

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Gallery Room at The Whitworth on Wednesday 15th January 2025

In attendance were Town Cllrs A Atkin, G Atkin, Curtis, Farmer, Godber, Mordue, and Wheeler. District Cllr Shelley. Also in attendance were Town Clerk Ian Adkin, Assistant Clerk Jason Hedley and CEO Sarah Rivett.

- FC0125/1** **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Town Councillors Bishop, Chapman, Paterson, Wilson, PSCO Thompson and District Cllr Burton. No apologies were received from District Cllr Franks.
- FC0125/2** **Consider any variations to the order of business** – None.
- FC0125/3** **Co-option of Councillor** – Georgina (Gee) Atkin requested to be co-opted onto the Council. It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Georgina onto the Council. The new councillor returned to the meeting.
- FC0125/4** **Declaration of member's interests** – None in addition to those advertised.
- FC0125/5** **To consider exclusion of press and public for any part of the meeting** – None.
- FC0125/6** **Previous minutes** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on 18th December 2024.
- FC0125/7** **Public participation** – None.
- FC0125/8** **Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police**

District Cllr Shelley provided the following update:

- Restructure of district council currently taking place.
- Public toilet review involves The Whitworth which will hopefully be advantageous to The Whitworth.
- Car parking charges to increase in main towns but will offer first 30 minutes parking for free.
- Grit bins – DDTC don't have enough grit allocated to us each year. County Cllr Hobson suggested that the Town Council writes to her regarding the grit bin issues.

County Cllr Hobson provided the following update:

- Peak District National Park is currently restructuring.
- Deadline for applying for primary schools is 15th January 2025.
- Recycling Centres - 47k people have registered to use the recycling centres in Derbyshire. Residents are able to register by calling DCC and this can also be done at libraries. Currently won't be turned away as it's a soft rollout. No cut off date was confirmed.
- Snow warden scheme gritting routes won't change although it would be nice to have more.

- Toilets and car parking urged to look at the reports and ensure concerns/comments are passed on.
- Halldale - no further update.
- Highways have been testing a new pothole resolution system. Please continue to report online as they must be reported on the portal.
- County Community Fund is all spent for the financial year of 24/25.
- The Whitworth complaint is being looked at by DDDC.
- Double yellow lines - still waiting for review to be finalised.

Town Clerk said he would send District Cllr Shelley and County Cllr Hobson the summary of why the precept for 24/25 has risen so they are able to answer questions from any residents.

FC0125/9 **Update from Northwood & Tinkersley** – None. Remove this from the agenda going forwards but ensure they are invited to attend if they wish.

FC0125/10 **Planning** –

- **24/01114/FUL:** Mr and Mrs S Hampson
DEVELOPMENT : Single storey xtension [SIC]
LOCATION : 4 Vale Rise Matlock Derbyshire DE4 3SN

The Town Council has no objection to the extension in principle, however, it objects to the render being used on the extension. The Town Council **RESOLVED** to submit the recommendation of **OBJECTION** on the following grounds:

- i. PD5 – Protect, enhance and restore the landscape character of the plan area.
- **25/00008/FUL:** Mr & Mrs Lowe
DEVELOPMENT: Proposed Extension and replacement Garage with Store/Study above
LOCATION: Leehurst Blind Lane Hackney Derbyshire DE4 2QE
It was **RESOLVED** to submit a recommendation of **NO OBJECTION**.

Save Farley Moor group are hosting another meeting at The Whitworth on 28th January.

FC0125/11 Finance –

i. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the January bank reconciliation.

15 January 2025	Clarity Copiers	Inv 254592 (printer services)	-£75.50	-£62.92	-£12.58
15 January 2025	Amazon Uk	GB41VD1GABEY (Stationary)	-£64.96	-£54.13	-£10.83
15 January 2025	Shelter Maintenance	Inv 16033	-£87.72	-£73.10	-£14.62
15 January 2025	Whitworth Trading Ltd	SI 1601 (office hire)	-£1,061.65	-£884.71	-£176.94
15 January 2025	Whitworth Trading Ltd	SI 1602 (room hire)	-£38.00	-£31.66	-£6.34
15 January 2025	Whitworth Trading Ltd	SI 1608 (room hire)	-£15.00	-£12.50	-£2.50
15 January 2025	Whitworth Trading Ltd	SI 1607 (room hire)	-£68.00	-£56.66	-£11.34
15 January 2025	Staff wages	Wages	-£4,799.23		
15 January 2025	HMRC	PAYE	-£1,477.34		
15 January 2025	Derbyshire Pension Fund	Staff Pensions	-£1,182.38		
15 January 2025	Whitworth Centre	SI 74 (Assorted Invoices)	-£5,986.88		

ii. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the proposed payments including those made under delegated powers.

07/01/2025	BHF Shops	Inv 010504 (Defib pads)	-£84.00	-£70.00	-£14.00	App C & RFO 6/01/24
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Big Green Energy event flyers and banners **RESOLVED** to accept payment of £170 to LM Creative.

iii. It was **RESOLVED** to reimburse the listed Whitworth invoices.

14/10/2024	PTSG	22/11/2024	241.00
18/11/2024	Boxx	26/11/2024	329.37
29/11/2024	British Gas	13/12/2024	1366.03
30/11/2024	Veolia	12/12/2024	308.31
16/12/2024	Boxx	24/12/2024	329.96
27/12/2024	Waterplus	09/01/2025	633.20
31/12/2024	British Gas	15/01/2025	1204.65
03/10/2024	Ecolab	27/11/2024	52.18
07/11/2024	Ecolab	08/01/2025	52.18
03/12/2024	Projan	03/12/2024	930.00
31/10/2024	Riber	08/01/2025	540.00
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iv. Grants – None.

FC0125/12 Update from the Whitworth Trust and Trading –

CLlr Wheeler provided an update on The Whitworth:

- Minimised the amount of spending.
- Ringfenced money to go through the outstanding health and safety issues.
- Boilers haven't met the requirements of the gas safety checks. Only 2 boilers working safely. The boilers are 15 years old and will need replacing. Trying to work with Valliant to get some funding via their Community Fund to pay for these. An estimated figure of £40k is expected to be needed for new boilers, if funding can't be gained a loan may have to be applied for. Valliant have confirmed they can discount the materials if not able to fund via Community Fund.
- The lift is working but not fit for public use – emergency call out needs replacing.

- Events Manager role is being advertised, and the temporary position has now been filled. The Finance Manager will reduce their hours to 15 per week from February.

FC0125/13 **Town Council Precept 2025-26** – CEO ran through the dates of announcing the increase of the Precept. It was confirmed that two public meetings were needed – ARC and The Whitworth.

FC0125/14 **Local land sales** – Ladygrove area is now up for sale. It would be a shame if not accessible to the public once bought. There are sporting, timber and mineral rights on the site. Online auction 20th January to the end of February. Guide price is £150k.

FC0125/15 **Twinning** – Cllr Farmer proposes that he meets with David Gray to discuss Twinning’s proposal. Defer to discuss at the February meeting.

FC0125/16 **Big Green Energy Event** – event will be held on Saturday 8th February at The Whitworth from 11am-3pm. Cllrs to let Cllr Mordue know if they are able to help on the day.

FC0125/17 **Community initiatives** – None.

FC0125/18 **Councillor updates** – None.

FC0125/19 **Clerks’ updates/correspondence** –

Play equipment – consultation ends 31st January and funding can then be applied for. A climbing wall has been suggested by Cllr Mordue. This will be discussed further once the new junior play equipment has been installed.

CEO to reach out to the local schools to see if they will take part in the consultation to capture children’s preferences.

10-14th February work experience student will be in the Town Council office.

FC0125/20 **Date of the next meeting** – Cllrs **RESOLVED** to hold the next Full Council meeting on Wednesday 19th February.

Meeting ended at 20:25pm.