

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 6 APRIL 2009  
AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, KNARESBOROUGH**

**PRESENT**

**Councillors:** A. Willoughby (Acting Chair), R Hall, L Powell, J Walton and C Willoughby

**CSC 09/27 ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors P Godsell, J Batt, L Lever, Mr P Darley (Appointed advisor for Item 5) and M Gell (Kboro Post)

**CSC 09/28 ITEM 2 – COUNCILLORS’ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

All declarations are personal, unless otherwise stated.

Councillor C Willoughby      Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information

**CSC 09/29 ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held 23 February 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

*(unanimous)*

**CSC 09/30 ITEM 4 – KTC PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION - none**

**CSC 09/31 ITEM 5 – CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

**a) Lights on Trees in Market Place and Gracious Street**

Councillors agreed that they are not happy with the HBC lights on the trees in Gracious Street. They don’t like the colour or the way they are hung vertically.

**RECOMMENDED:** that the Clerk write to David Oliver, Street Lighting Engineer, HBC stating that KTC regret that HBC didn’t consult them before purchasing the blue and white lights. KTC does not want its Christmas lights to be standardised.

As we will lose the HBC tree at Holch’s garden due to road widening, KTC requests that both sets of lights are hung traditionally in circles around the one remaining tree.

*(unanimous)*

**b) To agree precedence for work to be carried out in 2009/10**

Following advice from Mr P Darley, the following order of priority for Christmas light upgrades was agreed:

1. Lights that look like Christmas trees
2. Bond end blue lights
3. “Welcome To Knaresborough” lights outside World’s End
4. Father Christmas Lights at Bond End
5. Cheapside lights

6. Castlegate lights
7. Father Christmas lights on the Police Station

**RECOMMENDED:** that the Clerk contact Acorn as soon as possible, explaining our priorities as detailed above and asking for advice on what they can do and for how much money.

In addition, the Clerk will ask Acorn the following question:

If we pay the £2900 to upgrade the “Welcome To Knaresborough” Lights and four Christmas Tree lights, as well as £600 each for the large Castlegate and Cheapside decorations but do NOT choose to spend £2320 on upgrading the cross street units TN404, TNA042, TN010 x2, would they do **all** the repairs on the list they provided for free (including repairing rather than upgrading the units listed in green)?

As time is short, an Extraordinary Meeting of the Community Services Committee will be called prior to the Council Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009 to discuss Christmas Lights and the information provided by Acorn.

*(unanimous)*

The Clerk agreed to e-mail the information from Acorn to all Councillors on the Committee as soon as she receives it.

The Committee considered Acorn’s proposed service of making a visit to the town once a week while the lights are on at a cost of £50 per visit. The £50 would include minor repairs.

**RECOMMENDED:** that KTC agrees to use this service for the 4 weeks of December only  
*(unanimous)*

## **CSC 09/32    ITEM 6 - PROGRESS ON OTHER TOWN PROJECTS**

### **a)    Plaque for Horseshoe Field Bridge**

Councillor A Willoughby outlined the measurements of the plaque he had had a quote for and it was agreed that this size was suitable.

**RECOMMENDATION:** that KTC spend £128 on an engraved brass plaque for Horseshoe Field Bridge with the following inscription:

“This bridge was rebuilt in 2008 with funding from Knaresborough Town Council, Renaissance Knaresborough and HBC.”

*(unanimous)*

### **b)    Waterside Improvements**

#### **i)    Viaduct Terrace**

Councillor A Willoughby reported that although Viaduct Terrace was not quite complete by the end of March, it is almost done and looks good.

Although the opening ceremony will be organised by Renaissance Knaresborough, the Committee agreed that the Mayor should be invited to the ceremony and officially open it.

#### **ii)   Weirside Terrace**

The Clerk reported that the amended lease awaited from HBC was not received in time for the meeting.

**RECOMMENDED:** that the Clerk write to John Sowden, Director of Resources, HBC, expressing KTC's dissatisfaction in the delay in providing us with an amended lease following Councillor P Godsell and Councillor A Willoughby's meeting with Susan Beaumont on 23 January 2009.

In addition, the Clerk will explain the background of Weirside Terrace and emphasise that KTC is very keen to move forward with the project

*(unanimous)*

It was agreed that the Committee needs to work on ideas for the use of the site. Councillor B Holbrook volunteered to come up with an idea of how Weirside Terrace could be developed in the future.

- c) **Farmers Market** – To progress a farmers' market for Knaresborough in accordance with the resolution from the Council meeting held on 30 March 2009:
- i) "That KTC agree to proceed with a Sunday Farmers' Market and that the Community Services Committee takes up with Otley Town Partnership the actual dates.
  - ii) That the Community Services Committee be given delegated authority to proceed with this and to spend up to £500 maximum."

