

REPORT OF MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, KNARESBOROUGH
ON MONDAY 30 JANUARY 2006

7.00pm (Council Chamber) – Presentation on “Fairtrade” by Ms J Welch.

Ms Welch described the work of the Fairtrade movement and detailed where Fairtrade products could be purchased locally. She drew attention to “Fairtrade Fortnight” to be held 6-19 March 2006 and asked the Town Council if it would consider endorsing Knaresborough as a Fairtrade town in the same way that Harrogate had recently agreed to become a Fairtrade Borough.

Ms Welch’s presentation was followed by a first hand account by Ms E Miller of Fairtrade’s work in South Africa.

Following question and answers from Councillors a vote of thanks was given to Ms Welch and Ms Miller for their interesting and informative presentation.

COUNCIL MEETING
7.40 PM

PRESENT **Chair:** Councillor R Aspin (Town Mayor)

Councillors P Godsell, K Hawkins, J Jackson, H Lyon, R Pearson, D Smith, J Smith,
 C Willoughby, M Smith, and A Wright.

Late Arrivals: None

Early Departures: None

9678 **ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors J Cooke (work commitments), B Hallam (family commitments), P Guest (family commitments) and R Hall.

9679 **ITEM 2 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Note: Interests are personal, unless indicated otherwise.

Councillor R Aspin Item 12 – Member of RMT Town Team.
 Item 14f – Member of Knaresborough in Bloom.

Councillor K Hawkins Member of HBC – will reconsider any same item at HBC,
 in the light of any new information.

Councillor C Willoughby Item 11 – prejudicial.
 Item 14f – Member of Knaresborough in Bloom.

Councillor H Lyon Planning Application 2469.A FUL – prejudicial.

Councillor J Smith Member of HBC – will reconsider any same item
 at HBC, in the light of any new information.

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Councillor R Pearson	Item 9b (wife works in HBC Estates Department).
Councillor J Jackson	Item 11 – prejudicial.
Councillor D Smith	Member of HBC – will reconsider any same item at HBC, in the light of any new information.
Councillor M Smith	Item 14f – Member of Knaresborough in Bloom.

9680 ITEM 3 - PRESENTATION PRECEDING COUNCIL MEETING (FAIRTRADE)

RESOLVED: That the Town Council give its support to Knaresborough becoming a Fairtrade Town and supports Fairtrade in any way it can.

Before moving to the next item a leaving gift was presented to Mrs Emily MacDowell in appreciation of her services as Clerk of the Council over the past 4 years.

Mrs MacDowell thanked Councillors for the gift and for their thoughtfulness.

9681 ITEM 4 - MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 16 JANUARY 2006

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 16 January 2006 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

9682 ITEM 5 – OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

- a) Mr W Culver-Dodds, Director of North Yorkshire Culture Events Ltd, re Item 9c - Knaresborough Edwardian Christmas Market 2006.

Mr Culver-Dodds summarised the proposed changes to the format for the 2006 Edwardian Weekend following consultation with those involved in the 2005 event.

He asked the Council if they would consider holding the Carol Service and switch-on of Christmas tree lights on Saturday 2 December instead of the traditional Friday.

Local schools had indicated a preference for the Saturday; this would provide a focus to the end of the first day of the weekend, with a firework display providing a focus to the end of the second day.

9683 ITEM 9c – KNARESBOROUGH EDWARDIAN CHRISTMAS MARKET 2006

Ref – letter dated 19 January 2006 from Director, NYCE. Members also had before them a letter dated 27 January 2006 from the Honorary Secretary, Knaresborough Silver Band outlining their opposition to the suggested move of the event from Friday to Saturday.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the Town Council support the Edwardian Weekend being held on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3, in 2006.

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- b) That for 2006 the Town Council Carol Service and switch-on of Christmas tree lights continue to be held on a Friday – either 1 December, or possibly the last Friday in November, depending on the response from HBC regarding the erection of stalls and whether the timing of this would clash with the Carol Service.
- c) That a letter be sent to NYCE requesting that the stalls be erected early Saturday morning.
- d) That the letter to NYCE suggests that an alternative event be scheduled for the Saturday evening, towards which the Town Council might consider offering sponsorship.
- e) That an item be placed on the Town Council agenda immediately following the 2006 Edwardian Weekend to consider its impact and whether to canvass local traders for their opinions of the weekend.

9684 ITEM 6 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: That observations be made to the Planning Authority upon the planning applications in Knaresborough stated hereunder, as indicated opposite each application:

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Details of Application</u>	<u>Observations</u>
<i>(Councillor Lyon declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 2469A, left the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).</i>			
2469.A.FUL*	Mr G Conkleton	Erection of single storey side extension – 43 Rievaulx Avenue.	No objections.
<i>(Councillor Lyon returned to the Council Chamber)</i>			
2481.FUL*	R and M Archer-Smith	Alterations to increase roof height – 25 Princess Avenue.	No objections.
2484.FUL*	Les Farragher	Erection of two storey side extension – 10 Manor Crescent.	No objections.
2485.FUL*	J R Robinson	Conversion of first and second floor to form dwelling (Site Area 0.01 ha) – 44 High Street.	The Town Council supports and welcomes the application.

* Item for determination by Head of Planning Services or Head of Planning Services/Chairman of Planning Cttee.

** Item for determination by Planning Cttee.

9685 ITEM 7a – PLANNING ENFORCEMENTS

RESOLVED: To receive and note the following reports of investigations:

- i) 05/00576/PR15 – 18 Hambleton Court.
- ii) 05/00455/PR15 – Grimbald Crag Way.
- iii) 05/00414/PR15 – 6-8 Bond End.
- iv) 05/005174/PR15 – 27 Waterside.

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9686 ITEM 8 – HBC PLANNING COMMITTEE – TUESDAY, 31 JANUARY 2006 - 2.00PM AT CRESCENT GARDENS, HARROGATE.

- a) 6.100.2480.FUL – Erection of 1 end of terrace dwelling and felling of 1 Ash tree and 2 Fir trees within the Knaresborough Conservation Area (site area 0.012 ha) – Land adjacent 71 Briggate.

RESOLVED: To receive and note the above (no KTC Member to attend the Planning Committee).

**9687 ITEM 9a – KNARESBOROUGH CEMETERY WALL
ITEM 10a – REPORT OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WORKING GROUP
ITEM 11 – KTC EMPLOYEES – MEMBERSHIP OF NYCC PENSION SCHEME**

RESOLVED: That in view of the nature of the business to be transacted (Items 9a and 10a financial and Item 11 contractual), the above items be considered in Confidential Session and, subject to the provisions of Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960 (as amended), the meeting be not open to members of the public.

(Return to Public Session)

9688 ITEM 9a – KNARESBOROUGH CEMETERY WALL

See Minute 9687 and Unpublished Minutes.

9689 ITEM 9b– PAYPHONE IN KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE

Ref – letter dated 18 January 2006 from Estates Manager, HBC.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council has no objection to the removal of the payphone in Knaresborough House.

ITEM 9c – KNARESBOROUGH EDWARDIAN CHRISTMAS MARKET 2006

See Minute 9683.

9690 ITEM 10a – REPORT OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WORKING GROUP

See Minute 9687 and Unpublished Minutes.

9691 ITEM 11 – KTC EMPLOYEES – MEMBERSHIP OF NYCC PENSION SCHEME

See Minute 9687 and Unpublished Minutes.

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9692 ITEM 12a – RENAISSANCE MARKET TOWN INITIATIVE (RMT)

Ref - To consider the following projects, as identified in the RMT Delivery Plan, 2005 (Minute 9630 refers):

- (i) KN12 Car Parking
- (ii) KN13 Knaresborough Bypass

RESOLVED: That with regard to (i) the Town Council submit its previously agreed policy on Car Parking and with regard to (ii) the Town Council oppose a bypass on the grounds that the southern bypass made no difference to traffic problems in the centre of the Town.

9693 ITEM 12b – MINUTES OF RMT/ISG MEETING HELD 12 JANUARY 2006

With reference to Item 4, Section 6 (Draft Constitution – Executive Committee), Councillor Godsell reported that it had been agreed that Knaresborough Town Council would be offered an opportunity to nominate 2 representatives to the new organisation. Councillor R Hall was already representing the Town Council and a further nomination was now required.

- RESOLVED:** i) That Councillor Diana Smith be nominated as the Town Council's second representative on the RMT/ISG Steering Group and that the Chair of the Group be informed accordingly.
- ii) That enquiries be made as to how much Mbed are costing
 - iii) That the minutes be received and noted.

9694 ITEM 12c - COUNCILLOR R HALL TO REPORT ON MEETING OF RMT/ISG COMMUNITY CONFERENCE HELD 21 JANUARY 2006

RESOLVED: That in the absence of Councillor Hall this item be deferred to the next Meeting.

9695 ITEM 12d - TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER RMT MATTERS

None reported.

9696 ITEM 13 – TO CONSIDER ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT, SCHEDULE 281.

RESOLVED: That the accounts for payment, amounting to £3,019.68 as detailed on Schedule of Accounts No. 281 be authorised for payment and the Clerk and two signatory Councillors be authorised to sign the cheques on the Council's account in settlement of the payments concerned (*Councillors A Wright and J Smith signatories*).

9697 ITEM 14 – TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

RESOLVED: To receive and note the following documents:

- a) The Clerk – Journal of the Society of Local Council Clerks – January 2006.
- b) Minutes received from HBC Planning Committee held on 5 January 2006.
- c) Members Training 2005/2006 – Answers to questions previously supplied by Councillor K Hawkins circulated at meeting.
- d) Agenda received from HBC District Development sub-committee re meeting to be held on 26 January 2006, to discuss possible redevelopment at Ripon Cathedral Choir School.
- e) CE Electric UK – Details of Vegetation and Tree Clearance Programme
- f) Knaresborough In Bloom – Minutes of meeting held 8 November 2005.

9698 ITEM 15 - INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- a) Nomination of Town Mayor 2006/07 – Item to be tabled for meeting to be held 13 February 2006.
- b) Parking at Fisher St./Chapel St. Car Parks – The Deputy Clerk reported that from 1st February 2006 parking at these car parks would be limited to 2 hours between the hours of 8 am and 6 pm. New signs to this effect had now been erected.
- c) Councillor D Smith reported that the grass verge at the Wetherby Rd./York Rd. junction had been churned up and damaged by large tyre marks (*subsequently reported to HBC Highways Dept.*)
- d) Councillor Godsell reported fence on bridge at Stockwell Rd. now fixed.
- e) Newspaper report of new dermatology facility at Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust for fee-paying NHS patients (*Councillor M Smith*).

The Meeting closed at 9.05 pm