

**MINUTES of the full Council Meeting
of Denholme Town Council,
held on Tuesday 16 October 2018 at 7.30pm
in the Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Denholme**

Present:	Councillors S.Nunn, A.Sherriff, D.Miller, J.Wood, J.MacFarlane, S.Brazil, D.Samuel and C.Cousins. Alison Swiszcowski – Town Clerk. Two members of the public.
1819/076	Ten Minute Rule No issues were raised by those present.
1819/077	Apologies Councillor H.Sherriff
1819/078	Disclosures of Interest No disclosures of interest were declared.
1819/079	Minutes of the Last Meeting a) To approve and sign the minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 18 September 2018. Resolved: that the minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 18 September 2018 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by Councillor S.Nunn. b) Matters Arising 1819/073 Councillor Brazil reported that there had been correspondence with Bradford Council about the grate on the A629 but there was a delay in it being fitted as it was coming from Italy.
1819/080	Finance a) To note payments made to 16 October 2018 Resolved: that the payments are approved and Schedule 113 was signed by the Chair. Denholme Comm Library (Community Pot) 282.00 PKF Littlejohn (External Audit) 240.00 Bradford Community Payroll (Staff) 2,056.37 Cougar Printing (Autumn Newsletter) 875.00 Christmas Plus Ltd (Christmas Lights) 1,170.60 SLCC (Conference) 90.00 Denholme Cricket Club (Community Pot) 262.00 A.Swiszcowski (Mobile top-up) 20.00 DMI Community Centre (Community Pot) 300.00 A.Swiszcowski (Travel Expenses) 63.00 b) To note Bank Reconciliation 30.09.2018 This was agreed and signed by the Chair. c) To note Financial Update 30.09.2018 The Town Clerk had previously circulated this and it was agreed to be in order.
1819/081	Denholme Community Library Councillor Nunn outlined the situation with the Community Library. The Town Council had found out from the Charity Trustees that the Co-ordinator had resigned/retired along with the Treasurer at a recent meeting and that the volunteers had said they would give up too. As a result the Co-ordinator had asked for the Service Level Agreement with Bradford Council to terminate at the end of December. Since then the Town Clerk had emailed Bradford Council's Library Services and they had said they would be in touch with the Trustees which has not happened yet.

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	<p>Councillor Sherriff said that she believed that the Library provided a popular service in the village and she for one was keen for it to remain in place. The question was – do we want to keep the library?</p> <p>It was suggested that the Town Council could take over the overall running of the library with a Councillor leading on it. The Town Clerk could help out with admin if needed. New volunteers could be recruited and it is understood that some current volunteers may stay on. An article can go in the next newsletter due out in November about the situation. Councillor Wood said the Junior Youth Club had been planning a special visit to the library to encourage the youngsters to see what the library offers and to join.</p> <p>Resolved: that Denholme Town Council offers to take over the running of the library with Councillor A.Sherriff leading on it, Councillor Cousins to be involved and the Town Clerk.</p>
1819/082	<p>Poaching/Wildlife & Rural Crime</p> <p>Councillor Wood sent apologies from Kelly Robertson, the village co-ordinator for Neighbourhood Watch, who had wanted to attend for this item.</p> <p>Councillor Cousins reported that local farmers and people with animals had suffered some poaching recently. This impacts on them in financial terms too. Rural crime generally is increasing and this includes thefts from sheds, garages and houses and also of farm equipment. There is a new Police Wildlife and Rural Crime team. People should ring 999 or 101 if they see anything suspicious.</p> <p>Resolved: that the Town Council will raise awareness of these crime issues and Councillor Cousins will write an article for the next newsletter. The local Police officers will be contacted about the issues too.</p>
1819/083	<p>Ovenden Moor Wind Farm Fund</p> <p>Councillor Nunn said that the Town Council had heard only recently about this fund which is only open from 1 until 26 October for this year. The Trustees are putting in a bid related to the Mechanics. It was felt that it was too short notice to compile a bid and there was no obvious project currently.</p> <p>Resolved: to flag up applying to the fund in June 2019 in time for next year's round.</p>
1819/084	<p>Highways Winter Plan</p> <p>Councillor Nunn said that Dave Mazurke has not replied to his recent email so he will get back in touch with him about the Winter Plan for this year. The route for the gritters may have changed for this year meaning that they would come from Queensbury and therefore reach Denholme sooner. There was discussion about new grit bins for roads in Denholme and also whether Bradford Council should refill them. This will be looked into and an Action Plan prepared for next winter 2019-20.</p>
1819/085	<p>Remembrance Service and Christmas event</p> <p>Councillor Miller said the group had met on 3 October. The Order of Service is now with the printers.</p> <p>Councillor Miller will meet with Chris Wilcock the week before to check the timings. Councillor Nunn will charge and check the amplifier the day before.</p> <p>The Town Clerk will put publicity for the service at the Shared Church and the timings and meeting point for the service in Foster Park on Facebook and social media the week before.</p> <p>Christmas – the meeting scheduled for 8 October had to be postponed until 22 October. Councillor Sherriff made the suggestion that an 'exit' poll be conducted this year for people attending to say which format they prefer - 2017 with everything upstairs or 2018 with refreshments downstairs afterwards.</p> <p>The Town Clerk said the Town Council would need to know how many helpers would be needed upstairs and how many downstairs.</p> <p>The Town Clerk will contact Sur Ryder Manorlands to see if they will come and do a stall again this year and there will be a raffle.</p>

