

FILEY TOWN COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING HELD 10 DECEMBER 2014

AT 7.00pm

Present : Councillor John Shackleton (Chairman) and Councillors Susan Bosomworth, Kerry Burton, John Casey, Diane Glanvill, John Haxby, Jeff Meek, John Thurston, Richard Walker, Kevin Wilkie, Tony Willis and Marion Wright.

Also present : Boro Cllr Mike Cockerill, Cty Cllr Sam Cross, Karen Atkinson, NYCC Stronger Communities Delivery Manager, Chrys Mellor, NYCC General Manager of the Library Service, Mrs Gina Robinson Town Clerk and Mrs Maureen Prentice Deputy Town Clerk plus 4 members of the public.

Cllr Shackleton reminded everyone present of the emergency evacuation procedure in the event of an emergency taking place.

Members were informed that Standing Order No 3 (m) would be suspended for the duration of the meeting due to the Government's new legislation with effect from 6 August 2014, until Agenda 6(a) in respect of revision of Town Council's Standing Orders which will incorporate the new provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 which now permit that council meetings may be filmed or recorded.

NOTICE OF 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. 832/014

APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Eddie Holden (personal), Boro Cllr Colin Haddington (work commitment), Sgt C Gosling (work commitment) and Miss Natalie Bosomworth, Editor Filey Bay Today (work commitment).

RESOLVED : That the above apologies be accepted. 833/014

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.

RESOLVED : It be noted that no declarations of interest were made. 834/014

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Police Report and members queried the increase in figures to which Cllr Casey stated that the Government had changed the rules on recording crime and that was why the figures had increased however Inspector Short had stated at the recent Community & Police meeting that the figures would change in the future to the 3 to 5 year figures as these would give a much better comparison. Members enquired what a Crasbo was and Cllr Casey stated that an Asbo was issued by the local authority whilst a Crasbo was issued by the Police. There being no additional comments it was :

RESOLVED : That the Police Report be accepted and additional comments noted. 835/014

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public enquired why the Country Park fencing was not on the Agenda and Cllr Haxby requested that this item and the replacement shelter be placed on the January meeting agenda for discussion as it was time that these matters were resolved.

Standing Orders were suspended to permit Boro Cllr Cockerill to speak

Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that he had been speaking to the new Chairman of the Discover Filey Development Trust Ltd who had informed him that he hoped to bring something to the Town Council in the new year.

Standing Orders were re-instated at this point

RESOLVED : That the above items be placed on the Agenda of the January meeting and representatives of the Discover Filey Development Trust Ltd be invited to attend. 836/014

TO RECEIVE ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES WHICH REQUIRE FURTHER CONSIDERATION

Min 748/014 – Amendment to FTC Standing Orders in respect of 3m

Members had previously been circulated with the copy extract from the Strategic Planning Meeting held on 23 October 2014 which had stood adjourned for one month which gave the proposed replacement wording for Standing Order 3(m).

RESOLVED : That members accepted the replacement wording for Standing Order 3m to take immediate effect and a copy of the duly amended Standing Orders would be circulated to members in due course.

837/014

Min 800/014 Filey Library Consultation

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the Stronger Communities Programme information leaflet and Cllr Cross introduced Karen Atkinson, Stronger Communities Delivery Manager and Chrys Mellor, General Manager of the Library Service to the meeting. Karen Atkinson commenced by stating that she had been in post in her new role since 1 October 2014 and in the Scarborough & District Area since 1 November 2014. She was one of 7 delivery managers who were employed by the County Council with funding from the Public Health Fund to explore new ways of working with communities and volunteers, because of the significant budget cuts up to 2020, to ensure that there are skills, capacity and support to enable others to work with the council and to take a greater role in managing and delivering a range of services. These posts had been created following the necessity of the County Council to have budget cuts of £94m and the need to find different ways of working. The delivery managers would give advice, support and money to communities in respect of services they were in danger of losing and would work with difference voluntary agencies to stimulate activity in their area i.e. luncheon clubs, working with lonely people and those with dementia etc.

