KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL (KTC)

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29 January 2025

To: The Members of the Projects, Community and Environment Committee – J Batt, A Bell, M Flood, H Gostlow, K Lacey, S Oakes, J Pickard, M Walker and H Westmancoat

Dear Councillors:

I hereby summon you to the following meeting of **KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL PROJECTS, COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** to be held at Knaresborough House, Knaresborough, HG5 0HW on:

Tuesday 04 February 2025

7:00 pm

Please see the Agenda for the meeting below:

Yours faithfully

A Pulman

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COUNCIL AGENDA - Tuesday 04 February 2025

- **1. To receive apologies and consider approval** of the reasons for inability to attend the meeting.
- **2. To receive** declarations of **disclosable pecuniary interests** (not previously declared) on any matters of business and to consider any written requests for **dispensation**.

3. KTC Public Speaking Session

Any member of the public who wishes to speak about an item on this agenda, or any topic they wish to bring to council's attention, does not need to give notice but priority will be given to those who have given prior notice to the Clerk – please see contact details on the front of this agenda.

Short presentation from North Yorkshire Council Regeneration Officers, followed by Councillor Q and A.

- **4.** To consider and, if thought fit, approve as a correct record, the Minutes of the Projects and Events Committee Meetings held on:
- **4.1** Tuesday 08 October 2024 (ca)
- 5. Reports/Information from the Clerk
- **5.1 To receive and note** relevant budget v expenditure to date (ca)
- **5.2 To formally agree the date** of the next Bright Friday event as Friday 28th November 2025
- **5.3 To receive and note** the latest report from KTC's Community Projects Officer *(ca)*

6. Correspondence

- **6.1 To consider** the request from the Knaresborough branch of the Royal British Legion for a big screen and/or a better sound system for Remembrance Sunday.
- **6.2 To consider** the request from Knaresborough and District Chamber to co-opt 2 named members onto the KTC Market Working Group *(ca)*
- **6.3 To consider** the report from Knaresborough Community Energy re Knaresborough Community Centre (Stockwell) Solar PV and Battery Energy Storage System and **decide** next steps (including engaging a Health and Safety professional to review the contractor's health and safety documentation). (*Report and recommended contractor details previously circulated to Councillors due to the confidential nature of information pertaining to contracts).*

7. Reports from Full Council, Sub-Committees and Working Groups

- **7.1 To receive and note** the notes from the VE and VJ Day 80th Anniversary working group meeting held on 14 October 2024 and **receive** a verbal report from the working group on next steps (ca)
- **7.2 To note** the meetings of the KTC Climate Emergency Sub Committee held on 10 July 24, 03 September 24 and 14 November 24 (The meeting notes not distributed due to the confidential information that pertains to personal details)
- **7.3 To receive** a verbal update from the Climate Emergency Sub Committee re Urban Highway Grass Cutting and **decide** on next steps.
- **7.4 To receive and note** the notes from the 2025 Enclosures Act Commemoration working group meetings held on 5 November 2024 and 19 November 2024 (*ca*)
- 7.5 To briefly discuss the 2024 Christmas lighting scheme and decide next steps
- **7.6 To receive** a verbal update on the Bright Friday 2024 event and **decide** next steps

8. Motions from Councillors

Councillor J Batt:

"That Knaresborough Town Council commits to celebrating the 900th anniversary of the Castle in 2030, with commemorations to be held around Maundy Thursday 18 April 2023, and will organise such events that are suitable for the occasion".

Councillor J Pickard:

"That Knaresborough Town Council purchase a branded gazebo for use at various community events, to highlight KTC's presence at events and use to clearly signpost facilities such as First Aid provision. That the Clerk be given the delegated authority to purchase a gazebo up to the value of £1500".

9. Demonstration of Trello by Cllr Pickard and how it is envisaged that this webbased project management tool will provide potential benefits for communication and organisation of KTC projects and events. **To decide** if the Projects, Community and Events Committee want to trial Trello.

