

Council

Minutes of Proceedings

At the **Ordinary Meeting of the District Council of Ryedale** held in the **Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton** on **Thursday 10 October 2019**

Present

Councillors Joy Andrews, Paul Andrews, Arnold, Brackstone, Burr MBE, Clark, Cleary (Chairman), Cussons MBE, Delaney, Docwra, Duncan, Garbutt Moore, Graham, Hope, Di Keal, MacKenzie, Mason, Middleton, Oxley, Potter, Raper, Riby, Thackray and Wass

In Attendance

Stacey Bulet, Simon Copley, Anton Hodge, Nicki Lishman, Phillip Spurr and Ellen Walker

Minutes

40 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bailey, Frank, Goodrick, King, Raine and Windress.

41 Public Question Time

There were no public questions.

42 Minutes

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 5 September 2019 were presented.

Resolved

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 5 September 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

43 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business which the Chairman considered should be dealt with as a matter of urgency by virtue of Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

44 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman advised that the declarations of all members of North Yorkshire County Council would be taken as given.

The following interests were declared:

Councillors P Andrews, Delaney and Thackray declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Items 13b and 13c as Trustees on the Milton Rooms.

45 **Announcements**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

That he had received letters on the subject of climate change from children of years 5 and 6 of Nawton Primary School. He confirmed that he would read the letters and that a reply would be sent to the school.

He advised Members that a report by Friends of the Earth had been circulated just prior to the start of the meeting.

46 **To Receive any Questions submitted by Members Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 10.2 (Questions on Notice at Full Council)**

There were no questions on notice.

To Councillor Duncan, Leader of Council, from Councillor Potter

1. Councillor Potter submitted the following question:

To Councillor Duncan, the Leader of Council:

"I understand that the only reason for the Waste Transfer Station not yet operating is the lack of water supply.

I also understand that Yorkshire Water were due to deliver a suitable water supply by 17th July 2019.

On this basis could you please inform me of the cost of the delay caused by Yorkshire Water:-

- 1) To Ryedale District Council per month*
- 2) To North Yorkshire County Council per month*
- 3) And thus the total monthly cost to the people of Ryedale."*

The Leader of Council, Councillor Duncan replied

"The cost of the delay at this time is;

Monthly saving to RDC = (£6,000)

Monthly cost to NYCC = £12,285

Net cost = £6,285

Once the new waste transfer station is operating the cost for each authority changes as follows;

Increased cost to RDC = £12,670 per month

Saving to NYCC = (£12,285 per month)

Net cost = £385 per month

Therefore the cost of the delay to the public purse is £5,900 per month."

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The Leader provided the following written response:

The construction of the new Waste Transfer Station has been a NYCC project and they have confirmed that no PV's or GSHPs have been installed at the site, and the engineers working on the project have provided the following additional information;

Mechanical Engineer

From a mechanical perspective, there is only a small amount of heating and hot water on the project, only to the relatively small weighbridge office, therefore at feasibility stage ground source heat pumps were dismissed as they would not be effective and pay-back would not be achieved. There are only three sinks and a shower to serve.

Electrical Engineer

From an electrical perspective I can advise that there is no 'Feed In Tariffs' for PV anymore and the payback period was too long to offset the cost when we calculated it at the feasibility stage of the project. PV panels could be retrofitted however the calculations do not prove payback.

There is only electric on site and the amount of electricity used is small as there is very little equipment that uses energy on site therefore pay-back is not going to be achieved when considered against the capital outlay.

All the lighting is LED high efficiency lighting, that has photocell sensors and dusk till dawn controls.

Rain water is not retained for the fire system as it has to have a consistent supply to it and be replenished in a set period. The tanks capacity are 600,000 litres, storing rainwater on site for a period of time would cost a lot of money in terms of where to store it and how to ensure it could meet capacity.

If there are any other building specific queries regarding the new Waste Transfer Station please contact Ian Kelly, Acting Head of Service (Waste) at NYCC, e-mail: ian.kelly@northyorks.gov.uk

It is important to note that there are positive RDC operational carbon impacts associated with all waste and recycling rounds using the new building in one central location as there will be reduced vehicle movements when compared to the current operation where two different sites are used. The alternative option

at the time the Council resolved to support the new waste transfer at Kirby Misperton was to take all RDC waste to Seamer Carr which had significant financial, environmental and operational impacts.

47 **Business Adjourned from the Meeting of Council on 5 September 2019 under Council Procedure Rule 8.1**

Appointment of an Independent Remuneration Panel

The Democratic Services Manager submitted a report (previously circulated) which recommended the appointment of an Independent Remuneration Panel to make recommendations about the allowances to be paid to Councillors.

Councillor Duncan moved and Councillor Arnold seconded the recommendations in the report.

Resolved

That Council approves:

- (i) that an Independent Remuneration Panel be established in accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003;
- (ii) that Stuart Green, John Richardson and Sally Ann Smith be appointed to serve on the Independent Remuneration Panel;
- (iii) the Term of Office for Members of the Panel be until 5 September 2024;
- (iv) that an allowance of £20 be payable for each meeting.

Voting Record

Unanimous

Policy and Resources Committee - 25 July 2019 - Minute 39 - Treasury Management Annual Report 2018 - 2019

It was moved by Councillor Duncan and seconded by Councillor Arnold that the following recommendations be approved and adopted.

That Council be recommended to:

- (i) Note the annual treasury management report for 2018/19; and
- (ii) Approve the actual 2018/19 prudential and treasury indicators in this report.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried.

Resolved

That Council:

- (i) Note the annual treasury management report for 2018/19; and
- (ii) Approve the actual 2018/19 prudential and treasury indicators in this report.

Voting Record

Unanimous

Motions on Notice Submitted Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11 - Motions Previously Referred to and Considered by Committees - Proposed by Councillor Paul Andrews and seconded by Councillor Raine

Referred by Full Council on 27 June 2019 and considered by Planning Committee on 13 August 2019

The officer report and recommendation from Planning Committee were attached to the agenda.

“In view of the increase in traffic congestion at Malton/Norton likely to be generated by the imminent increase in the number of trains using the Level Crossing at Norton and other matters and the increase and/or likely increase in congestion in Malton/Norton resulting from new development and planned new development; and

In view of the impact or potential impact of new development on the quality of air within the Air Quality Management Area on and around Butcher Corner;
and

In view of the adverse impact of the Ryedale Plan on the number of sites available for development by small local builders,

An independent planning consultant be appointed by the Council Chair in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive; and

the consultant be given immediate and urgent instructions to do all necessary work (including public consultation and reference to any public examination) to advise on and to secure, so far as is practicable, the following:

The Ryedale Plan be revised as follows:

- 1. To restrict the percentage of land to be allocated in Malton and Norton for residential development to zero for the rest of the plan period, following the grant of permission for 1,800 houses for the period commencing 1st April 2012;*
- 2. To reduce to zero the future proportion of employment land directed to Malton and Norton following the allocation of sites in the allocations document;*
- 3. To reduce the future proportion of employment and housing land directed to other Ryedale towns following the allocation of sites in the allocations document;*
- 4. To remove the requirement for a local occupancy condition for dwellings built or to be built in village envelopes;*
- 5. To expand the existing village envelopes and town development limits, initially to the areas which were included in village envelopes and town development limits prior to the last Ryedale Local Plan (dated 2002);*

6. *In order to accommodate demand for development in excess of the numbers currently prescribed in the Ryedale Plan, to expand all village envelopes so as to accommodate at least 60% of all new development for the remainder of the plan period of the Ryedale Plan.*
7. *To abolish service villages;*
8. *The current local plans allocation document be revised to include a requirement that no land for new development shall be allocated in Malton/Norton unless it has direct access to a four-way intersection with the A64;*
9. *The land allocated for development at Ryedale House be de-allocated;*
10. *Such other modifications as may be necessary to deal with the above points and to ensure that the villages and country areas of Ryedale take their fair share of new development.”*

N.B. Members will see that (with the exception of the Ryedale House site) the above proposals will not stop the allocation of sites already identified, but will protect Malton, Norton and other towns from any major developments which may come forward after the land currently identified is exhausted – as the plan now stands Malton and Norton will have to take 50% of all new development after the completion of the current district wide requirement of permissions for 3,000 houses plus 20%.

