



Full Council

9th September 2019

6.30pm at 12 Well Lane, Beverley

Present: Cllrs Duncan Jack (Mayor), Tom Astell (Deputy Mayor), Peter Astell, Shaun Blencoe, Ian Gow, Denis Healy, Chloe Hopkins, David Horsley, Linda Johnson, Margaret Pinder, Simon Rance, Claire Wildey, Ann Willis.

In Attendance: Helen Watson (Town Clerk), Libby Woodhouse (Administrative Assistant)
1 member of the public
Neil Harris, Beverley BID

54/19: Public Forum

Members of the public did not wish to speak.

55/19: To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillor D Boynton.

56/19: Declarations of Interest.

- (a) **To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.**

There were no declarations of interest.

- (b) **To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below.**

No dispensations were given.

57/19: To confirm and sign the minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 22nd July 2019.

Proposed: Councillor P Astell **Seconded:** Councillor Gow

Resolved: To approve and sign the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 22nd July 2019.

58/19: To receive the following minutes:

- (a) **Approve and sign - Policy on 15th July 2019**

Proposed: Councillor Rance **Seconded:** Councillor Johnson

Resolved: To approve and sign the Minutes of Policy on 15th July 2019 with the following amendments:

- (i) Re-number minute 10/19 (a), (c), (d) and (e) to read minute 10/19 (a), (b), (c) and (d); and
- (ii) Minute 10/19 (b)(i) will read "The Clerk confirmed that reserves had been earmarked in accordance with the decision of Full Council on 24th June 2019, where they were approved by members".

- (b) **Note - Planning, Property and Services on 30th July 2019 (approved and signed at PPS 03/09/19)**
The minutes were noted
- (c) **Note - Planning, Property and Services on 7th August 2019 (approved and signed at PPS 03/09/19)**
The minutes were noted.
- (d) **Approve and sign - Planning, Property and Services on 3rd September 2019**

Proposed: Councillor P Astell **Seconded:** Councillor Blencoe.

Resolved: To approve and sign the minutes of Planning, Property & Services on 3rd September 2019.

59/19: To receive a review of the recorded actions from the previous minutes – see attached.

The Council reviewed the recorded actions from the previous minutes.

60/19: Mayor's Announcements and correspondence (Cllr D. Jack)

The Mayor reported that although it had been a quiet summer, he had attended:

- A Concert by the Beverley Male Voice Choir.
- Beverley Youth Festival - along with Councillors Hopkins, Willis and Wildey. Run by ERVAS, it was a positive day meeting various people. The idea of a Youth Council will be taken forward.
- The Turner's Trust as the Mayor is an ex-officio member.

Tomorrow (10th September) the Mayor will attend the results of Yorkshire in Bloom at York Racecourse with the Mayoress, the Town Clerk and representatives of Beverley in Bloom. He credited the Bloom volunteers and all officers and volunteers concerned with the magnificent baskets and planters this year and wished to compliment everyone involved, including the Town Handyman for watering. The Town Clerk reported that the standard of the Plantscape hanging baskets had been exceptionally high this year and gave a brief report on the company concerned. They are already becoming booked up for next year and it would be best to secure their services now.

Resolved: To engage the company now to secure their services for next year.

The Mayor announced various upcoming events:

- 20th September 2019 – 7.30 at the Rugby Club, a Quiz Night to raise funds for the Beverley Motor Neurone Disease Association and Beverley Xmas Lights
- 6th October 2019 – At Beverley Food Festival there will be a tombola stall to raise funds for the Food Bank. Tombola prizes to the Town Council Offices or to the Food Bank on Mill Lane
- 11th October 2019 – 7.30 pm – midnight at Armstrongs Social Club, live 70s music with the band Glamstarr and disco to raise funds for the Church Lads & Church Girls Brigade. £5 per ticket.
- 15th October 2019 – 7 pm at the Memorial Hall, a Fashion Show to raise funds for Beverley Xmas Lights, £10 per ticket to include welcome drink.
- 31st December 2019 – New Year's Eve – 2 course supper dance with Sean Finch. Tickets £40 per head to raise funds for the Cherry Tree Centre and Dementia UK.

