MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WEIGH AND TOLLS COMMITTEE OF YARM TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:08 PM ON TUESDAY 17TH MAY 2011

PRESENT
Chairman: Councillor Hadlow
Councillors: Cllrs: Chatburn, Houchen, Hornby, Johnson, Monck, Neil, Sherris, Mrs. Simpson, Webster, Wegg, and Mr. P Smith (Ratepayers Representative)
Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer: Mrs. M Milburn

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
No apologies for absence were received.

11 Members of the public attended the meeting.

1 MINUTES

1.1 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th March, 2011 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

2 CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

2.1 No declaration of interests was declared.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 There were no matters arising

4 ACCOUNTS

4.1 The Weigh & Tolls Committee accounts were presented and agreed.

5 USE OF TOWN HALL AND HIGH STREET

5.1 The permanent display of the Town Hall infill boards with a cost of £335 for the planning application was discussed. A vote was taken to decide whether or not the boards should remain in place. Eight people were in favour of the boards remaining and 3 votes were against the boards remaining. The Clerk was instructed to speak to Fiona Beige regarding this issue.

5.2 Information regarding an exhibition in Yarm High Street on Tuesday 31st May 2011 for an in-car safety event, was noted.

5.3 Information regarding an exhibition in Yarm High Street on Wednesday 17th August 2011 for a foster care marketing campaign was noted.

5.4 A request to fly a flag at the Town Hall on Armed Forces flag day, Monday 20th June 2011 was agreed.

6 THE 2011 YARM GALA

6.1 The budget for the Gala expenses was discussed. The Clerk raised concerns about the lack of response from the Tall Trees regarding confirmation of the sponsorship money of £3,500. It was agreed that the £5,000 in the events budget could be used to fund the gala, the current estimated cost for the gala being £6,500, with an estimated income of £5,890 leaving a shortfall of £610. This budget was approved by a majority vote.

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6.2 Cllr Monck raised concerns about the lack of uptake for the bell boating. Mr Smith will negotiate to reduce the cost of this part of the event based on the uptake of the bell boating.

6.3 Cllr. Monck also raised his concerns about £1,000 being spent on entertainment. It was explained by Cllr. Hadlow that this is the cost for the full days staged events and not the cost of one band. Cllr Mrs Simpson queried why the local bands had not been asked to play on the stage. Cllr.Hadlow stated that it had been difficult to engage local talent for this year's event.

6.4 The manual for the Yarm Gala 2011 was approved by Cllrs. Cllrs expressed their thanks to Mr Smith for his hard work and commitment in preparing for the gala.

7 THE 2011 YARM FAIR

7.1 A meeting with the Showmen's Guild of Great Britain to discuss Yarm Fair was confirmed as 6.00 pm on Tuesday 14th June. Mr Addison requested he be allowed to attend this meeting. This was agreed by the Council.

8 FARMERS MARKET

8.1 A Farmers Market was discussed and approved following a majority vote with three Cllrs abstaining from the vote. The market will be located around the Town Hall and held initially at the Gala, in July, October and Christmas time, if these are successful the market will be held weekly or month on a Sunday. This is in negotiation with Stockton Council and is agreed subject to appropriate risk assessments being carried out. All traders are members of appropriate associations.

9 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATON FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

9.1 No items were received for information or consideration for the next agenda.

10. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE WEIGH AND TOLL COMMITTEE.

10.1 The date of the next meeting of the Weigh and Tolls Committee was confirmed as Tuesday14th June 2011 at 7.00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:40 pm

Signed, this 14th day of June, 2011

Chairman…… Date……