Community transport would be looked at i.e. Dial A Ride – Young people and families to stimulate self-esteem as well as Health & Adult Care services as there would be an increase in demand for their services. They would work with voluntary organisations and charities to endeavour to keep residents independent on their own for longer e.g. dog walking service. With regard to the Library Service, she would look at supporting community groups to identify any support needed as each area was different.

Cllr Shackleton enquired whether there would be money available for Community Groups and was informed that there was for projects tied in with public health and decisions would be made within a week. He also asked what her budget was for this work but she did not know what this was only that it was from public health funds and was ring fenced for Stronger Communities.

Cllr Haxby stated that there was a minority of volunteers who take on more and more responsibility resulting in these roles becoming like a job, in turn this makes them unwilling to volunteer for any additional tasks. Karen Atkinson stated that they were looking at different types of volunteering with paid staff being expected to undertake one day per year in volunteering.

Chrys Mellor, General Manager of the Library Service stated that their budget 4 years ago was £7.8m, 2 years ago was £5.8m and in 2017/18 £3.8m although this has been amended to £4.2m. There are 12 libraries which do 70% of the business and in the future proposals 7 of these were to be core libraries and 5 hybrid libraries, of which Filey is one, all others will be community libraries. They are to retain the super mobile vehicle and mobile home library services. As a Hybrid library there would be one paid member of staff and a community group would manage and recruit volunteers, the County Council would still cover the building maintenance costs, health and safety etc. When asked about possible staff illness and holidays she replied that this had been taken into account and would mostly be covered by another member of staff from the Scarborough library. Chrys Mellor did confirm that there would be no reduction in the book fund as this was still the lifeblood of any library. She reminded members that the consultation ran until the 8 February 2015 and encouraged everyone to complete the on-line consultation form stating that almost 3,000 had been completed to date.

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Min 800/014 Filey Library Consultation (cont)

The timescale for the changes were 2017 for implementation and she hoped that people would come forward with ideas i.e. share premises with others. Members went on to praise the current library staff. Cllr Meek enquired how many rooms were available at the library and was informed that there was only the one large room but the book shelves could be moved as they were on wheels. Cllr Haxby pointed out that Filey was the most socially deprived town in the area and had the highest number of elderly in the County so that any reduction in hours would cause further deprivation for both young and the elderly. Chrys Mellor went on to state that this was not a done deal and the final decision would not be made until June 2015.

Standing Orders were suspended at this point to permit Boro Cllr Cockerill to speak

Boro Cllr Cockerill queried her statement that the building maintenance would still be covered to which she replied that the whole of the infrastructure would be. Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that that was not what one of her male colleagues had intimated, he had stated that the volunteers would be expected to raise funds for both cleaning of the building and the grounds maintenance. Boro Cllr Cockerill went on to request that she send him an email to clarify what the County Council would pay for. Cllr Cross commented that the Filey Library must be retained at all costs.

Standing Orders were re-instated at this point

When asked what would happen at the Filey Library if there were insufficient volunteers to assist the member of staff and she replied that the opening hours would be drastically cut. There being no further questions it was :

RESOLVED : That the library representatives be thanked for their informative presentations and members were requested to complete the on-line consultation document. 838/014

Karen Atkinson, Chrys Mellor and 1 member of the public left at this point

TO RECEIVE ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES WHICH MAY NOT REQUIRE FURTHER DISCUSSION

RESOLVED : It be noted that no items had been received. 839/014

MINUTES

Ordinary Council held 12 November 2014

RESOLVED : That the Minutes of the above meeting, as circulated and taken as read, be and are hereby approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings thereat with Minutes 778/014 to 819/014 inclusive being accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. 840/014

Finance & General Purposes Committee held 26 November 2014

RESOLVED : That the Minutes of the above meeting, as circulated and taken as read, be and are hereby approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings thereat and Minutes F820/014 to F831/014 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. 841/014

REPORT OF WORKING PARTY MEETINGS

Filey Town Guide/Map

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the Report of the meeting held on 11 November 2014 and Cllr Wilkie reported that the 2015/16 maps had been received in the office and a copy had been given to all members. Cllr Wilkie and all members of this Working Party were congratulated on the excellent production of the new Town Map.