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1819/086	<p>Christmas decorations</p> <p>Councillor Miller reported that the lights have been ordered and the brackets too. Someone will put the brackets up.</p> <p>The ownership of the lights will be shared between the Town Council and the Charity as they have both contributed. The fundraising events in the community will add to the money for the lights and decorations.</p> <p>The lights will be switched on late afternoon of 1 December when a Christmas Fayre is being held in the Mechanics.</p> <p>For inside – the Youth Café have made some decorations.</p>
1819/087	<p>Great Northern Railway Trail</p> <p>The Town Clerk reported that minutes of the first meeting of the Joint Great Northern Railway Trail Committee had been received and had been circulated to Councillors. The Town Council has been asked to send a letter to Dr McWilliam of the Queensbury Tunnel Society about support for the Queensbury Tunnel.</p> <p>Resolved: the Town Council will send a letter of support to the Queensbury Tunnel Society and this was signed by Councillor Nunn.</p>
1819/088	<p>Reports from Town Councillors</p> <p>Councillor Wood reported that the Youth Café are making a wreath for Remembrance Sunday and money will be donated to the British Legion in lieu of purchasing one. The Junior Youth Club is going well and may open for longer.</p> <p>Councillor Miller said that as of 9 October he had resigned as a Trustee of the Charity for personal reasons. A new Trustee to represent the Council will be needed and Councillor Nunn said that this should be discussed at the Town Council meeting in November.</p> <p>Councillor Nunn said that seal of Denholme Urban Council had been re-discovered in the Council Room and a resident had offered to buy it. However after consultation with a former Mayor it was felt that this should remain in the care of the Town Council.</p>
1819/089	<p>Items for Inclusion on the Agenda of the Next Meeting</p> <p>The Clerk will receive items from Members for inclusion on the Agenda for the meeting to be held on Tuesday 20 November 2018.</p> <p>New Trustee for the Charity.</p>
1819/090	<p>Dates for Next Meetings</p> <p>a) There will be no Planning Committee Meeting on Tuesday 6 November 2018 so the date of the next Committee Meeting will be Tuesday 4 December at 7.30pm.</p> <p>b) The date of the next Meeting of the Town Council was confirmed as Tuesday 20 November 2018 at 7.30pm.</p>
	Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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