Note: Members of the public and press are invited to attend the meeting as observers. Only Town Councillors are entitled to vote. A list of Councillors is available on the website or notice board at Knaresborough House. Agenda papers may be viewed on the website or purchased at the Town Clerk's office.

A copy of the agenda in larger print is available on request.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL'S PROJECTS, COMMUNITY and ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE on Tuesday 08 October 2024

PRESENT: Chair:

Councillor Pickard

Councillors:

A Bell, M Flood, H Gostlow, K Lacey, S Oakes,

M Walker and H Westmancoat

Staff Present:

The Clerk and Community Projects Officer

Absent:

J Batt

24/011 ITEM 1 - To receive Apologies and consider approval of the reasons for inability to attend the meeting – none for this meeting.

24/012 ITEM 2 - To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests (not previously declared) on any matters of business and to consider any written requests for dispensation. — none for this meeting.

24/013 ITEM 3 - KTC Public Speaking Session – none for this meeting.

24/014 ITEM 4 – To consider and, if thought fit, **approve** as a correct record, **the Minutes** of the **Projects and Events Committee** Meetings held on:

4.1 Tuesday 02 July 2024

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Projects, Community and Environment committee meeting held on Tuesday 02 July 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

24/015 ITEM 5 – Business Remaining - None for this meeting

24/016 ITEM 6 - Reports/Information from the Clerk

6.1 To review and adopt the food vendors booking form, traders' information, terms and conditions, and privacy notice for future KTC events

Councillors asked that their thanks to Hazel Haas to be recorded for providing the templates for the documentation. It was asked that the KTC logo be incorporated in the documentation.

RESOLVED: To adopt the forms as listed, with the addition of KTC branding.

6.2 To receive and note the site-specific risk assessment and method statement for the use of the trailer stage at Bright Friday.

Councillors Pickard and Flood mentioned that they are still to draw up a potential hire agreement document, but in the meantime, this was a comprehensive risk assessment to be used for the stage by KTC at events.

RESOLVED: To receive and note the site-specific risk assessment and method statement for the use of the trailer stage at Bright Friday.

24/017 ITEM 7 - Correspondence

7.1 To consider KTC taking part in the 2024 Christmas Tree Festival as part of Council's community engagement as detailed in project No. 7 on its action plan. To give the Clerk delegated authority to use monies from the Promotion/Communication budget line

RESOLVED: KTC to apply to take part in the Christmas Tree Festival held at St John's Church and to give Clerk delegated authority to use the promotion/communication budget if needed.

7.2 To consider forming a small working group to look at event road closure management in Knaresborough.

RESOLVED: To set up a task and finish working group. Councillors Lacey, Gostlow and Pickard volunteered to be part of the group.

24/018 ITEM 8 – Reports from Full Council, Sub-Committees and Working Groups

8.1 To receive a verbal report from the VE day working group

The group have not met yet, but councillors indicated that they want to stick to a simple commemoration on the evening of the 8th May 2025.

8.2 To receive and note the minutes of the Bright Friday sub-committee meeting held on Monday 21 August 2024 *(ca)*

RESOLVED: To receive and note

Meeting closed at: 7:32 p.m.

Signed by the Chair Councillor: J Pickard

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Projects, Community and Environment Committee report for 4 February 2025 meeting - Hannah Read, Community Projects Officer

KTC events and projects since the last PCE meeting on 8 Oct 2024:

Launch event for The Mayor of Knaresborough Tour Guides

On 16 October we held an open day at Knaresborough House to launch the ITG White Badge Training Course and to share the opportunity to become one of the The Mayor of Knaresborough's Tour Guides. The day was well attended and following publicity, media coverage and a successful recruitment drive, 11 volunteers were offered a place on the ITG White Badge training course starting in January 2025. Since the successful recruitment of the volunteers, the office has supported Cllr Margy Longhurst and course director Sarah Cowling in preparing for the start of the course (communications with volunteers, room bookings, seminar timetables, course materials etc), including new policies (volunteering and safeguarding) and volunteer agreements approved by the Council in December.