61/19: Report from East Riding of Yorkshire Council Ward Councillors

(Cllrs D. Boynton, D. Healy and L. Johnson)

Councillor Healy reported that due to the summer recession there was not much to say, however all Ward Councillors had met with regard to the planning application for the energy centre at the Leisure Centre. Councillor Healy did not speak on the application as he is a member of the ERYC Planning Committee and Councillor Johnson gave a brief report.

Councillor Johnson reported on the proposed Energy Centre as follows:

- Two months ago Councillors and residents became aware of the planning application for a combined heat and power centre at Beverley Leisure Centre. Residents formed a committee and met with Ward Councillors, the planning officer and developer.
- Leisure Centres and hospitals run on the same technology as that proposed, and this energy centre will generate heat for electricity and power to run the ERYC Offices and housing with pipe work under the

pavement. The system has a 15 year shelf life and could replace renewable energy with cheaper power for people living within the network and a reduction in CO2 emission.

- The residents concern is that it will be noisy but they have been assured it will not be the case – extra sound proofing can be installed. The developer is moving quickly because of potential funds from the EU.
- A meeting with the Town Council to look at the impact on Beverley would be useful. The public had made representations that the drawings do not marry up and are not representative. It is now proposed to be built away from the Leisure Centre and to use the Leisure Centre to screen the development. It was not clear whether plans would be re-drawn.

Resolved: *To convene a special meeting to discuss the plans. This will be passed on to the Deputy Clerk who services PPS Committee, to liaise with and invite residents, Councillors, the Developer and Planning Officers.*

62/19: Beverley B.I.D. – Neil Harris will be in attendance to explain what progress has been made in the development of a Business Improvement District (B.I.D.) for Beverley.

The Mayor introduced Neil Harris. Mr Harris gave an overview of the feasibility of a Beverley BID is as follows:

“A significant step has been taken in the journey to establish a Business Improvement District in Beverley. The BID has a structured board of 12 Beverley businessmen and women representing a variety of key business groups. The BID will operate using the name “Beverley Together”.

The board has been meeting since February 2018, as a result of a suggestion from East Riding Council to the local Chamber of Trade. All meetings are structured with an agenda and approved minutes and currently meet monthly. The BID is registered with British BIDs and follows their guiding principles. The BID also has the full support of East Riding of Yorkshire Council which is also the responsible fiscal body, along with support from MP Graham Stuart.

How it will work: The BID boundary has been outlined and contains approximately 230 businesses. The boundary covers 3 of the Town Council’s four wards, not including Beverley Minster North. Each business within the boundary area with a rateable value over a specified limit will be eligible to vote either Yes/No in the ballot due to be held in 2020. Those businesses under the specified limit will not be eligible to vote but can voluntarily contribute if they so wish. To succeed, the ballot needs more than 50% of the votes cast to be in favour of the BID.

The 5 recognised phases of a BID are Feasibility, Planning, Local Authority, Campaigning and finally Establishment. The BID approached the government-led British BID Fund and has secured a loan which will be paid back from the levy if a Yes vote is secured. The money is released on completion of each phase via the Council (the fiscal responsible body). The Feasibility stage has been completed and the Planning stage is currently being worked on. One of the next initiatives is to survey all businesses within the BID boundary.

The revenue will be reinvested back into Beverley via four key objectives, the final details of which will be decided by the businesses within the boundary. The BID will:

Invest in Beverley – Invest the levy income back into Beverley town centre.

A Connected Beverley – Instil a sense of unity back into the town. Develop stronger links with businesses, community groups, the Local Authority and other bodies and agencies.

A Cleaner and Safer Beverley – Support, where needed, the function of ensuring that Beverley is graffiti and litter free. Review and improve safety (especially after hours) working with the Council, Police and other groups involved.

A Better Promoted Beverley – Raise the profile of the town with increased professional marketing and promotion. Provide where necessary the resource to improve a more sustainable programme of events which are not solely reliant on volunteers.

The BID would like to finance/support the Town putting on more events throughout all 12 months of the year and boost the current events calendar working with key stakeholders within the Town like the Town Council and have more after hours events, festivals and more events in the many under used spaces around Beverley.

