

Two minutes silence were held in honour of Eileen Ferguson, Councillor and Mayor of Knaresborough in 1983, 1992 and 1995.

26/284 ITEM 1 – To receive apologies and consider approval of inability to attend the meeting:

26/285 ITEM 2 – Councillors' Disclosure of an Interest

26/286 ITEM 3 - KTC Public Speaking Session

The representatives were thanked by Council members and left the meeting.

3a North Yorkshire Councillors to give verbal updating report on unitary authority matters.

- Held a productive meeting with NYC Highways around further work on gullies in the area.
- Together with NYC officers, looking into bin provision around the town and asking for better communication between NYC Waste and Street Scene dept. and KTC
- Through the Area Committee, have received the Castle petition and have been assured that NYC will be sharing a report on its Castle maintenance plan in November this year. Have also invited a representative from Historic England to discuss the Castle in general.
- Organising a further Town Investment Plan meeting that Councillors are urged to attend.
- Bebra pool issues ongoing but are pressing NYC on the issue.
- Have attended Community meetings with Disability Action North Yorkshire and Mother Shipton's. The anniversary of Mother Shipton's attraction coincides with the Castle 900th anniversary so there is possibly a collaboration that can be investigated further.

Councillor Bell asked for help in speeding up the boundary signs project with NYC and it was agreed that Councillors Walker and Gostlow would pursue this.

26/287 ITEM 4 - To consider and, if thought fit, **approve** as a correct record, **the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on:**

4.1 Monday 11 May 2026

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting, with a slight amendment, held on Monday, 11 May 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4.2 Thursday 21 May 2026 (Annual Meeting of the Town Council)

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting, with a slight amendment, held on Thursday, 21 May 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

26/288 ITEM 5 - Business Remaining

5.1 Confidential session

In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted re **ITEM 5.2** pertaining to the Charter Market, licenses and contracts, 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.

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The member of the press left the meeting

5.2 To receive an updated presentation from Councillors Pickard and Gostlow in light of recent negotiations and new information from NYC, and to consider the next steps set out within the presentation. **To determine** the key elements the Council wishes to progress as part of this project and to support the development of a broader town-wide initiative.

A presentation was given by Councillor James Pickard giving the latest picture in relation to the market negotiations with NYC and a breakdown of costs associated with the takeover and future running of the market by KTC.

The Town Development Manager introduced the idea of KTC setting up a Community Interest Company to unlock more benefits including receiving cost savings, being in a better position to access grant funding, to have the potential for better promotion and communication as a separate hub and to have the potential to expand beyond the market in the future.

RESOLVED: That, following the presentation and allowing for the considerable changes to the costings initially presented by NYC, KTC commits to taking over the running of the weekly Charter Market with a potential date for transfer of the 1 August 2026 dependent upon signed agreements being in place.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That KTC asks the Town Development Manager to further explore the benefits of setting up a CIC, as part of this exercise all councillors will be asked to input their ideas and put forward any questions to the Town Development Manager to ensure all the necessary information Council needs is presented to them.

Council voted to come out of confidential session. The member of the press rejoined the meeting.

26/289 ITEM 6 – Reports/Information from the Clerk

6.1 To note the accounts checks by the nominated councillor against the bank statement are up to date and signed off for 2025/26.

RESOLVED: To note that the checks have been done and no issues reported.

6.2 To consider the detailed Year End Internal Audit Report and its recommendations numbered 1 to 12.

RESOLVED: To receive and note the Year End Audit Report 2025/26 and set up a small working party to support the Clerk in working through the recommendations.

Councillors Gostlow and Bell volunteered to be part of this group.

6.3 To consider the Annual Internal Audit Report 2025/26.

RESOLVED: To receive and note the Annual Internal Audit Report 2025/26

6.4 To complete the Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 points 1 – 10

The Clerk read out each statement in order, and it was

RESOLVED: That KTC agreed to answer 'Yes' to each statement and submit this record to the External Auditor signed by the Chair.

6.5 To consider the Accounting Statements 2025/26

RESOLVED: That KTC approve the statement of accounts as signed by the Clerk and submit this record to the External Auditor signed by the Chair.

6.6 To consider re-appointing Internal Audit Yorkshire for the financial years ending 31 March 2027 and 31 March 2028.

RESOLVED: That KTC re-appoint Internal Audit Yorkshire for the financial years ending 31 March 2027 and 31 March 2028.

6.7 To receive the detailed training update (*as requested at full council on 11 May 2026*)

RESOLVED: To receive and note the updated training record.

6.8 To agree the required action on catenary wires following the 3 yearly safety review from KTC's current contractor

RESOLVED: That KTC use the funds in ear-marked reserves to complete this necessary work and going forward look at introducing a regular maintenance schedule and ensuring that provision is made for future catenary wire replacement in annual budgets.

26/290 ITEM 7 – Correspondence**7.1 To receive the email from Knaresborough Civic Society re an update for those interested in Knaresborough House.**

RESOLVED: To receive and note

7.2 To consider the email re North Yorkshire Council Homeless and Rough Sleeper Forums.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk responds, adding her name as contact for the forum information and then circulates updates to all councillors.

26/291 ITEM 8 - Reports from Committees and Working Groups

8.1 To Receive and Note the Minutes of the Planning meetings held on Monday 11 May and Monday 6 June 2026.

RESOLVED: To receive and note

26/292 ITEM 9 - Motions from Council Members**9.1 Cllr M Walker (2nd Cllr H Gostlow)**

“Propose a Vote of No Confidence in North Yorkshire Council’s Management of Knaresborough Services and Assets”

RESOLVED: That KTC write a letter to the Leader and Chief Executive of North Yorkshire Councillor stating that KTC has Voted No Confidence in North Yorkshire Council’s Management of Knaresborough Services and Assets.

26/293 ITEM 10 - Information Exchange

- Councillor Pickard congratulated the Knaresborough Lions Club on organising a very successful 60th anniversary BedRace.
- Councillor Flood stated that he still needed to approach the Lions Club about the disposal of the old stage but will do so at their next meeting.
- Councillor Gostlow mentioned that she is involved in a potential project that may see the illustrated Town maps reproduced on interpretation boards at specific locations in the Town and that the details will be brought to Town Council soon.
- Councillor Westmancoat mentioned that the Town Twinning group had played host to visitors from Bebra and Volodymyr over the weekend.
- Councillor Longhurst told members she would be meeting with the Deputy Regional Manager of the Confederation of Passenger Transport UK (CPT) to discuss Coach Friendly status for the Town.
- Councillor Davies said she would be attending the planning meeting at the Civic Centre tomorrow alongside residents re: Cass Lane.

Meeting closed at: 9:10 p.m.

**Signed by the Mayor:
Councillor S Oakes**