In the meantime, the liberalisation of the restrictions for development in the villages will take the pressure off Malton and Norton and other towns.

An amendment was moved by Councillor P Andrews and seconded by Councillor Burr:

Delete the original motion (except 1 – 10).

1. The policies proposed in the motion are considered and tested through the development plan renew process.
2. The review of the Ryedale Plan be carried out by independent consultants engaged and instructed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair of P&R.

The amendment was put to the vote in parts.

Upon being put to the vote both parts of the amendment were lost.

Voting record

Part 1

11 For

13 Against

Part 2

4 For

18 Against

2 Abstentions

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was lost.

Voting Record

9 For

13 Against
2 Abstentions

48 **Business Adjourned from the Meeting of Council on 5 September 2019 under Council Procedure Rule 23.2**

Policy and Resources Committee - 25 July 2019 - Minute 32b -Substitutes at Sub-Committees

At the Council meeting on 5 September 2019, it had been moved and seconded that the following recommendations be approved and adopted.

That Council be recommended to approve:

the changes set out in Appendix 1 of this report to make explicit provision for substitutes at the Corporate Governance Standards Sub-Committee specifically and at sub-committees generally.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried.

Resolved

That Council approve:

the changes set out in Appendix 1 of this report to make explicit provision for substitutes at the Corporate Governance Standards Sub-Committee specifically and at sub-committees generally.

Voting Record

Unanimous

Policy and Resources Committee - 25 July 2019 - Minute 32c - Management of Meetings

At the Council meeting on 5 September 2019, I had been moved and seconded that the following recommendations be approved and adopted.

That Council be recommended to approve:

- (1) That recommendation (i) of the final report of the Scrutiny Review on Meeting Start Times and Management of Meetings, below, is not approved.

Recommendation: (i) That the Constitution be amended to change the order of business for Full Council to put items for decision first.

- (2) That recommendation (ii) of the final report of the Scrutiny Review on Meeting Start Times and Management of Meetings, below, is not approved.

Recommendation: (ii) That the Constitution be amended to bring forward the guillotine, so that it takes effect after 3 hours.

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Recommendation: (iv) That working practices be amended so that questions to officers have to be dealt with ahead of, rather than during, meetings of Full Council.

- (5) That recommendation (v) of the final report of the Scrutiny Review on Meeting Start Times and Management of Meetings, below, is approved so that the Rules of Procedure are amended to include provision for members to receive a written statement from the Leader of Council with the agenda.

Recommendation: (v) That the Constitution be amended to require the circulation of the Leader's Statement with the agenda.

- (6) That recommendation (vi) of the final report of the Scrutiny Review on Meeting Start Times and Management of Meetings, below, is approved and it is confirmed by Council that it is preferable for the Leader's Statement not to be read out at meetings save for in exceptional circumstances.

Recommendation: (vi) That working practices be amended to stop reading out the Leader's Statement at meetings of Full Council.

- (7) That written notice of questions on the Leader's Statement at Council is not required.

- (8) That indicative timings for items of business on meeting agendas are not introduced.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried.

Resolved

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Voting Record

19 For

5 Against

49 To Receive a Statement from the Leader of the Council and to Receive Questions and Give Answers on that Statement

Councillor Duncan, the Leader of the Council, presented the following statement:

"Back to basics"

This is the shortest Leader's Statement so far - but I hope to use it to make an important point.

Politicians, even at a local level, increasingly seek to demonstrate their political prowess with mammoth projects. They aim to construct permanent and expensive landmarks with a gold plaque bearing their name and attesting to their legacy.

But as we know politicians on Ryedale District Council are not quite the same as those elsewhere. We act, think, look and operate in a slightly different way.

This is now no longer a "new council" and we cannot hide behind "historical issues" or be shackled by the decisions of our predecessors. We have looming over us key questions on major projects and we need to find a way forward, but whatever decisions we take must be rooted in reality, be achievable and not distract us from our core duty: to protect the public purse and deliver value for money to the taxpayers of Ryedale.

