

GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held on 1st July, 2021 at 7.13pm

PRESENT: Councillors Bailey (In the Chair), Bottomley, Flynn, Handley, Harrison, Moiser, Moore, Raspin, Turner, Vause and Walker.

OFFICERS: Mr Brian Robertson (Town Clerk)
Ms Stacey Norfolk (Responsible Finance Officer/Deputy Town Clerk)
Mrs Carol Brophy (Administration Assistant)

GTC2876 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Boatman, B Jeffreys, D Jeffreys, Marshall, Penn and Whitehead.

The Chair (Councillor Bailey) reminded the public that under standing order 3e members of the public may make representations and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of business on the agenda at Full Council, a time limit of 5 minutes per person will be allowed and public participation shall not exceed 15 minutes.

Ms Lynne Rhodes of 19, Prospect Close, Swinefleet, wished to speak on Agenda item No. 6 – Hull to Leeds Bus Service via Goole.

Mr Howard Duckworth of The Lowther Hotel, Aire Street, Goole wished to speak on Agenda item No. 7 – City Status.

GTC2877 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & THEIR NATURE**

No declarations of interest were received.

GTC2878 **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.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Moore and **SECONDED** by Councillor Turner that the minutes of the Council meeting of 3rd June, 2021 be approved as a true record.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 3rd June, 2021 be signed as a true record by the Chair, Councillor Bailey.

Councillor Moore **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 3rd and 17th June, 2021 be signed as a true record.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moiser.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 3rd and 17th June, 2021 be signed as a true record by the Chair Councillor D Jeffreys.

Councillor Moore **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 17th June, 2021 be signed as a true record by the Chair Councillor Flynn.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moiser..

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 17th June, 2021 be signed as a true record by the Chair, Councillor Flynn



GTC2879

REPORT OF COUNCILLOR VAUSE – HULL TO LEEDS BUS SERVICE VIA GOOLE

Members were in receipt of the above report

Lynne Rhodes of 19, Prospect Close, Swinefleet addressed Members on this issue stating that until March, 2020 there were 4 buses each way, there are now no buses at all. She discussed the article in The Goole Times regarding Junction 32 and all the exciting things going on in Goole.

She has contacted local MP's amongst others regarding the issue. There is a direct train to Leeds however this doesn't help people wanting to visit Junction 32. Many young people used the bus service to visit Xscape, they now have no way of getting there. Ms Rhodes added that even remote areas in the Dales have a bus service. She informed Members that she would like the Council's help to re-instate the bus service.

Councillor Flynn informed Members that he found the service very useful. He agreed that it was very popular and well used especially by youngsters going to Junction 32. He didn't realise that it had been discontinued and agrees that the Council should show support by writing to Stagecoach.

Councillor Handley informed Members that she has contacted East Yorkshire Motor Services (EYMS) who were unaware that there is no bus service. She is attending a meeting with them to look at getting a bus service back on.

Councillor Moore informed Members that many people also used the bus service to visit hospitals. He said that more buses are required not less, this also helps the carbon footprint.

Councillor Harrison informed Members that many University students also relied on this service. She told members that the lack of public transport is not conducive to Education. She thanked Councillor Handley for pursuing the matter.

Councillor Turner informed Members that should the proposed new rail link goes ahead it will stop at Castleford.

Councillor Vause **PROPOSED** that the Council support the re-instatement of the Hull to Leeds bus Service.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moore.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council support the re-instatement of the Hull to Leeds bus service.

Councillor Handley asked for this to be placed on the next Agenda.

GTC2880

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK – CITY STATUS

Members were in receipt of the above report

Mr Howard Duckworth of the Lowther Hotel, Goole addressed Members stating that ten years ago it was agreed to put Goole forward for City Status. Although Goole didn't win, it indirectly put Goole on the map making people take Goole more seriously, making it a better place and bringing in such businesses as Siemens. The free publicity alone was well worth the effort bringing in £350,000. He informed Members that he was interviewed by BBC, ITV, Sky news and CNN.

Councillor Moore informed Members that there is everything to gain and nothing to lose. His only concern is the recent announcement by Capita with the de-allocation of new housing.

Councillor Turner agreed with this and informed Members that Andrew Percy MP and the Town Deal Board are pushing to have this changed.

The Town Clerk informed Members that although he has everything on file from last time, it would be irrelevant now, he will start the process again. The application needs to be submitted by the 9th December and Members discussed involving the Civic Society and the formation of a working party.

Councillor Handley **PROPOSED** that a submission would be made for City status for Goole.



This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Turner.

It was **RESOLVED** that a submission would be made for City status for Goole.

It was RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded for the following item under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 in that it contains personal information as defined under the Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12A the divulgence of which may be detrimental to the Council.

GTC2881 REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL WORKING PARTY

Members were in receipt of the above report

Councillor Walker informed members that he sits on the Personnel Working Party. He said that the report is self explanatory. The Personnel Working Party met last week in order to discuss a few items. The job has significantly diminished over the past few years and this is a straightforward redundancy.

A discussion took place regarding accrued lieu time and holiday pay for the post holder.

The RFO/Deputy Town Clerk informed Members that everything is checked by the Auditor.

The Town Clerk informed Members that as line Manager all paperwork has been agreed and signed off by him. He stated that the post holder is a very valuable member of staff who worked all through lockdown and has saved the Council thousands of pounds through his work over the years. He agreed that the job has declined over the last eighteen months. The post holder is happy with the agreement put forward.

Councillor Bailey informed Members that moving forwards this will save the Council money and should be agreed.

Councillor Walker **PROPOSED** that Members **AGREE** the working party recommendations of voluntary redundancy and that this should be implemented as soon as reasonably possible.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moore.

It was **RESOLVED** that Members **AGREE** the working party recommendations of voluntary redundancy and that this should be implemented as soon as reasonably possible

The Full Council meeting concluded at 7.47pm

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