

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN
COUNCIL
HELD AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE
on Thursday 08 August 2024**

PRESENT: **Chair:** Mayor - Councillor Margy Longhurst

Councillors: A Bell, K Davies, M Flood, H Gostlow, S Oakes and
H Westmancoat

Staff Present: The Clerk

Late Arrivals: None **Early Departures:** None

Absent: K Lacey

24/174 **ITEM 1 – To receive apologies and consider approval of inability to attend the meeting:**

RESOLVED: To receive apologies and approve reasons for inability to attend from Councillors Batt, Goode, Pickard and Walker

24/175 **ITEM 2 – Councillors’ Disclosure of an Interest** - none for this meeting

24/176 **ITEM 3 - KTC Public Speaking Session** - none for this meeting

24/177 **ITEM 4 - To consider approval of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund final application form to request funding to assist with the decarbonisation of the Knaresborough (Stockwell) Wellbeing Hub. The approved form to then be submitted by the Clerk, on behalf of the Town Council, to North Yorkshire Council.**

Councillor Bell summarised the work that had been undertaken to get the application ready to submit. Councillor Davies, although fully supportive of the principle of installing solar panels at the Hub raised some questions about the application form and the processes involved. It was pointed out that the SPF funding was dependant on the confirmation of additional funding from the North Yorkshire ACC grant. It was confirmed that should the funding application be successful and that KTC leads the award for the contract for works to be carried out financial regulations must be followed, and the work would go out to tender.

Councillor Davies asked for assurances in writing from NYC that it will cover any ongoing costs for the remainder of their lease on the building and that they are responsible for the risks in relation to the satisfactory conclusion of the project. The Clerk agreed that such a document was needed and would be kept on file for future

reference. All agreed that no future liability should fall on KTC or the taxpayers of Knaresborough.

The Clerk stated that normal VAT return rules would apply, and it would need to be established what was included in the grant funding and who would be awarding the contract for works should the project go ahead – NYC or KTC.

RESOLVED: To approve the UK Shared Prosperity Fund final application form to request funding to assist with the decarbonisation of the Knaresborough (Stockwell) Wellbeing Hub as presented. The approved form to be submitted by the Clerk, on behalf of the Town Council, to North Yorkshire Council.

Meeting closed at: 7.25 p.m.

**Signed by the Mayor:
Councillor M Longhurst**