- Remembrance Sunday - 10 November 2024

The office supported the Knaresborough Branch of The Royal British Legion in the organisation of Remembrance Sunday, including submitting the appropriate documentation to NYC and SAG team, First Aid Cover arrangements, liaising with Knaresborough Castle Courthouse Museum regarding power for the event, engaging a road traffic management company for road closures. KTC staff and Councillors were present at both the Church service and parade, and at the Castle Grounds to provide sound for the Service at the War Memorial, and to support the event by providing a 'missing and found children and vulnerable adults' point and marshaling.

Cllr James Pickard supported the 1953 Knaresborough Squadron Air Training Corps and RBL as they installed the poppy display in the castle grounds.

Bright Friday – 29 November 2024

Following the successful event which saw large crowds gather for the annual Christmas Lights switch-on in the market place, the KTC stage in use and a road traffic management company Chevron utilised for the road closures, the working group are meeting on Wed 29 January for a wash-up meeting. Challenges for future Bright Friday events include the implications of larger crowds including, sound systems, the potential need for security and increased personnel from the traffic management company for road closures. Verbal update to be given at committee meeting.

- Knaresborough Christmas Tree Festival at St John's Church - December 2025

Hannah R worked with Cllr Shan Oakes on a concept for the KTC Tree at the Christmas Tree festival, source a tree(s), decorations etc. Together they installed the tree and dismantled the display once the festival was over.

Having a KTC presence at the Christmas Tree Festival was positive. Part of the display invited visitors to the festival to write gift tags to hang on the tree, sharing things they most value about Knaresborough. All the tags hung on the KTC trees were positive, with repeated themes of 'green spaces' and 'nature', 'community / community spirit', 'local shops' and 'Wednesday market as things that are most valued about Knaresborough.

Commuted Sums - Official opening of Mint Garth play area

Planned for 28 February 2025, Hannah R supporting NYC and KTC Councillors in arrangements for the official opening of the recently updated play area.

Commuted Sums for King George V field – discussions currently on hold due to legal department at NYC investigating responsibilities of ownership of the playground, skatepark and MUGA on the field.

KTC Newsletter - Winter Issue - December 2025

The winter issue of the KTC newsletter can be found on the KTC website under the News and Events tab.

- Start of ITG Tour Guiding Training Course - January 2025

Despite the snow and ice, meaning the first day of the ITG White Badge training course was postponed by a week, the course has started well. Hannah R has worked with Cllr Margy Longhurst and course director Sarah Cowling to reschedule the seminar timetable, room bookings etc. We have 10 volunteer guides (one had to withdraw due to unforeseen circumstances) who have all started with great enthusiasm. The course is well supported by many individuals and groups in Knaresborough who are providing content and seminars for our trainee guides. The guides will complete their training with exams in May and be ready to begin as official ITG White Badge Tour Guides following a graduation ceremony in June (date to be confirmed).

Police and Community Liaison meetings

KTC continue to host quarterly Police and Community Liaison meetings. The Group is made up of local police officers, local councillors, community hubs, local school representatives and youth workers. The Community Project Officer's role is to support the Chair Cllr Kathryn Davies in the arrangements for the meetings and minutes. This regular meeting has gained momentum, and all involved value the opportunity for regular updates and dialogue. Minutes from each meeting can be found on the KTC website under the tab News and Events.

One encouraging statistic noted by the Police is that anti-social behaviour incidents in the Town have decreased by 20% in the last 12 months, which is a significant achievement for the local police working in partnership with the community and this group.