Beverley is now surrounded by other successful BIDs from York, Hull and the new Yorkshire Coastal BID which stretches from above Whitby to Spurn point and coming as close as twelve miles at Hornsea. The board believes that this is the correct time to explore the feasibility of a BID in Beverley.

Beverley BID is, and will be, totally independent of ALL other bodies in the Town. That said it has a responsibility to communicate with its contributors. The BID will have its detractors but the possibility of a Beverley BID is being explored. We will embrace transparency and our financial accounts will be available throughout. The correct governance if being followed and there will be two way engagement in communication at all stages”.

Mr Harris received and answered questions from Members as follows:

- Q: Would the higher BID payers have subsequent incremental power?
A: No they would have only one vote.
- Q: Would the smaller businesses with no vote and no levy have no say?
A: If they had not paid and approached the Board they would not be excluded.
- Q: The boundary including the 3 wards was queried and that Minster North should be included as the Yorkshire Coastal Bid area is massive. There is regret that Minster North is excluded as Beverley town should be seen as a whole as it is psychologically coherent and that there are large businesses within that section.
A: the BID is Town Centre centric and the Yorkshire Coast BID is having problems. The British BID advised that the original boundary was too big and needed to be tighter.
- Q: Are the businesses retail/non-retail?
A: It is heavily retail however there are hospitality businesses, solicitors and others.
- Q: The Town Council is elected but there is no representative on the BID, why? And why is ERYC represented?
A: ERYC is represented as the responsible fiscal body. Mr Harris will take the Town Council representation query away for the Board to discuss and answer.
- Q: Is the BID not only about events?
A: The BID will Invest, Connect, Clean & Promote. The BID cannot step on the toes of events already established. It will not be involved in food or flower events. Businesses would come to the BID for help with events and the BID would make better use of areas that there are; the BID would not instigate events.
- Q: The town has been disjointed and Beverley Town Council has done its best to bring people together, it has worked well and there is proof that the events being the town together.
A: The BID is about inclusiveness, engagement and regular updates. Until there is a “yes” vote they cannot engage but they intend to engage with both Councils.
- Q: It would be fantastic to promote Beverley and improve the town however the Town Council does not want to be in competition and how all this is aligned with the same objectives will be important.
A: The BID Manager would liaise with the Town Clerk so the Council will be aware of everything and not pulling in different ways. Some BIDs do not have such an active Town Council.
- Q: Beverley is a well-connected Town and the area where it is not connected is the area that is excluded by the BID – Minster North, which is the most deprived area of Beverley and where money needs to be invested. The BID is opening itself up to excluding the most deprived area.
A: Mr Harris will take on board the comments of the Town Council and will return as the ballot approaches.
- Q: Will the BID clean the streets, as the responsibility lies with ERYC. The Brighter Beverley Initiative looks at this along with Beverley in Bloom.
A: ERYC are heavily cutting back on the street scene. Hull BID is involved with chewing gum removal and graffiti removal. The BID is not here to replace the Council but will assist.
- Q: Can the meeting minutes be circulated to the Town Council
A: Mr Harris will take this away and provide an answer.

The Mayor thanked Mr Harris for attending and he left the meeting.

63/19: BACH Update – To receive an update from Cllr S. Rance.

Councillor Rance had been away and asked Councillor P Astell to provide an update.

Councillor P Astell reported that:

- Councillor P Astell, Councillor Rance and Councillor Gow had received training on Social Economic Value Programme at ERYC.

- Consultants were being sourced, subject to price, as it was felt that would be better than the Town Council having a temporary employee. There were conflicting ERYC reports regarding asbestos.
- A consultation evening and a consultation drop would be planned for residents.
- It would be possible to have a Public Works Board Loan.
- Development of stakeholders would be important.

64/19: Twinning - To consider how the Town Council might wish to support the Beverley-Nogent Twinning Association in regards to the forthcoming visit by members of the Nogent contingent (additional information from the Association is circulated with the agenda).

The Mayor explained that half the Twinning budget is still available in the sum of £2,000. When visiting Nogent earlier this year, the Council had paid for the Mayor but not the Deputy Mayor.