RESOLVED : That the Report be accepted. 842/014

Community & Police Group

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the Report of the meeting held on 3 December 2014 and it was :

RESOLVED : That the Report be accepted. 843/014

FINANCE

RESOLVED : That members accepted the financial payment schedules for the following accounts and agreed to pay the amounts detailed thereon. **844/014**

General Fund :	13 – 30 November 2014	£ 12,630. 61
	1 - 10 December 2014	£ 4,122. 28

MEETING SCHEDULE

Members had previously been circulated with a provisional meeting schedule from 1 January 2015 until 31 May 2015.

RESOLVED : That members retain this provisional meeting schedule and amend as and when necessary. **845/014**

NEW FILEY FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

A letter had been received requesting that the Town Council elect a representative to this Committee. The official name of the group would be agreed at their meeting on 11 December 2014. Cllr Casey volunteered to be the Town Council's representative as well as Cllr Shackleton therefore it was :

RESOLVED : That Cllrs Shackleton and Casey be elected as the Town Council representatives with either one attending the Festival meetings. **846/014**

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report from County Councillor

Cty Cllr Sam Cross had submitted an email report which had been circulated to members a copy of which is attached hereto (Appendix 1). Cllrs Wilkie and Meek sought clarification from Cty Cllr Cross in respect of items 5, 6 and 1 as the report was unclear. Cty Cllr Cross stated that he would also check on these queries. There being no further questions it was :

RESOLVED : That the Report and contents be duly noted. **847/014**

SCARBOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report from Borough Councillors

Boro Cllr Cross stated that he had no report to give.

Boro Cllr Cockerill had submitted a written report which had been circulated to members, a copy of which is attached hereto (Appendix 2). Boro Cllr Cockerill then gave a verbal update, a copy of which is attached hereto (Appendix 3) in respect of the Powerboat PI event in May next year; Southdene grass courts; Cobles on Coble Landing; Fuel Oil co-operative; Grass Cutting and the Flood Alleviation Scheme. Cllr Wilkie commented on the Planning application in respect of the former Police Station which had been refused at a recent SBC Planning & Development Committee meeting and congratulated Boro Cllr Cockerill and Cllr Walker for attending. Boro Cllr Cockerill commented that an identical application had been re-submitted with the original application possibly going to Appeal.

Members were then requested to consider the following two items, details of which were in Appendix 2.

Grassed area north of Bridge Hole

Whilst members had opted for Option 3 at the previous meeting they were requested to consider a revised proposal Option 3b, as detailed in Boro Cllr. Cockerill's report, in which the starkness of the suggested straight path would be reduced as would the areas of grass most susceptible to wear from people walking across them resulting in only a slight reduction in the area of grass. After due consideration it was :

RESOLVED : That members accepted Option 3b. **848/014**

Launching from Coble Landing

Members were requested to consider the suggestion in Boro Cllr Cockerill's report that in addition to the three months (weekends only) as agreed by the Borough Council, the Town Council give consideration to providing financial support to fund employment of a Boat Launching Monitoring Attendant for one further month (weekends only) during the summer months when discussing the

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Launching from Coble Landing (cont)

Town Council's budget setting process. After a brief discussion when members agreed 'in principle' it was :

RESOLVED : That the members of the Finance & General Purposes Committee would give this due consideration at their forthcoming budget meetings. 849/014

Grass Cutting

Members were asked to consider the implications of the NYCC Grass Cutting Funding Reduction upon Scarborough Borough Council in respect of Filey's Grass Cutting areas and a Borough Council report was circulated in respect of this. It was pointed out that the grass verges on the Wharfedale Estate and Muston Road estate would not be cut from April 2015 as well as other areas which came under the jurisdiction of the County Council i.e. entrance to Filey on Scarborough Road. Members commented that it was the various Parishes which would suffer under these proposals as Scarborough Town had no green areas and would therefore notice no difference.

RESOLVED : That further information on these reductions be awaited. 850/014

There being no further comments it was :

RESOLVED : That the above reports be accepted and other information noted. 851/014

DISCOVER FILEY DEVELOPMENT TRUST LTD

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of their new structure chart showing recent changes to the Board of Directors, for information. Cllr Haxby queried the existence of one of the Stakeholder Groups and this would be investigated.