The Committee considered correspondence from Wetherby Town Council and agreed that it was regrettable that the proposed day for the Farmers' market conflicted with Wetherby's Farmers' market. However there do not appear to be any other viable alternatives. A Friday would cause too much contention amongst local traders and OTP is unable to source stalls from their supplier, Johnsons, for any other Sunday in the month.

**RESOLVED:** that KTC go ahead with the Farmers Market on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, as proposed by OTP.

It was then further

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact OTP informing them that KTC wish to go ahead as soon as possible. KTC expect OTP to negotiate the licenses required, organise the road closure and carry out any other preparatory work and to cover the cost of all such work.

**d) Allotments**

**i) Land at Hawthorn Avenue**

The Chair deferred this item until the next Community Services Meeting on 18 May 2009.

**ii) Legislation Query and Estimates for clearing the area of land behind Frogmire Road to railway** - letter dated 11 March 2009 from Secretary, Knaresborough Allotments Self-Help Scheme

6 April 2009

**RECOMMENDED:** that, subject to Councillor P Godsell's agreement on her return, that the Clerk write to HBC Estates department and enquire how we can acquire this land, explaining that there is great demand for more allotments in Knaresborough.

*(unanimous)*

**e) Community Centre and King George V Playing Field**

**i) Kicking Wall** –to consider HBC copy of plans showing location of proposed Wall

Councillors agreed that the location of the Kicking Wall on the plan was not ideal as it was too far away from the Community Centre building which may discourage young people from using it.

It was noted that the requirement to site the wall 30m from properties was only an HBC policy, as oppose to law, so would not have to be adhered to and it was hoped that HBC would look at this with a degree of flexibility, taking into consideration lengths of gardens etc.

Councillors agreed a preferred location for the kicking wall which would be the back of the Community Centre between the Community Centre and the football pitch. Councillor C Willoughby pointed out that the line on the plan which indicates the 30m distance from properties should in fact not be marked in this area as there are no properties nearby. Therefore HBC policy would not need to be breached if the kicking wall was located there.

Councillor R Hall agreed to liaise with Patrick Kilburn, Head of Parks and Open Spaces, HBC with regards the 30m boundary guideline and the discrepancy on the plan. He will report back to the Community Services Committee. This may be added as an item to the Extraordinary Meeting Agenda for 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

**ii) Progress report on Car Park resurfacing and proposed cycle way**

**iii) Future of Knaresborough Community Centre**

Councillor R Hall has no developments to report on these two items. He will progress the projects further

**iv) Letting of King George V Football Field 2009/10 season season** – letter dated 20 March 2009 from Secretary, Knaresborough Celtic Football Club

**RECOMMENDED** that KTC allow Knaresborough Celtic Football Club to use the field at the agreed rental price of £396.

*(unanimous)*

**v) Provision of Skate Boarding**

The skate boarding pipe which was removed due to high noise levels from King George V Fields is being considered for relocation next to the rugby pitch at Hay-A-Park.

However Councillors agreed that this was not the best location, especially since the area was dark and wooded and potentially dangerous for young people.

**RECOMMENDED** that the Clerk write to HBC requesting that it does whatever work is necessary to deaden the sound on the skate equipment currently held in storage and subsequently return it to its original position in King George V field.

*(unanimous)*

**CSC 09/33    ITEM 7 - CORRESPONDENCE**

- i) **2010 - 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of first “known” Maundy distributed in Knaresborough** – e-mail dated 8 January 2009 from Councillor Anne Jones

**RESOLVED** that KTC set up a working group to consider Cllr Anne Jones’s email and other issues as to how Knaresborough will celebrate the 2010 – 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first Maundy distribution

*(unanimous)*

**CSC 09/34    ITEM 8 – REPORTS FROM THE CLERK - none****CSC 09/35    ITEM 9 – MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS - none submitted****CSC09/36    ITEM 10 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

09/0117 9/FUL 2701*	Mrs Lesley Nichols on	Erection of 1.9 metre high front boundary wall with railings - Briar Glade, York Road	<b>KTC Object:</b> these railings are inappropriate for York Road. They will be oppressive, too high and not in keeping with the much more subtle property entrances on either side	16 April 2009
09/0061 3/FUL 178.B*	Mr Simon Edwards	Erection of two storey rear extension, first floor side extension and formation of hardstanding to front - 12 Netheredge Drive <i>Amended description (previously single storey rear extension)</i>	No objections	17 April 2009
09/0118 4/FUL 2702*	Mr and Mrs Ogley	Erection of replacement rear conservatory - 18 Cotterdale Close	No objections	16 April 2009

**CSC 09/37    ITEM 11 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of this Committee was scheduled for Monday 18 May 2009.

**The Meeting closed at 9.47pm**