# MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE on Monday 19 May 2025

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

**Councillors**: A Bell, H Gostlow, K Lacey, S Oakes, J Pickard,

M Walker and H Westmancoat

**Staff Present:** The Clerk

Late Arrivals: None Early Departures: None

## 25/223 <u>ITEM 1 – To receive apologies and consider approval of inability to attend the meeting:</u>

**RESOLVED:** To receive apologies and approve reasons for inability to attend from Councillors J Batt, M Flood, K Davies and D Goode.

#### 25/224 ITEM 2 - Councillors' Disclosure of an Interest

Councillors Gostlow and Walker declared they are North Yorkshire Councillors.

#### 25/225 ITEM 3 - KTC Public Speaking Session – none for this meeting

### 25/226 ITEM 4 – Confidential Session

**RESOLVED:** That in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted re ITEM 4.1 pertaining to commercially sensitive information, the item be dealt with in private session and, subject to the provisions of Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as amended), the meeting be not open to members of the public and press.

**4.1 To consider** the approval of the business case relating to the possible transfer of the Wednesday Market from North Yorkshire Council.

Councillors discussed the document received from the consultant and praised the work done. Councillor Gostlow summarised the discussions held earlier by the Market working group and outlined its recommendations.

**RESOLVED:** 'That Knaresborough Town Council (KTC) agrees to formally submit the Business Case to North Yorkshire Council to facilitate the proposed transfer of Knaresborough's Chartered Market, subject to final negotiations.'

**4.2 To decide** on a communications strategy/consultation process in line with KTC's decision above.

The Clerk mentioned that once submitted, the Business Case would need to be considered at committee and Executive level within NYC and this timeframe is out of KTC's control.

**RESOLVED:** That Knaresborough Town Council (KTC) agrees to nominate Cllr J Pickard and Cllr H Gostlow as its representatives in negotiations/discussions with North Yorkshire Council concerning the transfer of the Knaresborough Market and gives delegated authority to the Clerk to support and work with them in this role.

The Market working group will continue to operate until such a time as Full Council form a Market Committee as advised.

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That KTC conduct a simple public consultation to determine support for the overall project, given that it may incur a cost to the local taxpayer in the first instance.

"Do you support Knaresborough Town Council (KTC) assuming responsibility for managing Knaresborough's chartered market, with the aim of revitalising this historic asset to better serve the residents and local business needs, acknowledging that there is financial risk to KTC and therefore a potential cost to taxpayers? KTC is committed to mitigating against the risk where it has the power to do so."

Meeting closed at: 7:36 p.m.

Signed by the Mayor:

**Councillor M Longhurst**