RESOLVED : That this information be noted. 852/014

YORKSHIRE WATER 'A COAST TO BOAST ABOUT'

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the End of 2014 bathing season water quality results – partnership update for information. Cllr Haxby commented that the bathing water had gone down in quality and that there were still ongoing problems which were being investigated. It was hoped that Filey would soon regain its Blue Flag.

RESOLVED : That the information be noted. 853/014

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Outstanding Matters from previous meetings

Min 238/03 Crescent Hill setts – The Clerk reported that she had sent a letter to Mr Marr regarding the setts and he was to source alternatives for the setts as requested by the Town Council.

RESOLVED : That the above information be noted. 854/014

Diary Dates for Members

Members had been circulated with a list of various dates of meetings and events etc. during the forthcoming month.

RESOLVED : That members would make a note of the dates submitted. 855/014

Mayoral Engagements

Members had been circulated with a list of engagements for December and early January

RESOLVED : That the list of engagements be noted. 856/014

Events attended by The Clerk and Members of the Town Council

The Town Clerk and Town Mayor had given a talk approx. 80 members of the Filey & District U3A Group on 27 November 2014 on 'The Role and Responsibilities of Filey Town Council' which had been well received, this had been a powerpoint presentation with lots of photographs together with a question and answer session. The Clerk suggested that the same presentation could be given to any prospective candidates standing for election in the Spring.

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Events attended by The Clerk and Members of the Town Council (cont)

The Town Clerk had also attended an informal meeting with Mr Richard Marr, NYCC Highways Manager, Cllr Cross and Cllr Meek. This had been a positive meeting when several issues were raised and he hoped to do most of the lineage and signage before Spring next year, some had already been undertaken. As well as sourcing alternative setts for Crescent Hill he would progress a permanent TRO for Cargate Hill with kerb lips. He also looked at the problem with the loading bays on Murray Street and the Murray Street junction with West Avenue.

RESOLVED : That these events and above information be noted. 857/014

Letter of thanks

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the letter of thanks from Cllr David Elvidge, a former Town Mayor of Beverley after his recent visit to Filey.

RESOLVED : That the letter be accepted. 858/014

Newsletter

Members were circulated with a copy of the Christmas Edition of the Newsletter.

RESOLVED : That the newsletter be accepted and arrangements made for it to be circulated to residents. 859/014

Christmas Tree Lighting

Members were informed that the Town Councils Christmas Trees and Lighting were now completed and favourable comments had been received from members of the public. A problem did occur with one of the anchor fixings coming loose on Belle Vue Street however thanks to the prompt response from Police, Fire Brigade, Mr Paul Birkett, NYCC Highways Inspector and the lighting company themselves a major incident was avoided. This had now been re-fixed with a stronger fixing and was back in situ. Members congratulated the Decorative Lighting Group on their efforts and requested that a letter of thanks also be sent to 'Coffee Cup' on the corner of John Street and Belle Vue Street who had erected several small Christmas trees above their premises which complimented the Town Council's efforts.

RESOLVED : That the letter of thanks be sent as requested. 860/014

Disabled Access Lift

Members were informed that the planned date for installation of this facility was scheduled for 19 January 2015.

RESOLVED : That this date be noted. 861/014

Christmas Card Collection

Members were requested to give a donation to The Scarborough Hospital's Intensive Care Unit instead of sending Christmas Cards to staff and other members.

RESOLVED : That members would be informed of the total amount collected in the New Year. 862/014

Christmas Opening Times

Members were informed that the Offices would close on the afternoon of Tuesday 23 December 2014 for the Christmas break and would re-open on Monday 5 January 2015.

RESOLVED : That the above dates be noted. 863/014

Reports on Items Raised at Public Question Time

Members were informed that all questions were responded to at the last meeting.

RESOLVED : That this be noted. 864/014

At this point the Clerk wished all members and their families a very Happy Christmas on behalf of the Administration Team. This was duly re-iterated by the members.

REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Members were requested to give a report if they had attended any meetings of any other outside organisations between 13 November and 10 December 2014.