Enclosure Act 255th Anniversary – 13 August 2025

Plans continue with regular meetings of the Task and Finish group for the commemoration of the 255th anniversary of the Enclosure Act on Wednesday 13 August 2025. A civic event will be held at Knaresborough House to include a guided walk from the Castle Grounds to Knaresborough House for invited guests, a buffet lunch and the choice of attending a seminar about the history of the Enclosure Act in Knaresborough, or a walk to the Kiosk at Conyngham Hall and on to Knaresborough Forest Park. KTC are also working with the Kiosk at Conyngham and Feva to organise a 'Knaresborough Forest Day – Family Fun Day' event at the Kiosk at Conyngham also on 13 August, as part of the Feva calendar of events. The Family Fun Day will have a forest / nature / green theme. The KTC Emergency Climate Change sub committee are invited to have a stall at the event and use the opportunity to engage with residents and raise awareness.

Opportunity to link up with Knaresborough Forest Park and the narrative of people taking back ownership of the land.

VE and VJ Day 80 Anniversary on 8 May 2025

The working group are meeting on 29 January to progress plans for an evening event on Thursday 8 May 2025 in the Castle Grounds to commemorate / celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE and VJ Day. KTC will work with other organisations in the town to organise the evening event, including the RBL and local cadet corps and will conclude with KTC joining the nation with the lighting of the beacon at the War Memorial overlooking the viaduct. KTC are currently pursuing permissions from NYC and working on event plans. Verbal update to be given at committee meeting.

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From: peter.lacey@knaresboroughchamber.org

Sent: 17 January 2025 08:47

To: Knaresborough

Subject: Market working group

Importance: High

Flag Status: Flagged

Angela

This may have been an oversight on my part as I thought I had sent this email to you on the 9th January, but cannot find it in my sent folder. Anyway, the below arose from the most recent Chamber of Trade meeting on the 8th January.

Following a meeting of Knaresborough & District Chamber of Trade on the 8th January I have been asked to write to you to request that the Market Working Group co-opt two representatives from Chamber, namely Bill Taylor and Steve Teggin, onto the group. We recognise that part of the work undertaken by the group, at the discretion of the chair, may need to take place in private and that any decisions made by the group or by Town Council will be theirs to make. However, we believe that the information and links to Market Traders and local businesses that this arrangement would bring, and the level of transparency and confidence in what is clearly a challenging process will be greatly enhanced by this arrangement.

Perhaps you could present this request to the next meeting of the Market Working Group.

Peter Lacey

Exec Member, Knaresborough & District Chamber of Trade



VE and VJ Day 80th Anniversary – 8th May 2025 Meeting of KTC working group 14 Oct 2024 – notes

Attendees

Cllr James Pickard Cllr Hannah Gostlow Hannah Read (Community Project Officer) **Apologies** Cllr Mark Flood

The working group met to discuss how Knaresborough Town Council plan to observe the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 8th May 2025 – 'a shared moment of celebration'.

- The group discussed various opportunities and possibilities to mark and celebrate VE Day 80 in Knaresborough; what would be possible and appropriate with Councillor / KTC staff capacities and the perceived appetite for VE Day from the community.
- Similarly to D-Day 80th Anniversary in June 2024, the 80th Anniversary of VE Day falls on Thursday. It was noted this is mid-week, a working day and school day for a large proportion of the town, and therefore limits options for activities on the actual date – 8th May 2025.
- The group discussed the option of having an evening event in the Castle grounds on Thursday 8th
 May, similar to D-Day 80, but with a celebratory atmosphere instead of commemoration.
 Suggestions for the evening include:
 - Performances: bands / singers Orb House Band, Silver Band, Clare Robinson, dance groups Freedom Dance Company, Choirs (possibility of young voices choir of school children from the different primary schools).
 - Suggested start time of 6pm to allow children to join the celebrations, 6 7:30pm children's choirs / dance performances, this may allow us to attract a wider audience than came to D-Day 80.
 - A few food vendors (including fish and chips Britain's favourite dish)
 - Royal British Legion / Cadets invited to have stalls. Not to parade. No formal / organised service or wreath laying.
 - Bunting at the Castle
 - Encourage 1940's dress / costumes
 - Hire deck chairs (Sophie Loves Harrogate business)
 - Join Nation with the lighting of the Beacon at War Memorial at 9:30pm
 - Silver Band to lead 'I vow to thee my country' song / hymn at War Memorial as Beacon is lit.
 - VE Day 80 Tribute to be read by Mayor / Town Crier
 - Event ends after lighting of beacon and tribute read.

