



Horsforth Town Council

Extraordinary Meeting Full Council Minutes Wednesday 4 November 2020 at 7.00pm

Present: In Chair – Cllr J Garvani

| Broadfields | Brownberrie | Hall Park | Victoria | Woodside |
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| Sam Dowling | Reiss Capitano | Simon Dowling | Jude Arbuckle | Chris Calvert |
| John Garvani | Dawn Collins | Richard Hardcastle | Becca Batchelor | Rob Jacques |
| Eddie Hyndes | Rob Harris | Gordon MacFarlane | Becky Heaviside | |
| Raymond Jones | Matt Leech | Peter Mallott | David Prater | |
| Rosa Shaw | | Tracy Stones | Charlotte Sellers | |

In attendance: J Sou – Clerk; L Farrell – Assistant Clerk; 2 members of the public

HTC/20.52 – HTC/60 These minute numbers have been left blank intentionally.

HTC/20.61 To receive apologies for absence and to consider the reason for the absence
RESOLVED: That the apologies and reasons for absence from Cllr C Glover be accepted.

HTC/20.62 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and other Interests
None declared.

HTC/20.63 Public Participation
No questions or comments from members of the public.

HTC/20.64 To consider a motion to provide free school meals to school children during school holidays

Motion in the name of Cllr J Garvani stated as follows:

“Horsforth Town Council notes and applauds the current campaign led by Marcus Rashford to extend provision of free school meals to cover the school holidays.

This Council also notes:

1. The defeat in the House of Commons of the motion calling for the provision of free school meals over school holidays up until Easter 2021.
2. The level of support from members of the public to the provision of FSM over the holidays as shown by posts on Horsforth Community Group Facebook group.
3. The number of Horsforth businesses that have stepped up to help feed children normally in receipt of free school meals.

This Council resolves:

1. To create an initial fund of £5000 from monies the Council has been unable to spend due to Covid restrictions and from unallocated reserves.
2. This fund to made available to organisations such as
 - Horsforth Food Hub

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- Fareshare Leeds
- Leeds North & West Foodbank

to draw upon to provide additional food parcels where necessary.

3. This fund to also be available to support catering businesses that are offering free meals over school holidays.

4. This fund to be available up and including Easter 2021 school holidays.”

Motion moved by Cllr J Garvani; seconded by Cllr S M Dowling.

Cllr S M Dowling proposed an amendment to the motion to include the following:

“Council is to put in place suitable control measures as to how the money is distributed.

The control measures include an application process where validity of people applying for funds can be checked and monitored.”

The amendment was moved by Cllr S M Dowling; seconded by Cllr R Jacques.

Cllr D Collins also gave notice of proposed amendments to the original motion, the wording of which was shown to the meeting. The amendments were not formally moved but were considered by the meeting.

Members debated the original motion, the amendment moved by Cllr S M Dowling and the amendments proposed by Cllr D Collins.

A letter from Reverend Nigel Sinclair sent to all members giving information on current provision during school holidays in Horsforth and possible arrangements for future provision was considered by members.

Cllr S M Dowling withdrew his proposed amendment. Cllr R Jacques, as seconder, and the meeting consented to the withdrawal.

Cllr J Garvani moved an amendment to his original motion to incorporate proposals made by Cllr D Collins as follows:

- To insert the following new paragraphs 4 and 5 after paragraph 3 of “This Council also notes:”
 - “4. Based on the most recent publicly available information there are 247 children in Horsforth eligible for free school meals of whom 192 actually claim them.
 - 5. Hardship is not confined to parents who qualify for free school meals but is also experienced by parents with reduced income as a result of Coronavirus.”
- To replace paragraphs 2 and 3 of “This Council resolves:” with the following:
 - “2. This fund to be available for the provision of free school meals during school holidays for families in Horsforth in need of additional support during school holidays.
 - 3. To work with leaders in the community and community groups to enable the targeting of this fund to be fair, effective and safe.”

To insert a new paragraph 5 after paragraph 4 of “this Council resolves:” as follows:

“5. To support community groups in seeking additional funding or this project.”

Cllr S M Dowling, as seconder of the original motion, and the meeting consented to the amendment.

The motion, amended as agreed, was put to the vote.

A recorded vote was requested.

RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

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Horsforth Town Council notes and applauds the current campaign led by Marcus Rashford to extend provision of free school meals to cover the school holidays.

This Council also notes:

- 1. The defeat in the House of Commons of the motion calling for the provision of free school meals over school holidays up until Easter 2021.**
- 2. The level of support from members of the public to the provision of free school meals over the holidays as shown by posts on Horsforth Community Group Facebook group.**
- 3. The number of Horsforth businesses that have stepped up to help feed children normally in receipt of free school meals.**
- 4. Based on the most recent publicly available information there are 257 children in Horsforth eligible for Free School Meals of whom 192 actually claim them.**
- 5. Hardship is not confined to parents of children who qualify for free school meals but is also experienced by parents with reduced income as a result of Coronavirus.**

This Council resolves:

- 1. To create an initial fund of up to £5000 from monies the Council has been unable to spend due to Covid restrictions and from unallocated reserves.**
- 2. This fund to be available for the provision of free school meals during school holidays for families in Horsforth in need of additional support during school holidays.**
- 3. To work with leaders in the community and community groups to enable the targeting of this fund to be fair, effective and safe.**
- 4. This fund to be available up to and including Easter 2021 school holidays.**
- 5. To support community groups in seeking additional funding for this project.**

The motion as amended was carried unanimously.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm

Distribution: Cllrs J Arbuckle, B Batchelor, C Calvert, R Capitano, D Collins, SM Dowling, SL Dowling, J Garvani, C Glover, R Hardcastle, R Harris, B Heaviside, E Hyndes, R Jacques R Jones, M Leech, G MacFarlane, P Mallott, D Prater, C Sellers, R Shaw, T Stones

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