As we commence outlining our priorities and knuckle down to business, we should not lose sight of the fundamental services we are here to deliver. We need to go "back to basics" and focus on ensuring we can give the very best service to the public in everything we do.

The following questions were received on the Leader's Statement:

1. From Councillor Clark

“The question I've got relates to what's already been mentioned and that is the two motions 13b and 13c. Will the Leader of Council please confirm that he will place the contents of 13b and c on the agenda for consideration by the Milton Rooms Working Party?”

The Leader replied:

“I can confirm that the motions later on in the agenda will be discussed as part of the work of the Milton Rooms Working Party.”

2. From Councillor P Andrews

“That being the case would you confirm that those two items are given priority or you will use your influence to persuade the Working Party to give those two items priority?”

The Leader replied:

“I would point out to both Councillor Clark and Councillor Andrews that I don't actually specifically mention the Milton Rooms in my statement but I am happy to take the question. You mentioned there about using my influence on the Policy & Resources Committee. You've attended some of those meetings, if you'd attended some others you will see that I don't always have as much influence as you might think I would on that committee. But I would point out is that they are there, they have come before us at least once for discussion, they're going to come back to the Working Party and they will be discussed. There are lots of things that we need to work, including a timetable of what we want to discuss and when. But I can give the assurance as I've done so already that they will be discussed as part of the discussions ahead of the conclusion in February 2020.”

P Andrews then asked the following supplementary question:

“I'm asking Councillor Duncan if he can give his assurance, from a personal point of view I understand that Councillor Duncan doesn't have as much influence with the Policy & Resources Committee that perhaps he might like to have, but would he please confirm that he will use his influence to ensure that those two items are given priority please?”

The Leader then replied:

“I will agree that they will be discussed as a matter of priority by the Working Party.”

3. From Councillor P Andrews:

"I actually welcome the main gist of the statement if it says what I understand it says. Are you saying that this Council will, in future, not pursue grandiose schemes but will look at schemes that are more appropriate to a district of this size and of this particular market status?"

The Leader replied:

"What I am saying is that this Council has got lots of things it needs to do and lots of things that may well be on its agenda. But what we need to do is recognise that we've got limited resources in terms of staff and also in terms of finance and therefore we need to ensure what we are prioritising and what we are doing and when and not taking on too much at once and failing at everything."

4. From Councillor Thackray:

"Who are these people to whom you are referring who are interested in demonstrating their political prowess with mammoth projects? Could I also have it clarified what you mean by the word mammoth projects and which specific projects are mammoth?"

The Leader replied:

"The point I'm making here is that there are lots of different Councils across this country, some of which are very large councils, some of which are very small councils. I would class RDC in that latter category, we are one of the smallest councils I think in the country and that means that we don't have all of the resources that some other councils do in order to do some of those big projects which others are doing. As I've stated in my reply to Cllr Andrews, we need to ensure that whatever we are doing is manageable and deliverable with the resources that we have got. It doesn't refer necessarily to any specific mammoth projects."

5. From Councillor Burr

"When I read the Leader's statement I was really pleased to read it and I thought it was really sensible. Then I thought it can't be right, I must be reading something wrong, how can I agree with this but I do agree with it because I do honestly believe and I've said it before that we aren't such a huge council. I do think that we should be ambitious and I do think that we should look at different things and be imaginative and do things differently. But I passionately believe that we are not commercial builders and I think that what we've got to do is think about what is going to benefit our residents. I think that if we put our residents at the heart of everything we do then we should get it right and we can work together on that. What are the big mammoth projects that you are referring to?"

The Leader replied:

"I think I have answered the question although I do welcome what Cllr Burr has said about my statement and hopefully upon reading it again she agreed that her initial gut instinct is that it was a good statement which she welcomes."