Other ideas:

 KTC to create poster / infographic to sign-post residents to ways of celebrating VE Day – hosting street / garden parties, encouraging community celebrations. Create a KTC VE Day playlist for street parties / celebrations / commemorations.

- Approach NYC to discuss options for a town wide 'exemption' for street parties on Saturday 10th May 2025. (e.g. For residents/neighbours only · Only publicised to residents · Held in a quiet residential road · Organised by a resident · No need for road closures).
- Invite local Churches to take part in 'ringing out in celebration of 80 years of peace' ringing of church bells on 8th May 2025 at 6:30pm (details on VE Day 80 website)

Next meeting date tbc - early November.

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KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL – TASK AND FINISH GROUP FOR 2025 ENCLOSURE ACT COMMEMORATION

Notes from meeting on 5th November 2024

Knaresborough House, 10am

Present: Cllr Helen Westmancoat, Cllr Margy Longhurst, Cllr Shan Oakes, Hannah Read (KTC Community Projects Officer) notes.

The meeting was called to plan a civic event as part of the wider plans to commemorate the 255th anniversary of the Enclosure Act.

- Plans are already afoot to hold a 'Knaresborough Forest Day' family fun day at the Kiosk at Conyngham Hall on 13th August 2025 during Feva week, working in partnership with Feva and the Kiosk at Conyngham Hall. Wider themes for the day would be the local environment and nature surrounding Knaresborough, family and children focused activities and entertainment, sustainability, climate, and green spaces.
- The group discussed potential plans for Knaresborough Town Council (KTC) to hold a
 civic event at Knaresborough House to commemorate the 255th anniversary of the
 Enclosure Act on 13th August 2025 to run simultaneously alongside the community
 focused 'Knaresborough Forest Day' event.

Proposed plans for Civic Event on 13th August 2025:

- Invite civic dignitaries neighbouring mayors, MP, local leaders of voluntary groups and organisations, Town Criers,
- Start at Knaresborough Castle meet at 11:30am to be guided by newly trained the Mayor of Knaresborough's town guides; view from Castle top over gorge & viaduct, and then walk down to Knaresborough House for civic reception.
- 12 noon at Knaresborough House Assembly Hall for Light buffet lunch, teas & coffees (those that choose not to do the walk from the Castle grounds can come straight to Knaresborough House).
- Short talks from Mayor, (potentially Cllrs involved with Knaresborough Forest Park?)
- 1:30pm Guests are then given two options:
 - A walk from Knaresborough House, down to Kiosk at Conynham Hall (Knaresborough Forest Day / family fun day) and then on to Knaresborough Forest Park (for those who want to). There will be some activities going on at Knaresborough Forest Park as well (tbc).
 - A Seminar historical context for the commemoration of the 255th Anniversary of the Enclosure Act (venue and speaker tbc).
 - ACTION: HR to book rooms at Knaresborough House for Civic event on13 August 2025.
 - ACTION: Decide on venue and speaker for seminar ALL
 - **ACTION**: share plans with the wider T&F group organising Knaresborough Forest Day family fun day at the Kiosk at next meeting on 19th November 2024.

• Market Stall. The group agreed that it was a good idea to apply to have a market stall at the Knaresborough Wednesday market the week before the 13th August, on Wednesday 6th August to promote the family fun day at the kiosk, raise awareness about the reasons for commemorating / celebrating 'Knaresborough Forest Day' and the Enclosure Act. Links with KTC Climate Emergency subcommittee, and Knaresborough Forest Park to be explored beforehand and potentially a collaboration on the stall might be possible.

