

**THORNABY TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 8 December 2009
6.30pm**

Present: Councillor's G Green, R Mosley, Pat Large, M Eddy, Sylvia Walmsley, Steve Walmsley, E Craggs, M Moore.

Guest: Emma Champley, Chris Renahan and Doug Nicholson.

Officer: Debbie Rudd

Members of the Public: None

Minutes prepared by Town Clerk

FC/09/117: Apologies: Councillor's Allison Trainer, M Trainer, I Dalgarno, D Kennington and Tina Large. **Apologies Accepted.**

FC/09/118: Declarations of Interest: None.

It was proposed and agreed to bring forward agenda items 9, 10, and 11 to enable guest to present reports to members.

FC/09/119: Drug and Alcohol Misuse Presentation- Emma Champley present slides and notes on the issue of drug and alcohol misuse in the borough of Stockton-on-Tees. She explained about the various agencies who are working together to provide help and advice. She gave members statistics of street drug monitoring, needle finds and emergency hospital admissions by ward location. The chair thanked Emma for her presentation and informed her that TTC support the work of the Drug Awareness Team. It was agreed to allocate a page in the next addition of Thornaby Pride to the team. Emma Champley to provide article

FC/09/120: Teesvalley Bus Network Improvements - Mandale Triangle – Mr Renahan explained the road improvements to Mandale Triangle. The improvements will help to insure an enhanced bus service. Members voiced concerns about the flow of traffic and the impact to drivers. **Mr Renahan agreed to feed back TTC's concerns.**

FC/09/121: Tees Country Park Update – Mr Doug Nicholson Chairman of, Friends of Tees Heritage Park (FTHP) gave an update to members on the submission being prepared for Lottery funding. He showed members photo montages of gateways into the parks and other schemes planned. He made a request for support from TTC to help secure funding. **Members agreed to support the funding application instructing the clerk to write letter of support.**

FC/09/122: Clerks Report: The clerk gave her report to members, please see Appendix 1.

FC/09/123: Minutes of Full Council Tuesday 20 October 2009 - Approved as a correct record.

FC/09/124: Minutes of Environment Meeting Tuesday 3 November 2009- Approved as a correct record.

FC/09/125: Minutes of Finance & General Purpose (precept) Committee Meeting –Tuesday 17 November 2009- Approved as a correct record.

FC/09/126: Minutes of Special Full Council- Tuesday 24 November 2009 - Approved as a correct record.

FC/09/127: Minutes of Full Council (precept)-Tuesday 1 December 2009- – Deferred until next meeting due to the minutes not being available.

FC/09/128 Sale of Thornaby Town Hall – Members discussed the proposed sale of Thornaby Town Hall, how no meaningful consultation had taken place and the concern that public money will be used. It was agreed to write to government ministers expressing TTC's concerns that public money will be

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used to purchase and refurbish the building, also voicing concerns that no meaningful consultation has taken place with the Thornaby community.

FC/09/129: Meeting Dates – Members were each given a list of meeting/events date for the year 2010. Members proposed, seconded and agreed to the dates.

FC/09/130: Correspondence – Members were each given a copy of the following:

- Email received from VPRA thanking TTC on behalf of residents for organising the Remembrance Sunday Parade.
- Letter received from VPRA expressing thanks and praise to TTC councillors and staff for the hard work and commitment ensuring planned events took place, despite appalling weather conditions throughout the year.

FC/09/1131: A.O.B. The clerk made a request for signatories to sign cheques. Only one presentation per meeting.

Meeting Closed

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**Thornaby Town Council
Clerks Report
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1. **Propeller:** The propeller has now been taken away to be re varnished. Architects are devising a plan to reinstall the propeller back into the library along with a plaque and photographs.
2. **Bus:** The bus service started yesterday, Geoff, Celia and I went along for a ride and to meet passengers. The bus got quite full and we started to get concerned they would not be enough seats, the driver informed us that all passengers need to be seated, so although they was a lot of standing room it could not be used, I think we may need to look at a larger bus if passenger numbers increase. We have taken nearly 300 registrations with most people being in favour of it. They was one phone call from a lady who disagrees with the bus and feels she should not be made to travel with the elderly and disabled, she wants to see the return of a public bus service along the route, I explained that due to limited resources and after much discussion with the bus companies this was the most viable idea we could come up with, I also explained that it will be reviewed in 3 months, she also voiced her opinion that she felt it was unfair to only allow concessionary bus pass holders to travel. Another suggestion was to change one of the days we run the service from Thursday to Wednesday when the market is on.
3. **Redcar Road/Northumberland Road Closure:** It has been minuted that posts had been removed and emergency service had been given permission to travel over the greenbelt. No posts have been removed. Today we have been notified of temporary road closer to the other end of Redcar Road, the closure will effort Diamond Road and Northallerton Rd with work starting around the 18 Jan.
4. **Re sighting of Dog Bins.** I have contacted CFYA and will inform all of reply at the next meeting of Environment Committee. Suggestions received from SBC as to where new bins could be placed.
5. **Carol Concert:** Due to very poor response from schools we have had no alternative but to cancel this year's Carol Concert. Also had very poor response to the Christmas Card competition, only 2 schools sending in cards.