

GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 10th October, 2019 at 7:12pm

PRESENT: Councillors Head (In the Chair) Bottomley, Flynn, Harrison, B Jeffreys, D Jeffreys, Moiser, Penn, Raspin, Turner, Vause and Walker.

OFFICERS: Mr Brian Robertson (Town Clerk)
Mrs Carol Brophy (Admin Assistant)

GTC2780 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailey, Boatman, Marshall, Moiser and Whitehead.

The Chair (Councillor Head) reminded the public that under Standing Order 13A any elector of Goole will be afforded time at the beginning of this session to raise any matters of concern. A time limit of 5 minutes per person will be allowed.

Mr Sean Stewart of Goole, questioned his right to record a Council Meeting.

The Town Clerk confirmed that he has a Statutory right to record meetings with prior notice, he does not however have the right to take photographs.

Mr Stewart informed Members that he wished to raise the issue of the Triathlon held last weekend in Goole. He stated that it was a marvellous well organised event which brought many people into Goole. He informed Members that he is a Keep Britain Tidy, Litter Ambassador who has taken part in tidying up Goole where 16 bags of rubbish were collected.

Mr Stewart said that on the day of the Triathlon, last Sunday, there was an appalling amount of litter on the streets and riverbank including broken glass, paper and food waste.

The Triathlon started at 8.00am and Councillor Head stated that this was probably a result of Saturday night revellers and too early for the Council litter pickers.

Mr Stewart informed Members that much of this was old rubbish. He said that the Triathlon is an Annual event and asked that Members bear this in mind for future events.

Councillor Head stated that GTC is very litter conscious.

Councillor Moiser stated that he is very involved with litter pickups. He asked Mr Stewart to send details of future events.

Councillor B Jeffreys thanked Mr Stewart for bringing this to the attention of the Council.

GTC2781 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & THEIR NATURE**

There were no declarations of interest.

GTC2782 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the under- mentioned meetings be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted subject to any resolution contained below.

Councillor D Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 5th September, 2019 be accepted as a true record.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moiser.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 5th September, 2019 be signed as a true record by the Chair, Councillor Head.



Councillor Turner **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 5th and 19th September, 2019 be signed as a true record.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Flynn.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 5th and 19th September, 2019 be signed as a true record by the Chair Councillor Turner.

Councillor B Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 19th September, 2019 be signed as a true record.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Penn.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meetings held on 19th September, 2019 be signed as a true record by the Chair, Councillor Flynn.

Councillor D Jeffreys queried whether he had missed something at the last Policy & Resources Meeting regarding the benches in the West Park being sited at the Council's expense.

Councillor Walker answered that he has spoken to the Operations Manager Amenities (OMA) who informed him that the two benches from the Market are currently being renovated for the Park by Men in Sheds and that the Friends of West Park are paying for them to be sited.

Councillor Walker asked that a Letter of thanks be sent to Men in Sheds and Friends of West Park.

GTC2783

MR DAVID SCRIMGEOUR FROM 'SAVE THE WHELDALE' CAMPAIGN TO ADDRESS MEMBERS

Mr Scrimgeour thanked Members for inviting him and his fellow volunteer Mr Malcolm Broabent to speak about The Wheldale.

He informed Members that they belong to the Yorkshire Waterways Heritage Society (YWHS) which was set up following the demise of the Waterways Museum. The Society consists of 30+ volunteers, many of them are local people who are angry at the closure of the Waterways museum. He stated that as part of the process the Administrators are following, many irreplaceable key items and artefacts could be sold and therefore lost to Goole. Mr Scrimgeour said that the Society is receiving help from the Civic Society, The Goole Times and ABP and would welcome any support that GTC can give.

Mr Scrimgeour informed Members that one of the key items that could be lost is The Wheldale, a Tom Pudding Tub which was first introduced in 1959 and is on the UK Historic Ships Register. It is currently up for sale at £40,000 and if sold privately could be turned into a house boat. The Wheldale goes with the Grade 2 listed coal hoist at Goole Docks.

The YWHS is trying to raise the money to purchase the tub and get dock tours up and running again. The Society has raised £8,000 and is aiming to raise another £35,000. They are concerned that the Administrators sell or auction The Wheldale.

Mr Scrimgeour said that in trying to save The Wheldale they are also publicising Goole. The issue has featured on BBC Radio Humber, Look North and has appeared in The Goole Times. The Yorkshire Post ran a full page feature on The Wheldale. He said that they are approaching local businesses for help. The Society has started creating a digital museum of photos which will be available worldwide.

Councillor Head stated that GTC was appalled to hear of the closure of the Waterways Museum. GTC had no warning as everything happened so quickly. She said that GTC had no input as there were no Councillors on the Trust Board. She suggested that once established a Councillor should be on the Trust Board. She stated that she hoped that the Society is successful as lots of people are competing for funds she said that she is totally behind it.

Councillor Head said that is a travesty that peoples personal belongings are being sold off, she reiterated that there had been no representation from GTC.

Mr Scrimgeour handed Members some brochures regarding The Wheldale. He informed Members that when the Waterways Museum closed none of the volunteers were aware it was happening.

Mr Broadbent addressed Members saying that Goole is looking forward to its Bicentenary in 2026. He said that The Aire and Calder Company founded and built Goole. He said that his understanding is that the Administrators are gifting some items/documents to ERYC at Beverley. They will stay in Beverley.

Mr Scrimgeour informed Members that they have asked Goole Museum who say that there is no room for any items. Beverley has however said that they have room for some documents.

Councillor Head asked about the possibility of grants.

Mr Scrimgeour said that they had looked into a Lottery grant, however they will not provide grants for the acquisition of Museum artefacts but will help maintain equipment once purchased. He informed Members that The Civic Society are being very helpful.

Councillor Raspin asked how the £8,000 had been raised?

Mr Scrimgeour informed Members that the money had been raised through a 'Just Giving' page, which is 'Just Giving Wheldale'.

Councillor B Jeffreys asked whether the YWHS had contacted the Windfarm Trust.

Mr Scrimgeour said that they had not directly contacted the Windfarm Trust. He stated that it is very difficult applying for grants for something that they do not have. He said that they are asking for

endorsement from GTC that they want The Wheldale to remain in Goole particularly in view of the BiCentenary.

Councillor Raspin asked whether the issue could be shared on Social Media.

Mr Scrimgeour stated that it could be shared.

Councillor Penn informed Members that he had helped at The Waterways and discussed the possibility of raising some funds via The Scouts. He took Mr Scrimgeour's details.

Councillor Head asked Mr Scrimgeour to invite representation from GTC on to the YWHS. She said that GTC will put a statement out saying that the Council supports all that the YWHS are doing. She thanked Mr Scrimgeour for attending.

GTC2784 **MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE SURVEY**

Members were in receipt of the the above report.

Councillor Head addressed Members stating that all Goole Town Councillors are volunteers and in her view that's the way it should be. She asked whether Members were happy with that. The consensus of opinion said that Members should not receive an allowance. Members voted all in favour.

The Full Council meeting concluded at 7.46 pm.

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