vehicles which are apparently not functioning correctly – the Council advised that this is not within our control and that residents should contact the Little White Bus Organisation directly.

Residents raised fears over the reduction in the bus services and that the routes do not link up making travel difficult. The Council advised that concerns over the bus service provision should be raised with North Yorkshire Council by completing the "Let's talk transport consultation" which can be accessed by using the following link <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/consultations-and-engagement/lets-talk-north-yorkshire> or alternatively paper copies are available in the Library.

Another meeting to invigorate the town plan groups.

Residents voiced frustrations at the current parking issues in Leyburn (cars are parked all day in the Market Place) and that there is an inconsistency in



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parking charges/fees. The Council clarified that we are currently working on a solution to the parking issues in town, which will have to take into consideration the displacement of traffic and the income that we receive to offset the precept. If anyone wants to join the LTC Parking Group everyone is welcome, please leave your contact details.

Cllr Sedgewick will raise the concerns of differences in fees to the North Yorkshire Area Constituency Committee.

Residents expressed frustration over the recent topple testing at Leyburn Cemetery and expressed that more notice should have been given. The Council discussed the current methods of communication with the electorate and ways to improve in communication going forward.

Update from Leyburn Arts & Community Centre

The Centre is doing really well; the function room, Cinema and café are well used and we now have a professional level dance studio with spring floor. The community shed project is progressing well through the efforts of volunteers and the Centre is now a community anchor organization. Details on the cinema showings & upcoming events can be found on the website www.leyburnartscentre.com

5. Final comments from Chair and Meeting Close. The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and invited all who are interested in joining the Council or assisting with community projects to please leave your details.

We need community volunteers to step forward to assist and work together with the Council as we are currently under capacity.



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Annual Chair Report

In the last year our Councillor vacancies have remained more or less static and we continue our efforts to co-opt new Councillors.

We've had a busy year as a Council and have achieved the following:

Completion of roof repairs to Thornborough Hall and successful repair of roof leaks, together with repair to the library ceiling.

The introduction of the Little Bird artisan market to the town who enjoyed a successful year of trading.

Rewilding projects carried out by a motivated volunteer group who are also looking at other areas in the town.

The Smart Leyburn cameras were installed at various locations and a report was provided with information on traffic flow.

We carried out our statutory obligation to topple test headstones in Leyburn Cemetery.

As mayor I lit the beacon on the Shawl to celebrate HM the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the town planted a tree to commemorate the Jubilee and be part of the Queen's canopy.

Leyburn Town Council submitted an application to the community building's fund and the monies were granted.

We also submitted an application to the Net Zero fund for the decarbonisation of Thornborough Hall.

We held a public meeting to invite residents' suggestions for a grant application for town funding.

As a Council we reviewed the service charges for Thornborough Hall, we've invigorated discussions relating to town centre parking with the aim of progressing to a resolution and we have continued to progress the Changing Places Toilet.



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Grants donated and causes supported include:

Leyburn Junior football club, money donated towards a new club house.

Queens Jubilee events.

Queens Jubilee tree planted at Dale Grove and a tree at the Leyburn Arts Centre.

Leyburn Bonfire and Fireworks

Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday

Leyburn Arts and Community Centre – Festival of performing Arts

The Leyburn Jazz Festival

Christmas trees to Kirkwood Hall and Thornborough Hall Gardens

Leyburn Christmas event

Support of the application for the community shed proposal at Leyburn Arts Centre and also support of the centre to become a community hub.

Support of the proposal put together by Blueboxt solutions who were looking into the feasibility of purchasing the former HSBC building as a community asset.

Support for the application to the Community Ownership Fund submitted by Leyburn Community Leisure and Squash Club to purchase their building.

The policies we reviewed and adopted include:

We signed up to the civility and respect pledge.

There have been a couple of large planning applications in the last year which have required detailed consideration, the residential development at Hill Top Farm and also the proposed Hotel and Sam Turners application opposite Tennants.

We also saw the end of Richmondshire District Council and the beginning of the newly formed North Yorkshire Council.



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I'd like to remind all that there are still vacancies on the Town Council and anyone who is interested in shaping the future of their Town at this very interesting time should contact the Clerk in writing.

Report from North Yorkshire Councillor Karin Sedgewick

An update on the 1st April Unitary Transition for North Yorkshire is that this was carried out to improve Service delivery, reduce duplication and confusion about who does what and also to cut costs. The people who delivered services on the Friday before transition are the same people who delivered services on the following Monday. Initial problems were with IT and customer services. These are mainly resolved now. Most of our communications come through the website but we have committed to keep a face to face contact point in each main area of the county. The nearest one is Thornborough Hall in Leyburn. The new contact number to use is 0300 131 2131

North Yorkshire Council has had to increase the council tax to the maximum 2.99% this year and use the Adult Social Care levy of 2% because of the rising demand for services and inflation hitting us - the same as everybody else. We have introduced mitigation measures such as a Local Access Fund and the Household Fund to help the most vulnerable amongst us and we continue to support Citizens Advice to help give guidance. Leyburn Arts and Community centre is an excellent place to go for being sign posted to the correct area when needing any help.

The Key to our success is working with you, our parish councils, and we are committed to double devolution. This will in turn bring a flow of extra money with it.

We will not dump anything on you, and we will keep you informed regarding changes to improve efficiency and cost savings.

In my role as chair of Care and Independence, Overview and Scrutiny, I have addressed situations such as the care market workforce issues, hospital discharges, unsourced packages of home care, the cost of care and we have recently had an informal session on dementia with Jill Quinn, CEO of Dementia Forward. Our next meeting is looking at extra care, unpaid carers,



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direct payments, living well, and intermediate care/ discharge to assess. I get quarterly reports from the older people's champion and the young people's champion. I am also the chair of the Scrutiny Board. All my quarterly reports that I have to produce for the full council meetings are available on the website.

With regard to my division of Leyburn and Middleham. I attend the parish and town councils as often as I can do. Recently there were four meetings, annual general meetings, all on the same evening and I chose to go to Bellerby.

The Let's Talk Transport survey addressing transport issues in North Yorkshire became live last week. You can do the survey online or you can get paper copies from your parish council.

I am very pleased to say that today the executive meeting approved the proposal for 5 pilot schemes for community networks or partnerships as they will probably become known.

My division of Leyburn and Middleham, with me as the elected member, has been chosen as one of the five pilots. The proposed vision statement is that community networks will mobilise the energy, resources and partner relationships that exist in our communities to deliver the most appropriate local solutions for their people and place. It hopes to drive Community Action, improve environmental and individual well-being, and improve community resilience. Watch this space!

Each year I get £10,000 for my locality budget. To date I have given money to Middleham lunch club, Leyburn library for magazine subscriptions, and to the Leyburn wildflower and rewilding project.