

**FILEY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2017 AT 10.00AM**

Present: Cllr Richard Walker (Chairman), Cllr John Casey (Vice Chairman), Cllr Marilyn Anthony, Cllr Diane Glanvill, Cllr Jeff Meek, Cllr John Shackleton  
Clerk – Mrs Gina Robinson

Also present: Cllr Susan Bosomworth  
Mr N Edwards, SBC Director of Finance  
Mr P Thompson, SBC Operations Transport and Countryside Manager

The Chairman welcomed members and Mr N Edwards and Mr P Thompson and thanked them for attending the meeting.

**NOTICE OF THE MEETING**

**RESOLVED: That Public Notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with Schedule 12, para 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972. 90/017**

**APOLOGIES**

It was noted that all members of the Property Committee were present at the meeting.

**RESOLVED: That the above be noted. 91/017**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chairman reminded members of the need to consider whether they needed to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI) or personal interest as detailed in Appendix A and Appendix B of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and reminded Members that they could make a declaration of interest at any point in the meeting. It was

**RESOLVED: That no declarations of interest were made at this point. 92/017**

**PUBLIC TOILET PROVISION**

The Chairman invited Mr Edwards to speak to members and he stated that he had arranged for 'in house' condition summary reports to be undertaken for all public conveniences and electrical installation condition reports, except the Foreshore and The Evron Centre (part of main building), but these would be undertaken shortly. The Clerk stated that the condition summaries did not contain much detail and drew inaccuracies in the cost figures for two of the building condition summaries to Mr Edward's attention and he agreed to investigate these and inform the Clerk. Mr Edwards stated that it was the aim of the Borough Council to keep as many public toilets open as possible and he had come to determine whether there is an interest from the Town Council to progress this devolvement of service and if so how he could discuss this to make it happen and agree a suitable arrangement for both parties. Members noted that the building condition surveys were not structural surveys and Mr Edwards stated that the Borough Council had no objection to structural surveys being carried out by the Town Council. Cllr Anthony enquired if the Town Council could choose some of the toilets rather than take all seven but Mr Edwards stated that this was not an option. Members enquired whether the Borough Council would close the public conveniences if the Town Council did not wish to proceed and Mr Edwards stated that the Borough Council would probably have to look at doing something different with some of them e.g. leasing as concessions. Cllr Shackleton stated that the condition reports did not mention the floor or the asbestos present in the Filey Country Park toilets, nor the condition of the floor in the Filey Bus Station toilets. Mr Leathley, the Town Council's Health & Safety Risk Advisor informed members that he had concerns regarding the electrical testing reports and whilst all were assessed as satisfactory there were several listed recommendations which needed attention or immediate remedial reaction and he felt that it was in the interests of the Borough Council to put the electrical recommendations right first before they considered passing them to the Town Council. Mr Edwards stated that if there were health and safety recommendations which need urgent attention they would be addressed straightaway but whilst still in negotiations the Borough Council would not be undertaking any maintenance issues. It was noted that the building condition summaries amounted to a cost of £23,500 without any costs for electrical recommendations which were an unknown cost, Mr Edwards stated that he would raise these issues with his Asset Management Team and any caveats need to be clarified. Members questioned the cost of demolishing the Futurist Theatre and the cost of the Tour de Yorkshire Bike Race which the Borough Council had found funds for as opposed to keeping local services such as public toilets open. Members expressed their concern as to whether the figures provided by the Borough Council could be trusted for them to make an informed decision.

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**PUBLIC TOILET PROVISION continued**

Members had a full and frank discussion with Mr Edwards regarding the devolvement of the service and due to the confidential terms and conditions which were discussed, he requested that the information be kept confidential at this stage until any agreement had been reached.

*Mr Edwards and Mr Thompson left the meeting at this point*

Members further discussed the Borough's terms for the provision of public toilets being devolved to the Town Council and a proposal was made and duly seconded which was followed by an amendment which was not supported, the proposal was voted upon and agreed with 4 votes for and 2 votes against. It was

**RESOLVED: That a confidential report and recommendation detailing the terms of the offer for the provision of public conveniences being devolved to the Town Council be discussed with members of the Town Council at a Special Council Meeting (with the exclusion of press and public) to be held on 13 February 2017 for recommendation thereon. 93/017**

*Cllr D Glanvill left the meeting at 12.05pm*

**QUEEN STREET GARDEN**

The Clerk reported that no further information had been received from the Borough Council regarding timescales for the procurement of the works. It was

**RESOLVED: That the above information be noted. 94/017**

**PROPERTY UPDATE**

The Clerk informed members that interior painting to the downstairs toilets had taken place. She reported that the gas boiler had failed several times but had been repaired under the Council's gas maintenance contract but noted that the boiler was now a good age and may need replacing in the future. It was

**RESOLVED: That the above information be noted. 95/017**

**Community Notice Boards**

Cllr Casey requested that members give consideration to no business posters being permitted in the community notice boards as there was limited space for community event posters and after discussion it was

**RESOLVED: That the Community Notice Boards be used for community event posters only and no business posters will be permitted in the future. 96/017**

*The meeting closed at 12.20pm*

**Councillor Richard Walker**  
Chairman  
Property Committee