6. From Councillor Wass

Obviously you mentioned in your second paragraph about politicians at a local level but actually "Back to Basics" for those of you that do remember was initiated by John Major back in 1993 to relaunch the Conservative Government and to get a bit more unity in the ranks. His appeal was for traditional values of neighbourliness, decency, courtesy and promoting the traditional family. It seems as though this is coming back today with what he said was the old values. He said self-discipline and respect for the law. If you look at the way things are going and what happened after he launched this "Back to Basics", the wheels fell off the Tory party and basically the Conservative Karma Sutra took over and then things went awry. Also in 1992 they were battling unity in Europe with the Maastricht Treaty. My question is, to do with that, even Edwina Currie said Back to Basics in her 2002 biography was humbug. My question is which one of these is your "Back to Basics"?

The Leader replied:

"I wasn't aware of the historical connotations with the phrase "Back to Basics" when I wrote them within my Leaders Statement. I think John Major ceased being Prime Minister when I was 2 years old and I haven't read Edwina Currie's biography although I'm pleased to hear that he has done so. Going back to the serious point that I was trying to make within the statement is that we have to work within the resources that we've got as a council and before embarking on any kind of major project we have to ensure that it's viable, that we want to do it and that we can deliver it. That's the key point that I want to make and in the background of that there are a number of key areas of Council policy which in my opinion we need to get on top of, which are core responsibilities to the people of Ryedale. I think that we need to ensure that we're getting those right first before embarking on things which may not be necessarily directly our responsibility."

7. From Councillor J Andrews

"The "Back to Basics" idea if I'm reading this correctly is getting the core things like the dog warden, streetscene, affordable housing, toilets, all the things that we should be delivering well and that's what we're going to do first and foremost before we start on mammoth projects. Is that correct?"

The Leader replied:

"Briefly yes. I had written down housing, planning, environmental health, streetscene, street cleansing, those core services which we are responsible for and we have to ensure that these are working as we would like them to be working. That's not to say that there aren't things that we need to look at seriously, this building is one of those for example and we need a decision on that. As I've referenced in my statement there are other things which we've inherited from the previous council, some of us are still here from that council, and we need answers on those but the core things we need to focus on are those services which you have outlined."

8. From Councillor Potter:

"I'm not 100% sure but I think we've just established, possibly, that mammoth's bad and major is good. Could the Leader just confirm whether climate change is mammoth or major?"

The Leader replied:

"I'm not sure at this time how to answer that question although all I will say is that climate change obviously is a serious issue, it's on our agenda tonight for us to discuss at length and I think we should wait til that point to discuss it further."

9. From Councillor Mason

"Are you aware that it's a core responsibility for us to set climate change targets in the 2008 Climate Change Act?"

The Leader replied:

"Yes what I will say is that this Council has got a climate change action plan of which you are aware and which some members around the chamber have worked on in the previous council and which was approved. I think that they have had within them logical, comprehensive ways forward to reducing our carbon footprint and playing our role in meeting the targets that have been set by government. As you know I think we are the first major economy to set the challenge of becoming net zero carbon and we need to play our role in doing that."

10. Councillor Mason then asked the following supplementary question:

"I think you need to define whether it's a plan or a policy. It is a core responsibility for us to actually set local targets for reducing our emissions as defined in the 2008 Climate Change Act and the 2008 Planning Act."

The Leader then replied:

"I'll acknowledge what Councillor Mason is saying."

11. From Councillor Clark

"You've said tonight several times and we've had several councillors saying we have consensus on this one, we have agreement on it. One of the early things you said in your "Would like to be Leader" speech was that you were hoping to get consensus wherever possible. Could you answer me that where you've got consensus, will you try to build on it?"

The Leader replied:

"I will simply say yes."

50 **To consider for Approval the Recommendations in respect of the following Part 'B' Committee Items:**

Minute 57 - Financial Strategy 2020 - 2024

It was moved by Councillor Duncan and seconded by Councillor Arnold that the following recommendations be approved and adopted.

- (1) The Council be asked to note and approve the content of sections 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the report, which will form the basis of the Council's Financial Strategy. The contents are also summarised in Appendix 12.2
- (2) Members be also asked to note the proposed timetable for engagement and consultation as set out in section 10

Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried.

Resolved

- (1) That Council note and approve the content of sections 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the report, which will form the basis of the Council's Financial Strategy. The contents are also summarised in Appendix 12.2.
- (2) That Members also note the proposed timetable for engagement and consultation as set out in section 10.

Voting Record

Unanimous

51 **Motions on Notice Submitted Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11**

Proposed by Councillor Mason and seconded by Councillor Keal

Motions Previously Referred to and Considered by Committees

Referred by Full Council on 27 June 2019 and considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 3 October 2019

The report and recommendation from Overview and Scrutiny Committee had been circulated.

"This Council

1. *Notes that the 'Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C' by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in October 2018, (a) describes the*

enormous harm that a 2°C average rise in global temperatures is likely to cause compared with a 1.5°C rise, and (b) confirms that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society and the private sector.

2. *Notes with concern that the impacts of climate change are already causing serious damage to communities both at home and abroad.*
3. *Congratulates the government in committing the UK to legally binding targets for carbon reduction and recognises that all levels of government have a duty to act and take a lead on actions within their power.*
4. *Recognises that a growing number of local authorities have already passed 'Climate Emergency' motions.*
5. *Recognises that local plans need to be compliant with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which require local plans to "help to: shape places in ways that contribute to radical reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, minimise vulnerability and improve resilience..."*
6. *Recognises it will take political will, resources and policy change to tackle climate change and that strong policies to cut emissions also have associated health, wellbeing and economic benefits.*

We call on this council to

- a. *Declare a 'Climate Emergency' that requires urgent and immediate action to achieve net zero carbon emissions across Ryedale by 2030*
- b. *Establish a Climate Change and Environment Committee (CCEC) to design the policy framework and deliver a climate emergency action plan for net zero emissions by 2030.*
- c. *Establish a Climate Change Partnership Working Group by autumn 2019 involving councillors, residents, community groups, academics, businesses and other relevant parties to advise the CECC*
- d. *Recommend that the Chief Executive employs a climate change and environment officer to work with and support councillors and officers to drive forward the climate change action plan.*
- e. *Ensure that all Council committees consider, in this council term, low carbon design and construction, energy efficiency and renewable energy generation as well as the impact of climate change when reviewing council policies, plans and strategies and that all approaches are in line with a shift to zero carbon by 2030*
- f. *Take a leadership role in offering vision, direction and support to empower residents, community groups, businesses, partner organisations and other relevant stakeholders to take appropriate action to tackle climate change"*

An amendment was moved by Councillor Delaney and seconded by Councillor Duncan:

To delete a – f and replace with;

This Council

- i. Supports the comprehensive steps within the Climate Change Action Plan as a constructive means of reducing our carbon footprint in line with government targets
- ii. Requests the Chief Executive to ensure the Council has appropriate staff capacity to deliver the Climate Change Action Plan.
- iii. Requests a report be presented to Policy and Resources, at least every six months, containing an update on the delivery of the Climate Change Action Plan along with details of any new climate change initiatives for the committee's consideration
- iv. Expects the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to use its powers to hold Policy and Resources to account and support it in ensuring the Council delivers the Climate Change Action Plan

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Mason and seconded by Councillor Keal:

Insert the following before point "i":

We call on this Council to declare a "Climate Emergency" in line with, and as a minimum the government's own legally binding net-zero targets and, as a matter of urgency, commit to actions to help achieve these targets across Ryedale.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

Recorded vote

For – Councillors Cleary, Arnold, Burr, Cussons, Delaney, Docwra, Duncan, Garbutt Moore, Graham, Hope, Keal, Mackenzie, Mason, Middleton, Raper, Riby and Thackray

Abstentions – Councillors J Andrews, Brackstone, Clark, Potter and Wass

An amendment was moved by Councillor Keal and seconded by Councillor Mason:

Replace "ii" with

- c) Recommends that the Chief Executive provide officer capacity to work with and support councillors and officers to drive forward the climate change action plan and if deemed necessary, employ a dedicated Climate Change and Environment officer as part of the current re-structure plans within staff teams.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

It was moved by Councillor Duncan and seconded by Councillor Delaney that the question now be put.

Upon being put to the vote the question was put.

Upon being put to the vote, the substantive motion was carried.

Resolved

This Council

1. Notes that the 'Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C' by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in October 2018, (a) describes the enormous harm that a 2°C average rise in global temperatures is likely to cause compared with a 1.5°C rise, and (b) confirms that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society and the private sector.
2. Notes with concern that the impacts of climate change are already causing serious damage to communities both at home and abroad.
3. Congratulates the government in committing the UK to legally binding targets for carbon reduction and recognises that all levels of government have a duty to act and take a lead on actions within their power.
4. Recognises that a growing number of local authorities have already passed 'Climate Emergency' motions.
5. Recognises that local plans need to be compliant with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which require local plans to "help to: shape places in ways that contribute to radical reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, minimise vulnerability and improve resilience..."
6. Recognises it will take political will, resources and policy change to tackle climate change and that strong policies to cut emissions also have associated health, wellbeing and economic benefits.

We call on this Council to declare a "Climate Emergency" in line with, and as a minimum the government's own legally binding net-zero targets and, as a matter of urgency, commit to actions to help achieve these targets across Ryedale.

This Council

- i. Supports the comprehensive steps within the Climate Change Action Plan as a constructive means of reducing our carbon footprint in line with government targets
- ii. Recommends that the Chief Executive provide officer capacity to work with and support councillors and officers to drive forward the climate change action plan and if deemed necessary, employ a dedicated Climate Change and Environment officer as part of the current re-structure plans within staff teams.
- iii. Requests a report be presented to Policy and Resources, at least every six months, containing an update on the delivery of the Climate Change Action Plan along with details of any new climate change initiatives for the committee's consideration
- iv. Expects the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to use its powers to hold Policy and Resources to account and support it in ensuring the Council delivers the Climate Change Action Plan

Voting Record

19 For

5 Against

Motion not debated

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The main negative public perception of the Milton Rooms is the age and condition and inaccessibility of the venue's main toilets, and the refurbishment and modernisation of, including a lift to provide disabled person access to, the toilets is therefore urgently required;

In February the Milton Rooms applied for the drawdown of funds for the cost of refurbishing the foyer and toilets;

The Council's office has checked this application and provided its own estimate of the cost of the work required;

The Milton Rooms has repeatedly assured by the Council that this matter would be considered. It was considered at the meeting of P&R on 26th September, but the decision was in effect deferred for at least another six months.

In the circumstances, and due to the fact that the toilets are inaccessible to many elderly and non-abled bodied people, the Council hereby resolves to sanction the refurbishment of the toilets and foyer at a cost not exceeding the Council's estimate. This work to be expedited immediately in order to prevent further damage to council's reputation and to ensure the Milton Rooms is accessible to all people, regardless of age, or disability."

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The Milton Rooms wishes to appoint a part-time venue manager, whose salary will be recovered from new streams of business, including the hire of the newly redecorated Georgian Assembly Room;

It may take some time before the Milton Rooms is able to break even and cover the cost of the employment of a venues manager, and the Council is therefore asked to underwrite the cost of this part-time appointment for the first three years.

The Council therefore agrees to underwrite the annual cost of employment, by the Milton Rooms, of a venue manager for a period of three years, up to a total amount of £25,000 a year."

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Proposed by Councillor Potter and seconded by Councillor Brackstone

"Scarborough Borough Council is building houses that will add water to the River Derwent.

So as to monitor the base and ongoing impact of the Middle Deepdale development, Scarborough Borough Council has used s106 money for the initial years.

This funding ends in October 2019. It is essential for measuring the flood risk potential in Ryedale that the monitoring is continued.

This council therefore resolves that :-

- 1) Ryedale District Council pays for the funding for the next twelve months*
- 2) Ryedale District Council consults with the Vale of Pickering, the Internal Drainage Board, North Yorkshire County Council, the Environment Agency and others, with a view to sharing the cost for the longer term."*

Councillor Clark moved and Councillor J Andrews seconded deferral:

In view of the information received from SBC that it is funded until 2021, to defer this, so that it sits there ready to come out as and when it's needed but it's not needed in the next six months and it's certainly not needed tonight.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion to defer was carried.

Resolved

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Voting Record

Unanimous

52 Any other business that the Chairman decides is urgent

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:50 pm.