



COUNCIL

Council Summons and Agenda

You are hereby summoned to attend an **Ordinary Meeting of Ryedale District Council** to be held in the **Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton** on **Thursday, 8 October 2015** at **6.30 pm** in the evening for the transaction of the following business:

Agenda

1 Emergency Evacuation Procedure

The Chairman to inform Members of the Public of the emergency evacuation procedure.

2 Apologies for absence

3 Public Question Time

4 Minutes

(Pages 5 - 20)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 3 September 2015.

5 Urgent Business

To receive notice of any urgent business which the Chairman considers should be dealt with at the meeting as a matter of urgency by virtue of Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

6 Declarations of Interest

Members to indicate whether they will be declaring any interests under the Code of Conduct.

Members making a declaration of interest at a meeting of a Committee or Council are required to disclose the existence and nature of that interest. This requirement is not discharged by merely declaring a personal interest without further explanation.

7 Announcements

To receive any announcements from the Chairman, the Leader and/or the Head of Paid Service.

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

From Cllr Clark to the Chair of Planning

Have you reconsidered your position as Chair of Planning?

From Cllr Clark to the Chair of Planning

Could the Chair of Planning please inform Council why he has not with his committee produced a policy on fracking for Ryedale?

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

10 To consider for Approval the Recommendations in respect of the following Part 'B' Committee Items: (Pages 21 - 50)

Policy and Resources Committee – 24 September 2015

Minute 23 - Exempt Information (page 21)

Minute 24 – Land at Wentworth Street, Malton including the Motion on Notice proposed by Councillor Paul Andrews and seconded by Councillor Burr (page 21)

Note:

A redacted public version of the report regarding the above item is attached. The full exempt version was circulated to all Members ahead of Policy and Resources Committee.

Minute 25 – Budget Strategy 2016/17 (page 39)

11 Notices on Motion Submitted Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11 (Pages 51 - 60)

Proposed by Councillor Clark and seconded by Councillor Joy Andrews.

RDC is a consultee for the planning application currently in front of NYCC to perform a test frack and go into production for up to 9 years at the KM8 site in Kirby Misperton. The Planning Committee must discuss this by mid October in order that they can offer a view. RDC has no policy on fracking. The eyes of the country and the world will be watching with interest in the decision making process and we have yet to debate this issue. It is complex and of great significance for the future of Ryedale at many levels not least its economy, jobs, health and potential costs to the council. This process is now in its 11th hour so we must avoid losing our voice by taking it past midnight. This issue must therefore be debated on the 8th October 2015. If we do not debate the issues at this point then the voice of Ryedale people will become muted in the decision making process at NYCC.

On the scientific evidence to date Ryedale Liberals believe that the case for fracking is not made.

- 84% of peer reviewed science shows significant risks or impacts on health.
- 88% shows risks and impacts on air quality.
- 66% shows risks to water quality.
- The impact on agriculture is not known but is liable to be negative.
- The impact on tourism is not known but is liable to be negative.
- The impact in traffic is not known but is liable to be large.

This council therefore resolves:

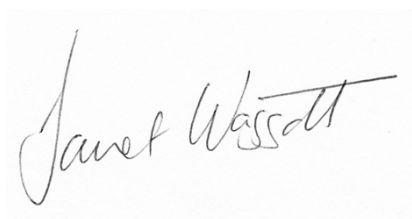
- (i) On the present information available RDC calls for a 5 year moratorium on fracking in Ryedale. When sufficient evidence becomes available RDC can reconsider its policy.
- (ii) It therefore calls upon the Planning Committee to take this decision into account when making its recommendation to NYCC on the KM8 planning application.

Note :

(i) The motion on notice calls for a moratorium of five years on fracking which would fetter the Council's discretion to make a consultation response after considering all representations from statutory and non statutory consultees. The District Council meeting on 17 February 2015 considered a Monitoring Officers report on the legal principles that need to be observed by the District Council in decision making. A copy of the report is attached on the agenda at page 51.

(ii) The Planning Committee will be considering the matter as a consultee.

12 Any other business that the Chairman decides is urgent.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Janet Waggott', written in a cursive style.

Janet Waggott
Chief Executive