Date for next meeting:

TBC – Jan / Feb 2025 to agree invite list and compose invitation details

KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL – TASK AND FINISH GROUP FOR 2025 ENCLOSURE ACT COMMEMORATION

Notes from wider Task and Finish Group meeting on 19th November 2024 Knaresborough House, 10am

Present: Cllr Helen Westmancoat, Cllr Margy Longhurst, Hannah Read (KTC Community Projects Officer) notes, Clare Robinson and Liz Rochester (Community Stars)

Apologies: Rowena Lloyd (FEVA)

This meeting was held to plan Knaresborough Forest Day, and a Free Family Fun Day at the Kiosk at Conyngham on Wednesday 13th August 2025 (hosted in partnership by the Kiosk at Conyngham, Feva and KTC) as part of the wider plans KTC have to commemorate the 255th anniversary of the Enclosure Act with a civic event at Knaresborough House.

Email update from Rowena:

- Knaresborough Eleven Play: Consultations (story and script) begun with small groups.
 Workshop plans developed for wider groups. Request for facilitators about to go out I am happy to deliver some (or all) but would appreciate help, especially from people experienced in delivering community workshops.
- Unfortunately Stephen has had to step back from **Feva** and does not have time available to take on a new project. On the lookout for people to join working group to help with the production (and wider Feva spoken word).
- Discussions around family fun day and potential organisation who might like a presence. Event added to Feva calendar. Committee meeting for Feva postponed to this week, so invitation and save the date will go out after this.

The group discussed this update.

Knaresborough Forest Day: The group felt that perhaps we approach specific groups / organisations who may want to have a presence that day (groups with an environmental focus such as green connectors, or with a children / family focus etc) as it was felt the event didn't want/need too many groups and potentially they could be situated under the existing gazebo at the kiosk (?), rather than on the grass (to be decided). Next time we meet in January we can come up with a list of which groups / organisations to invite/approach.

ACTION: Clare and Liz are going to come to January meeting with ideas for activities at the Kiosk for Knaresborough Forest Day, and then to liaise with Rowena about any Feva activities that could be part of the timetable for the day at the Kiosk.

Other ideas discussed:

Market Stall week before – Wednesday 6th August. The idea of having a stall at the Wednesday market the week before to share about and promote the Knaresborough Forest Day at the Kiosk on 13th August, and possible seminar following civic event at Knaresborough House. ACTION: KTC office to book Market Stall on Wed 6 August.

A map could be produced with directions from the Market Place to the Kiosk, to be handed out. Promote wheelchair accessible route.

Town Guides: New Mayor of Knaresborough's Tour Guides could potentially sign post people to the Kiosk and event walk people down to the Kiosk (depending on insurance and risk assessments), and depending if they're needed as part of the Civic event at Knaresborough House.

Butter Lane – shop front / exhibition space could also be used as a space to promote and advertise the Knaresborough Forest Day – family fun day at the Kiosk event.

Knaresborough Forest Park: Potential walks on from the Kiosk to Knaresborough Forest Park (KFP). To be discussed once plans for the day at KFP are confirmed. **ACTION**: Shan to update when decisions are made.

Litter picks - setting off from Kiosk

Involvement of Knaresborough Youth Council

Design a sign for 'Knaresborough Forest Day – Family Fun Day at The Kiosk' sign competition.

Trello – ACTION: Hannah to investigate use of Trello (software) for this event. Update at next meeting.

ACTION: carried over from meeting on 1-10-24: Invite KTC Climate Emergency Sub Committee to be involved with Knaresborough Forest Day at the Kiosk (engagement with residents).

Next meeting to plan Knaresborough Forest Day:

Proposed meeting Thursday 23 January 2025 at 10am, at Knaresborough House