

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WEIGH AND TOLLS COMMITTEE OF YARM
TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM ON
TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2011**

PRESENT

Chairman: Councillor Hadlow

Councillors: Cllrs: Chatburn, Hornby, Houchen, Monck, Neil, Sherris, Mrs. Simpson, Webster, and Wegg

Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer: Mrs. M Milburn

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Johnson and Mr. P Smith (Ratepayers Representative).

Also Present:

Mr AR Moody

The Showmen's Guild of GB

Mr M O'Brian

The Showmen's Guild of GB

Mr J Laytham

The Showmen's Guild of GB

Mr F Smith

The Showmen's Guild of GB

4 Members of the public attended the meeting.

56 MINUTES

56.1 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th Oct, 2011 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

57 CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

57.1 No declaration of interest was declared.

58 MATTERS ARISING

58.1 There were no matters arising

59 ACCOUNTS

59.1 The Weigh & Tolls Committee accounts were presented and agreed with authorisation granted for an additional payments to:

Yarm Fellowship Hall Committee	Room hire	£120.
TESS	Port-a-loo hire	£858.
Mr P Addison.	Bailiff duties.	£50.

60 USE OF TOWN HALL AND HIGH STREET

60.1 A request from the Rotary Club of Thornaby & Yarm for a Santa in the High Street on Saturday 17th December 2011 with all proceeds collected going to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was agreed.

60.2 Street furniture requirements were discussed. **Resolved:** Cllr Monck is to supply the Clerk with information from a Stockton BC consultation document for the Clerk to circulate.

60.3 Cllr Monck informed the Council that the Civic Society plaque would need to be returned for presentation to this years winners. He further informed the Council that the plaque will be offered to the Council for safe keeping next year when presentations to other parties will cease

Chairman.....

Date.....

61 YARM FAIR

- 61.1 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th Oct, 2011 were agreed as a true and accurate record with one additional point. Cllr Chatburn requested letter drops to residents in Bridge Street and West Street informing residents of traffic management and road closure schedules.
- 61.2 The employment of an events manager to oversee the strategic running of the 2012 Yarm fair was discussed and declined. It was noted that there is no direct contact with the travelling community although the Senior H&S representative for the Showmen's Guild could close down rides immediately if required to do so. **Resolved:** The Bailiff is to be the liaison officer with the travellers. The main problem experienced this year was the horses in the crowd during the ridings. The Bailiff should be able to resolve this problem next year. The Clerk was instructed to produce a hierarchy graph and job descriptions for the Bailiff and a job description for the Clerk during the week of the fair. It was further agreed that a member of the travelling community should be invited to the ridings and the luncheon. It was noted that the Enforcement Officers vehicles in the High Street while the fair was arriving caused problems for the Showmen who were trying to site the rides.
- 61.3 It was agreed that the blessing of the fair will be moved to an earlier time of 10.30 a.m. in future years.
- 61.4 The the location of trees on the High Street and the mapping of fairground rides for future years was deferred to another meeting.
- 61.5 The services of Thornberry catering for the 2012 Yarm Fair were agreed unanimously. Proposed by Cllr. Monck and seconded by Cllr Webster. Speeches will take place after the main course and before the serving of the sweet.
- 61.6 It was brought to the attention of the Council and the Showmen's Guild that a report of an incident had been logged with the Clerk regarding an minor injury incurred on a Bouncy castle slide. There was no report of the incident in the First Aid Book. Cllr Wegg informed the Councilors that he had taken his grandchild on the same ride at approximately the same time and had found nothing un- towards. The report was forwarded to the Showmen's Guild who will investigate the incident and report back to the Council.
- 61.7 A letter form Stephanie Richardson regarding the Unfair funfair was noted. A meeting was declined. The Clerk is to inform Mrs. Richardson of the decision.

62 FARMERS MARKET

- 62.1 The discussion on the Farmers Market was deferred to the next meeting.

63 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

- 63.1 A change in the order of service as proposed by the church was noted. Cllrs requested that they meet at the cenotaph at 10.45 and that the two minutes silence should be observed on the last stroke of 11.00 o'clock.

Chairman.....

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64 CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING EVENT.

64.1 Cllr Hadlow informed Councilors that a performance list had been agreed and a program was to be devised with confirmation of a program. He further informed the Council that he had secured the services of a Santa and would order 3-4 buckets of lights. The event will start at 5 p.m.

65 THE QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

65.1 Cllr Chatburn informed the Council that he had secured the services of the Steam boats to run from the main jetty.

65.2 It was agreed that a road closure would need to be in place from 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. on Sunday 5th June 2012 at an approximate cost of £1500. Clerk to arrange.

66 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

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

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

67.1 The date of the next meeting of the Weigh and Tolls Committee was confirmed Tuesday 13th December 2011 at 7.00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:05 pm

Signed, this 13th day of December, 2011

Chairman.....

Date.....