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Cllr Shackleton informed members of the various mayoral engagements he and the Mayoress had undertaken recently being : Ladies Lifeboat Guild Christmas Fair and the Memorial Service for the late Gillian Wilson; Filey Sailing Club's Annual Laying-up Supper; Light up a Life Service; A Christmas Service at the Methodist Church; Driffield Christmas Lights 'Switch On'; Bowling Club Christmas Fair; Bah Humbug Concert at Methodist Church and the Santa Dash. The Mayoress also attended the 60th Diamond Anniversary Luncheon of the Filey Ladies Luncheon Club. *Cllr Shackleton* then went on to read members an amusing poem which had been written by Mr John Colling about the day he had taken the Town Mayor on his catamaran in Filey Bay.

RESOLVED : That the above Report be accepted and contents duly noted. 865/014

REQUESTS TO OBTAIN OR PRESENT INFORMATION

RESOLVED : That no requests had been received. 866/014

Councillor Shackleton at this point wished all members, staff and public a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This was re-iterated by *Cllr Haxby*.

Under Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 members considered that none of the above decisions would impact on crime and disorder

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Councillor John Shackleton
Town Mayor & Chairman

Apologies but due to my week off and Pauls week off we have not been able to do the walkabout until today

1 Today work is starting on replacing the wooden rail to metal on Sand Hill ,as a result of the collapse of the wall,it is hoped it will be done in a week.

Due to land movement the rail will be placed inside the wooden fence not to create further land movement.

2 Queens Terrace the parking bay has been altered

3 Work will happen levelling between Belle Vue and Bus Station

4 we walked on Arnadale way and footpaths needs surfacing.

5Also at the start of Fir Tree

6 the gas showroom path has been marked.

Importantly a meeting will happen at the Evron Centre on the 17 th at 2pm regarding the Library and all Senior Officers in that service will be there and you are all welcome. We also Have Karen Atkinson tonight.

Also I am in Constant contact with Jill Hodges About Filey School and what is happening following the Independent Inspectio by L E A D Academy Trust and a copy has been passed to the Council.

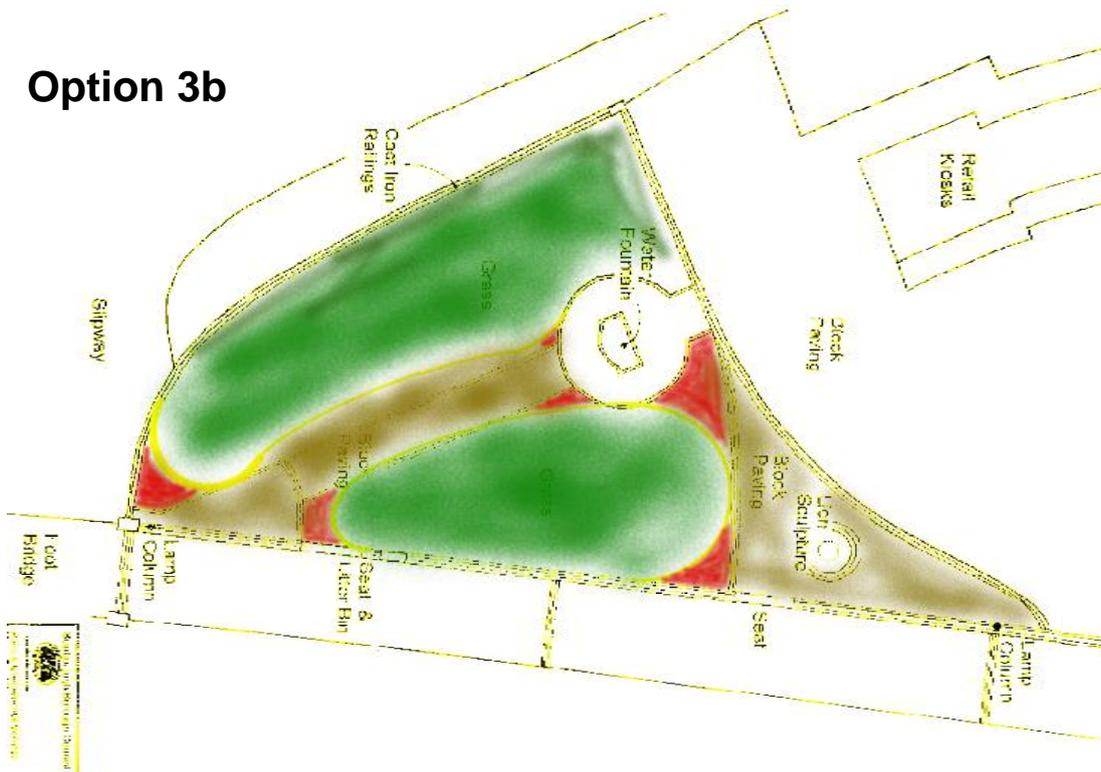
County Councillor Sam Cross

SCARBOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT

Grassed area north of Bridge Hole

I have taken your preferred Option 3 forward and discussed it with officers. I have put forward a slightly revised proposal that I believe will reduce the starkness of the suggested straight path and will also reduce the areas of grass most susceptible to wear from people walking across them whilst seeing only a slight reduction in the area of grass – this is shown in red. When I have further information I will keep you informed.

Option 3b



Potential Sale of Southdene grass courts

A report will be discussed at Cabinet later this month.

Local Plan

Later this week a meeting takes place to reflect on the replies to the consultation process, there will be a number of such meetings before all the replies can be considered. The issue of the land off Church Cliff Drive is not on the agenda for this meeting.

Country Park Shelter

I continue to press Discover Filey to bring forward ideas for a new shelter.

Cross Connections

Work continues in Pinewood Avenue to correct the incorrect sewer system. As often happens when undertaking similar work in the ground, unexpected items are being found, e.g. unknown electric cables that mean that digging has to be done by hand rather than machine. Members will recall there was a similar situation when the work on Muston Road was carried out. Consequently delays will occur. The latest estimate for the completion date is late January. Yorkshire Water are keeping residents informed.

Cobles on Coble Landing

The idea for retaining at least one coble as a static display was discussed at the meeting of the Coble Landing Users Group and received unanimously support.

I continue in my attempts to arrange a follow up meeting with the owner of the cobles.

Launching from Coble Landing

At your November meeting Charles Baker expressed concern about a lack of staffing to collect launching fees from ad hoc vessels wishing to launch from Coble Landing. That concern was echoed by members who also expressed support for Mr Baker's suggestion that partnership working could be a way forward.

I have discussed this idea with officers together with suggesting that all the launching fees could go towards the funding of it. This received full support and I asked the Harbour Master to prepare a menu of costings.

As a result, I put the proposal to the recent meeting of the Coble Landing User Group at which Charles Baker also spoke. The unanimous feeling of that meeting was in support of the idea providing sufficient funding can be identified. The meeting did not feel that a fulltime presence was required and that, at least initially, we should concentrate on the weekends during the school holidays between 9.00am and 5.00pm.

The Harbour Master has prepared revised costing to provide cover on Saturdays and Sundays for 15 hours per weekend, using this basis we can fund the employment for approximately 3 months.

Taking on board the suggestion from Mr Baker about partnership working I am asking the Town Council if they would consider his suggestion during its budget setting process as this could allow the process to be extended for more than 3 months.

Former Police Station

I was pleased that Cllr. Walker and I managed to persuade the Planning and Development Committee to support our view that the planning application for the redevelopment of the redundant Police Station should be refused.

The reason for the decision being "By reason of its large scale and massing, and its siting immediately adjacent the public footway, it is considered that the proposed building will have an overbearing and enclosing effect on the street scene of Murray Street leading to serious harm to the visual amenity and character of this town centre street. As such, approval of the development would be contrary to Policies E12 and H3 of the Scarborough Borough Local Plan, which require that new development should respect the scale, form and character of the area. This requirement is also reflected in section 7 of the national Planning Policy Framework, which expects the design of new development to be of a high standard." I have been informed that the applicant will be appealing the decision.

Library Consultation

Having attended the Drop In about the proposals to make Filey a Hybrid Library I have even greater concerns in regard to the practicality of the ideas put forward by NYCC, the funding necessary to be raised by the volunteers is one of the major ones.

Coastal Access Trail

As I reported last month, Natural England is in the process of consulting with landowners and occupiers of ways to improve public access along the coast.

