



**GREAT YARMOUTH**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

# Full Council

**Date:** Tuesday, 12 April 2016  
**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 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

a) Question from Mr D Barber :-

" How can the Council justify a decision to deprive the second largest sports club within the Borough, Gt. Yarmouth Indoor Bowls Club, of its facilities within the Marina Centre, against the background of a government directive to improve the health and fitness of all ages within the community. Prolonging an active life will also help reduce pressure on the NHS.

The bowlers were told by Sentinel that the bowls facility was being excluded from the redevelopment of the Marina because it was losing money. This was proved to be untrue as they were unable to produce a breakdown of numbers, costs and income relating to individual areas within the Marina. The proposed capital expenditure of 6 to 7 million pounds by the Council on the Marina and Phoenix sites to provide additional gym and fitness facilities seems to be difficult to understand against a surplus availability within privately owned fitness centres in the borough."

b) Question from Mr J Cannell, President Great Yarmouth and District TUC:-

"What does the Borough Council view as the reasons for the problems of the Town Centre, with unoccupied shops etc, and the lack of footfall, plus the reasons for the general economic decline of the Borough."

### **4 REPORTS TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION**

#### **(a) COMMITTEE SYSTEM OF GOVERNANCE**

**7 - 18**

Report attached.

Please note : The Council's Constitution can be found at the bottom of the Full Council agenda web page.

#### **(b) BUSINESS CASE FOR DEVELOPING HOUSING AT SITE 25 BEACON PARK**

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Report attached.

#### **(c) BUSINESS CASE FOR DEVELOPING SITE 25 BEACON PARK - CONFIDENTIAL**

Details

#### **(d) QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY COMMUNITY GRANTS**

**29 - 36**

Report attached.

## **5**     **MINUTES**

**37 - 60**

To confirm the minutes of :-

- a) Council - 24 February 2016
- b) Cabinet - 4 April 2016
- c) Scrutiny - 25 February 2016
- d) Audit and Risk - 29 March 2016

## **6**     **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

To consider the following two questions from Councillor Sutton to Councillor C Smith, Cabinet Member (Environment) :-

- a) What progress has been made to address the repairs and maintenance issues in the children's play areas in Central and Northgate Ward drawn to your attention at the budget meeting?
- b) I have been calling for a meeting to discuss a new play area for the Beaconsfield since 2015 without success. Having visited the Beaconsfield play area what is your opinion of the standard and range of equipment for children and teenagers? Do you agree that the age and lack of play equipment, the size of the local population, justifies the call for significant investment in that play area and if so will you arrange a meeting of Ward Councillors and other interested parties to discuss a way forward?"

## **7**     **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

To consider the following Motions on Notice :-

- a) Motion from Councillors Walker, T Wainwright, H Wainwright, Williamson, Jeal and Robinson-Payne :-

"That the Council resolves to write to the Environment Minister to rethink planned changes in legislation allowing Ministers the power to override Local Council decisions not to grant Fracking Applications within their jurisdiction. This is a serious infringement of Local Democracy and an attack against communities wishing to protect their own environment."

- b) Motion from Councillors Wright, Williamson, T Wainwright, Jeal, Robinson-Payne and Walker :-

" Great Yarmouth Borough Council fully supports the BMA and the junior doctors in their dispute with the Government.

We believe it not to be in the interest of the citizens of our Borough of Great Yarmouth as well as throughout England to force a new contract on the junior doctors that will result in doctors having to work excessive hours at weekends and creating a situation that could put the welfare of hospital patients at risk.

It is noted that already our James Paget University Hospital has a shortage of

doctors which in itself creates extra stress on all the staff, and the Government insistence on forcing through their new contract will do nothing to encourage new recruits into our health service.

We call on our Member of Parliament to use his office to persuade the Secretary of State for Health, the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP to return to the negotiating table to discuss the BMA proposal which is cost neutral whilst giving adequate cover for our junior doctors and gives extra protection for patients."

c) Motion from Councillors T Wainwright, H Wainwright, Walker, Williamson, Wright and Pratt :-

That the Council resolves to write to Gregg Clarke, Minister for Local Government, expressing GYBC's concerns regarding the devolution proposals.

It is fundamentally undemocratic to change the nature of our local democracy without full consultation with the people who will be affected by these proposals.

The proposals should be temporarily withdrawn until such time as due consultation has been held.

1. Where is the accountability, democracy and transparency in these proposals ?
2. Were these proposals put to the people at the 2015 Election ?
3. What evidence is there that shows the electorate support such changes ?

Until such time as these questions remain unanswered, GYBC should withdraw from all future negotiations.

d) Motion from Councillors Grey, Annison, Andrews, Cutting, Rodwell and Bird :-

" This Council notes the announcement by the Chancellor of a devolution deal for the East in his budget on the 16 March 2016. This Council welcomes the commitment of the Government for increased investment in infrastructure in the East of England, but regrets that in its current form is NOT acceptable to this Council.

This Council resolves to:-

1. That although reference is made to the Third River Crossing and dualling of the Acle Straight in the East Devolution Agreement, the Third River Crossing in Great Yarmouth must have a cast iron guarantee with a time frame for works to be implemented, as part of the East Devolution Agreement.

And

2. To formally declare and record GYBC's opposition to the proposal for an elected Mayor for Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

**8      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.