

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Ryedale Branch of Yorkshire Local Councils Associations held at Ryedale District Council, Ryedale House, Malton on Tuesday, 5 June 2018 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

Ms S Brown (Chairman)	Hutton le Hole Parish Council
Cllr H Pettiford (Vice Chairman)	Hutton le Hole Parish Council
Cllr N Ballard	Amotherby Parish Council
Ms C Almond	Amotherby Parish Council
Ms L Myers	Ebberston & Yeddingham Parish Council
Cllr G Stilwell	Flaxton Parish Council
Cllr L Wilkie	Flaxton Parish Council
Ms V Ellis	Helmsley Town Council
Cllr R Tierney	Norton on Derwent Town Council
Cllr S Butler	Rillington Parish Council
Mr D Sonley	Scagglethorpe Parish Council
Cllr J Bates	Scagglethorpe Parish Council
Mr B Skinner	Settrington Parish Council

IN ATTENDANCE

Sheena Spence Chief Officer, YLCA

APOLOGIES

Representatives	Great & Little Barugh Parish Council
Cllr S Collier	Kirby Grindlythe & Duggleby Parish Council
Cllr R King	Norton on Derwent Town Council
Cllr E Dent	Rosedale Parish Council
Representatives	Thornton le Dale Parish Council
Representatives	Welburn Parish Council

10/18 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES**

Election of Chairman

RESOLVED

That Ms S Brown (Hutton le Hole Parish Council) is the Branch Chairman for the ensuing year.

Election of Vice-Chairman

RESOLVED

That Cllr H Pettiford (Hutton le Hole Parish Council) is the Branch vice-chairman for the ensuing year.

Joint Executive Board

RESOLVED

That Ms S Brown (Hutton le Hole Parish Council) is appointed to the Board as the Branch representative. Councillor H Pettiford (Hutton le Hole Parish Council) was appointed as Branch deputy to the Joint Executive Board

Howardian Hills AONB

RESOLVED

That Ms V Ellis (Helmsley Town Council) is appointed as the Branch representative on the Howardian Hills AONB.

Malton and Norton Partnership

RESOLVED

That Mrs R Tierney (Norton on Derwent Town Council) is appointed as the Branch representative on the Malton and Norton Partnership.

11/18 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2018 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

12/18 **MATTERS ARISING**

Branch speaker

RESOLVED

That any visiting speakers are asked to present for no more than 30 minutes.

Resolution to the YLCA Joint Annual Meeting 2018

The resolution that was returned to the Branch by the Joint AGM 2017 was discussed at length and it was agreed that the focus of the unsuccessful resolution should form the principle of a revised motion. Draft wording was produced.

RESOLVED

That the Branch Chairman and Cllr Wilkie prepare the final resolution for consideration of the AGM.

13/18 **JOINT EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Report from Joint Executive Board representatives

Councillor Pettiford and Miss S Brown reported on the meeting held on 14 April 2018 and noted that all members had been circulated with a copy of the minutes of that meeting.

RESOLVED

That the approved minutes of the Joint Executive Board meeting held on 14 October 2017 and 20 January 2018 be received and the draft minutes of the Executive Board meeting held on 14 April 2018 be noted.

14/18 **WORK OF THE YLCA AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

Current work of the YLCA

The Chief Officer reported on work concerning the GDPR and particularly the campaign to have the duty to appoint a Data Protection Officer removed from parish sector councils. She also encouraged members to look at the training programme that will be sent to members next week. The revised publications, Good Councillors Guide and Good Councillors Guide to Finance and Transparency were noted, and the Chief Officer reported that the revisions had been to the introduction and to correct typographical and spelling errors only. Members were informed that the 2018 editions of the books are available from the YLCA and NALC websites. A reminder about the YLCA Joint AGM on 14 July at Walshford near Wetherby was given.

Revised NALC Standing Orders

A number of councils had or were in the process of adopting the 2018 revision of the model standing orders. The Chief Officer highlighted some alterations that needed to be made to the model and reported that the National Association would be issuing a briefing concerning the amendments to be made (particularly considering the removal of duty to appoint a Data Protection Officer).

NALC's Big Conversation – Shaping NALC's 10-year strategic plan

The Chief Officer reported that a briefing, produced by the Chief Executive of NALC, had been circulated recently to all member parishes. She encouraged clerks to include the item on the agenda for the next meetings to enable the Council to discuss its service needs and expectations of NALC.

15/18 **CURRENT ISSUES FOR LOCAL COUNCILS**

General Data Protection Regulation

A roundup discussion of where councils were with compliance to the Regulation showed that a number had completed a data audit or were underway with the exercise. Overall, those present were comfortable with what they needed to do about the adoption of policies and actions.

16/18 **OPEN FORUM FOR LOCAL ISSUES**

Settrington Parish Council – Blanket resolution on hydraulic fracturing

Mr Skinner explained that the Council had resolved to oppose any future applications for fracking and that it had been explained by the head of legal services at Ryedale District Council and by YLCA that this was not a sensible approach as councillors could be answerable to a complaint of predetermination. Mr Skinner also explained that the parishioners were opposed to any fracking and that the Council was merely responding to their wishes. However, he did add that the Council now understood the implications of predetermination and that best practice was to consider all planning applications with an open mind.

Amotherby Parish Council – election expenses

It was reported that it was likely that Ryedale District Council would be withdrawing financial support to cover election expenses but acknowledged that that was usual practice among principal authorities as part of a cost saving exercise.

Amotherby Parish Council – street lighting costs

Cllr Ballard reported that the Council had terminated its contract with Npower and was now receiving its electricity supply through North Yorkshire County Council which was much more cost effective.

17/18 **SPEAKER FOR NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED

To invite Andrew Towleron, Planning Consultant to the next meeting.

18/18 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED

That the scheduled date of the next meeting be altered to Wednesday, 10 October 2018.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked those present and declared the meeting closed.

Chairman:

Date: