



GREAT YARMOUTH
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Council

Date: Thursday, 16 May 2019
Time: 19:00
Venue: Council Chamber
Address: Town Hall, Hall Plain, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QF

AGENDA

Open to Public and Press

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

You have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter to be discussed if it relates to something on your Register of Interests form. You must declare the interest and leave the room while the matter is dealt with.

You have a Personal Interest in a matter to be discussed if it affects

- your well being or financial position
- that of your family or close friends
- that of a club or society in which you have a management role
- that of another public body of which you are a member to a greater extent than others in your ward.

You must declare a personal interest but can speak and vote on the matter.

Whenever you declare an interest you must say why the interest

arises, so that it can be included in the minutes.

3 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To consider any announcements from His worship the Mayor.

4 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any items of urgent business.

5 MINUTES

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To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd April 2019.

6 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

(a) The following question has been submitted to the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee from Mrs L Hewett of Scratby :

As I understand it the proposed budget (initially discussed March 2019), is going to be in the region of £26 million. Bearing in mind that building projects often run over budget, is there going to be written into the final contract with the builders that any delay or increase in budget will incur some kind of forfeit for the contractors and it is ensured that all the promised ramps / pods / poolside disability access are completed, before the final payment is made to the builders, as I am sure that these will be the first things to disappear when the budget is getting tight!

(b) The following question has been submitted to the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee from Gaynor Read, Director of Retroskate CIC and Secretary to RetroSkate Artistic Roller Skating Club :

RetroSkate is a not-for-profit community interest company that is privately funded and receives no grants. It was established in 2009 by 4 directors who wanted to return roller skating back to Great Yarmouth after a 20year absence. Its home is the former Piazza area of the Marina Centre, to which we have exclusive use, pay rent to Sentinel, business rates to GYBC and employ 12 people. Due to the level of support the business gained early on and the wish for some customers to take their new found skills to the next level, RetroSkate Artistic Roller Skating Club was formed. The club is

affiliated to the Federation of Artistic Roller Skating and allows its member to have access to a dedicated rink to train (over 40hrs per week across 6 groups) and then compete in the sport of artistic roller skating nationally and internationally. The club currently has 70 skating members, ranging from 5 to 55 years of age and is the largest and most successful roller skating club in the UK, with multiple Team GB selections, championships titles and awards since its inception.

Following on from RetroSkate's CIC wish to firmly place Great Yarmouth back on the skating map and with the strong partnership with the club, an annual skating competition is held in November. November 2019 would be its 10th gala. The competition is the most highly regarded club competition on the skating calendar. It attracts 15-18 clubs from all over the country, with 300 skaters in attendance as well as the 500+spectators. Previous mayors of Great Yarmouth council have attended and been astounded at the size and success of this event. It is held in November as it fits in with the international skating calendar and other club competitions. This also means that those attending benefit from better seafront parking arrangements are more availability at hotels and B&B's for those travelling from afar (many more than 4hours away). With the money these people spend in the local restaurants too, this gives a very well received boost to the 'out of season' economy.

RetroSkate CIC and Retroskate club has carried out extensive searches for suitable venues in which to relocate to, should the demolition of the Marina Centre happen. This unfortunately so far has been fruitless due to the open space required, planning restrictions, suitable locations, affordability and costs involved in making any premises fit for skating. Even if a venue did materialise in the next few months, any hope of it being ready to accommodate the sheer size and scale of the annual competition are non-existent. Whilst we have notified all clubs that the competition may not go ahead, many have already booked accommodation and made plans to attend in the hope that their optimism, support and inability to comprehend the closure of such a successful venue would go ahead.

Dates for any competition have to be submitted to the Federation of Artistic Roller Skating over a year in advance. The skating calendar is now full from September to November, so our scheduled date of 9th & 10th of November cannot be moved. We therefore ask that if the decision is taken to close and then demolish the existing Marina Centre, that the planning and timeline for this, allows for our 10th annual skating competition to go ahead. This would be in recognition of all the amazing achievements that RetroSkate and its skaters have proudly brought back to Great Yarmouth

(c) The following question has been submitted to the Chairman of

the Policy and Resources Committee from Mr J Cannell of the Great Yarmouth and District Trades Union Council :

In view of the recent statements of Government Ministers concerning the detrimental effects in the introduction of Universal Credit . Does the Council agree that Great Yarmouth is entitled to compensation for the effects that the system has caused to the Local Economy, this coupled with the cuts in the rate support grant has been catastrophic for the citizens of the Borough.

7 PETITIONS

Members are advised that a petition has been received with around 1500 signatures to protest against the closure of the Marina Centre - they want the new Marina Centre built elsewhere to ensure continuity of facilities.

Article 45 of the Council's Constitution relating to the Petition Scheme states that " If a petition contains more than 900 signatures it will be debated by the full Council". It also states that " The petition organiser will be given 10 minutes to present the petition at the meeting and the petition will then be discussed by Councillors for a maximum of 20 minutes".

8 GREAT YARMOUTH HEALTH AND FITNESS CENTRE

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Report attached.

9 NOTICE OF MOTION

To note that the following notices of motion have been submitted by Councillors Smith- Clare , Cordiner-Achenbach, Borg, T Wright, B Walker, Waters-Bunn and Martin

Just under three years ago Universal credit was introduced in Great Yarmouth. During this period claimants have descended into debt; relying on food banks and food kitchens - getting into rent arrears and in some cases getting evicted from their own homes. delays in the payment of Universal Credit has increased poverty and instances of anxiety and depression.

Council resolves to :

(1) agree that this Council has no confidence in Universal Credit

(2) call on the Leader of the Council to make representations to the Rt Hon Amber Rudd, Secretary of State at the Department for Work and Pensions to urge her to scrap Universal Credit and to replace it with a social security system that supports people and ensures that nobody is worse off, rather than driving them into greater poverty

(3) continue to support residents unduly affected by Universal Credit

10 APPOINTMENT OF LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

To appoint the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council.

11 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS 2019/20

Report to follow.

Note: Each Political Group can have two substitutes attend a Committee meeting, providing that in respect of the Development Control Committee and the Licensing Committee they have had the necessary training.

12 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR'S AND VICE-CHAIR'S OF COMMITTEES 2019/20

Report to follow.

13 APPOINTMENT OF WORKING GROUPS

Report to follow.

14 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR'S AND VICE-CHAIR'S OF WORKING GROUPS 2019/20

Report to follow.

15 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2018/19

Report to follow.

Note: Appointments will be for one year only whilst a review of Outside Bodies is undertaken.

16 GREAT YARMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS - 2 MAY 2019 25 - 28

Report attached.

17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

To consider any other business as may be determined by the Chairman of the meeting as being of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.

18 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

In the event of the Committee wishing to exclude the public from the meeting, the following resolution will be moved:-

"That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12(A) of the said Act."