It was felt that greater Twinning links were important with Nogent and Lemgo and that the Civic side could be developed along with a future review of Twinning. A gift for the visitors would be important

Proposed: Councillor Healy **Seconded:** Councillor Pinder

Resolved: *The Council will fund the cost of the transport element of the Beverley-Nogent Twinning Association visit by the Nogent contingent in the sum of £400.*

Resolved: *The Town Clerk to source an appropriate gift with a Town Council label with a budget of £250.*

65/19: Beverley Food Festival – To receive an update from the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk gave a report and discussions included stallholder income, new chefs, progressing a purpose built demo kitchen, marquee costs, road closures and reversals, security, marshals, environmental issues such as arrangements for unused food and street cleaning and making sure that the finances are transparent. The Mayor's Charity Stall will be in aid of the East Riding Food Bank – stallholders can drop off donations on the day. Councillors will provide cover for the Town Council stall and for marshalling on the day.

The Mayor will take up the issue of the cost of road closures with ERYC.

The Town Council is discouraging single use plastics and actively support recycling. Professor Fiddlesticks will talk on waste food, litter and recycling. The Town Clerk is in consultation with ERYC for their recycling and environment education team to attend.

66/19: VE 75 Update – To receive an update from Cllr D. Jack (see circulated report).

The Mayor reported that a meeting had discussed proposals for the day to centre on the Minster which could be provided free of charge. There would be road closures on Minster Yard North to provide extra space, a picnic in the garden and a swing band in the Minster. Timings for events had been considered. There was £3,000 in the events budget that could be used along with £1,000 Pensioners Lunch budget.

Wider celebrations were discussed encompassing further areas such as Saturday Market, Toll Gavel, street parties and entertainment.

Resolved: *To task the Working Group to look at proposals and options up to a potential budget of £25,000 and to invite Woodmansey and Molescroft to a group meeting. The Working Group will report back to Full Council.*

67/19: CCTV – information on forthcoming meeting (11/09/19) at Beverley Police Station regarding developments to the Beverley CCTV system.

The meeting will take place at 10 am on Wednesday 11th September at the Police Station. The Mayor, Councillors P Astell, Gow, Rance and the Town Clerk will attend.

68/19: Office I.T. and Internet Infrastructure – To receive an update from the Town Clerk.

KCom have fitted new broadband however this needs to be connected and a date cannot be given. The Town Clerk had received two quotes for new IT and is awaiting the third.

69/19: Disability Access Accreditation Scheme (Cllr I. Gow)

Councillor Gow reported that he would like to look at a Town Council disabled access scheme whereby unannounced users inspect premises in the town and give a Town Council symbol to those who provide good access to disabled facilities. Councillor Gow will develop the scheme further.

70/19: Dementia Friends Training (Cllr I. Gow)

Councillor Gow reported on Dementia Friendly Training which was a one hour training session. Councillors would be happy to undertake it.

71/19: Correspondence requiring response

(a) **ERYC Standards Committee – Appointments of Parish Council Representatives** – Letter attached.

Proposed: Councillor Pinder **Seconded:** Councillor Willis

Resolved: *To nominate Councillor Ian Gow for appointment to the ERYC Standards Committee as Parish Council Representative.*

(b) **Nominations to the NALC Larger Councils Committee** – To consider nominations.

Proposed: Councillor Rance **Seconded:** Councillor Blencoe

Resolved: *To nominate Councillor Peter Astell to the NALC Larger Councils Committee.*

(c) **Church Lads' and Girls' Brigade (CLB)** – to inform councillors of an invitation to attend the official opening of the new CLB headquarters.

The official opening of the new CLB Headquarters will take place on Sunday 13th October 2019 at 2 pm at St Mary's Church for a short Service of Thanksgiving and dedication of the plaque to mark the refurbishment. The Company Marching Band will then lead a parade through the town to their Headquarters at 13 George Street for refreshments and a tour of the refurbished building. Councillors who wish to attend should let the CLB know.

The meeting finished at 8.20 pm.

Signed as a true and correct record:

Date: