

From: Malton Town Council [maltontc@btinternet.com]
Sent: 13 June 2011 21:40
To: Anthony Winship
Subject: Community Governance review

Dear Mr Winship

Below the response of the Malton Town Council to the questions posed re the Malton and Norton Town Councils.

Do you support the setting up of a single town council for Malton and Norton-on-Derwent? YES
Do you support the name of Malton and Norton Town Council for a single Town Council? YES

Regards
Mike Skehan
Clerk to Malton Town Council

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22 July 2011

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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Dear Mrs Waggot,

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - AMALGAMATION

Members were asked at the last meeting of the Council on the 18 July 2011, to consider their response, given the results of the Consultation to amalgamate the Councils of Malton and Norton-on-Derwent, and to pass a resolution either for or against.

On debating the issue it was felt by some members that it was a backward step to remain with two councils, as there would be many benefits in joining together. Others felt that while the voting process had been flawed the result had to stand and that they would abide by the democratic decision of the voters.

Following a vote on the proposal it was;

RESOLVED that Norton on Derwent Town Council has resolved to abide by the democratic decision of the voters, and does not at this time seek to amalgamate as one Council with Malton.

Yours sincerely

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Ros Tierney
Town Clerk

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**Anthony Winship,
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Dear Mr. Winship,

**GOVERNANCE REVIEW
MALTON - NORTON ON DERWENT**

I understand from my Secretary that we are being consulted concerning the request from the two Town Councils for a unification/merger, following the joint application to your authority made some two years ago.

This has not fallen well for the Partnership, there being no meeting during the consultation period so the Secretary has asked me to make personal contact with some of the members in order to gauge opinion. There was some favourable discussion during the period when the two Town Councils were gathering names from the Electoral Register for the 10% request requirement and I have spoken with some members since.

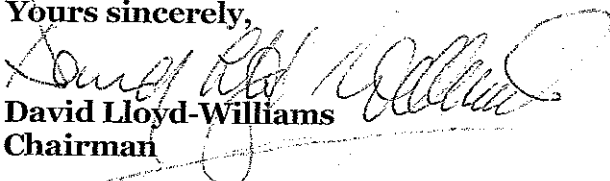
The general view is that a larger elected body representing the whole community of Malton & Norton would be a better voice for the community, and enable consultation to be more readily carried out. Recently the Towns were involved in grant aiding a joint web site venture which could have been simplified if there had been one elected body.

It is also felt that with a smaller number of elected councillors than the current 22 there would be a greater chance of a proper election every four years rather than what has been happening in recent times. It was also felt that there would be some meaningful savings as regards Clerks and cemetery staff which could be turned back into services. It was also felt that a single authority for the community might be able to take over some of the local 'Street Scene' and County Highway activities which have on occasions been subject to critical comment

We have also been aware, during the past few weeks, of considerable comment about the consultation process being referred to one person per house rather than to all the residents of voting age. Whilst I personally have had this explained to me in considerable detail, I believe it to be a bureaucratic nonsense and if the District Council is unable to carry out a full referendum, then the process should be delegated to the two Town Councils who appear not to be constrained by the rules.

I trust this response can be channelled into the process.

Yours sincerely,


David Lloyd-Williams
Chairman

6th June 2011

COUNCIL SOLICITOR

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Promoting business in Malton and Norton

Officer In Charge
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Community governance petition for the proposed amalgamation of Malton and Norton Town Councils
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Ryedale House
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Dear Sir

Following the email dated 19 May from Mr Winship, I contacted our membership by email.

The question put was:

Please reply

YES to signify your agreement with the proposed merger
or

No if you are against it
If you wish to please add a few comments in support of your point of view.

The results of the 15 replies is as follows:

1. In favour of the merger - Yes 12 votes
2. Comments:
 - a. I believe the merger would be beneficial. Besides possible cost savings, the towns of Norton and Malton should, in my opinion, be operating as a team to make the most of the area. The 2 towns are so close to each other, what happens in one probably has an effect on the other. They need to work together for the benefit of the surrounding community as a whole.
 - b. Totally sensible to cut down on bureaucracy. Whatever nonsense is put about to the contrary we are one town. Most people shop in Malton, live in Norton, go to the pub/restaurant in one town, but worship in the other. We are one community of people. The anomalies of Malton Bacon Factory, Malton Railway and Bus Stations all being in Norton seem to underline this.
 - c. It makes sense for the future benefit of both towns.
 - d. to offset the undue power/influence that Ryedale has over Malton and Norton.
3. Against the merger - No - 2 Votes

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4. Comments:
 - a. They want Norton to retain its individuality/independence and not become a secondary force to Malton. Unfortunately we have councillors who sit on both councils [totally wrong in my opinion !] and I feel conflict will surface. Needless to say the whole 'referendum' is a total sham and will only fuel the debate for years to come - which ever way the vote goes.
5. Abstention – 1 vote
6. Comment:
 - a. neither of us have enough knowledge to vote either way

The question of the name was not put to our members

I trust that these views will be taken into consideration in the appraisal to follow.

Yours sincerely

D N Townsend
Chairman

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6th June 2011

Ref: FMER 16

Dear Mr Whinship,

Community Governance Petition – Malton and Norton Town Councils

I refer to your email of 17th May 2011 giving Fitzwilliam Malton Estate the opportunity to express a view on the proposed amalgamation of Malton & Norton Town Councils.

The Estate takes the view this is a question wholly for the people of Malton & Norton to decide, and not a question on which the Estate need express a view.

I am, nevertheless, appreciative of the Council offering the Estate the opportunity to express a view.

Yours sincerely



R.J.G. Bushell
Estate Manager

for further information look up our website: www.maltonestate.co.uk

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RE Community Governance Petition - Malton and NortonTownCouncils.txt

From: Moira Beighton [Moira.Beighton@northyorks.gov.uk]
Sent: 22 June 2011 13:46
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Subject: RE: Community Governance Petition - Malton and Norton Town Councils

Dear Mr Winship

I confirm that following receipt of your email of 5 May 2011, enclosing a copy of the Terms of Reference for a Community Governance Review in respect of Malton and Norton on Derwent Town Councils, I circulated a copy to relevant members and officers of the County Council for any observations.

There are no specific representations the County Council would wish to make.

Yours sincerely,
Moira Beighton

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Dear Ms Beighton

Many thanks for your e mail.

Regards