I attended the Drop In session held in your offices last month and received clarification about the basic concept and criteria.

Further discussions will ensue over the next 12 months together with various site meeting before draft proposals are published towards the end of summer next year.

Powerboat P1 Superstock



Earlier this year I met representatives from Powerboats P1 who organise events in venues throughout the world. They were looking at bringing an event to Scarborough in May next year. A number of races could be held around a course off the harbour.

I mentioned that a few years ago a similar event with the smaller SuperKats had taken place and that they had come into Filey Bay.

Unfortunately the plans for the proposed event were too far advanced to allow a race to take place at Filey but the organiser accepted my invitation and took the opportunity to visit Filey. He was impressed and promised to at least discuss whether at least one of the Powerboats could make a trip into Filey Bay.

I can inform you that it has been confirmed to me that a Press Release will be published on 8 December in regard to this possible event.

I may be able to provide further information at your meeting.

Flood Alleviation Scheme

I have seen the results of the LIDAR survey conducted earlier this year of the area expected to see the construction of the swales and temporary storage areas. The group overseeing the project meet on the day of your next meeting and I have invited members of the FFWG to attend to allow them to be brought up to date with the progress on the scheme.

You will be aware of the recent announcement from Westminster of billions of pounds of investment in flooding schemes. In relation to Filey this is nothing new but it serves to confirm the status quo.

Borough Councillor M J Cockerill

VERBAL UPDATE

In regard to the Powerboat PI event in May next year, I am pleased to inform you that the official publicity launch for the event took place on Monday together with a Press Release. In that Press Release the organisers confirmed that, if sea conditions are favourable, race organisers plan to reach a wider audience by extending the practice session to take the racers south towards Filey, This is something I requested when meeting the event organisers during the summer and confirmed it at the launch.

Southdene grass courts

At the Cabinet meeting next week I shall be asking colleagues to reject the one conforming offer received following the tender process and that officers be instructed to explore other opportunities.

Cobles on Coble Landing

I have arranged a followup meeting for next week.

Fuel Oil co-operative

Fuel oil for the heating of domestic premises is an expensive item.

The Borough Council and Ryedale Council are hoping to facilitate oil buying co-operatives across the 2 Districts.

Individual householders do not have the same facility as with Gas and electric to compare prices. Through forming oil buying co-operatives which bulk buy oil in a small geographical area, preferential rates can be achieved reducing the cost per litre of oil to the end user. Residents could be able to secure savings of up to 10% on their oil fuel bill by becoming part of a co-operative.

The more members in a co-operative the better the saving to be achieved.

I have forwarded information to the Clerk for anyone interested in forming part of a co-operative.

Grass Cutting

I have forwarded the DRAFT Cabinet Report in regard to the effect of County withdrawing funding for grass cutting together with information about the square metreage affected.

Looking at the areas in Filey you will see that the part to be worst hit will be the Wharfedale estate.

Flood Alleviation Scheme

The results of the LIDAR survey conducted earlier this year of the area expected to see the construction of the swales and temporary storage areas was shown to members of the Project Team together with the residents from the FFWG this afternoon when they were also updated on the progress of the flood alleviation scheme.

In my written statement I referred to the recent announcement from Westminster of the funding for flood alleviation schemes. Now having had time to investigate and consider the detailed information I have received, I am pleased to be able to state that within that information it shows the current estimated cost of the construction phase of the project as being slightly over £5 million. The Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Grant in Aid funding totals £2.739 million with the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee for Yorkshire local levy funding contributing a further £1.85 million.

You will recall this last amount is through the funding process I instigated during my time on the County Council. This leaves an estimated shortfall of £30 thousand.

I emphasise that the project cost of slightly over £5 million is an estimated cost that also has a large amount of contingency and risk funding in it. Following the completion of the detailed investigative work currently underway, it is possible that the overall cost likely to be received following the construction tendering process will be well within budget.

The meeting today was informed that, as a result of some of the work currently underway it is possible that the estimated cost of the project will see a significant reduction.

It is anticipated that a plan of an updated project could form the basis of a public event around the middle of next year.

Borough Councillor M J Cockerill