



Notice of a Meeting of the

REDCAR & CLEVELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Proceedings of the
Borough Council and reports to Council**

November 2024

**Councillor Neil Bendelow
Mayor**

**J Sampson
Managing Director (Head of Paid Service)**

REDCAR AND CLEVELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That a meeting of the Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council will be held on Thursday, 14 November 2024 at 2.00 pm. Please note that this meeting will be held in the Civic Centre, Ridley Street, Redcar, Yorkshire, TS10 1TD.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Elect a person to preside if the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are not present.

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
- 2. To receive Declarations of Interest.**
- 3. To confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2024**
- 4. To note the attendance matrix from the last meeting**
- 5. To receive any Announcements from the Mayor, the Leader of the Council or Cabinet Members.**
- 6. To receive any Announcements from the Managing Director (Head of Paid Service).**
- 7. To consider Questions from the Public for which Notice has been given.**

Question from Mr Dale Patterson to Councillor Brook, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing.

What is happening with the pump and electrics at the boating lake?

- 8. To receive Reports from Portfolio Holders.**

A) Report of the Cabinet Member for Health and Welfare (HEREWITH)

(A period of 10 minutes, or such longer period at the discretion of the Mayor, will be set aside for questions which must be succinct and relate directly to matters within the report).

- 9. To consider Reports.**

Report of the Governance Director and Monitoring Officer

A) Exemption from Attendance at Meeting (HEREWITH)

10. To consider Motions.

Motion 1.

MOVED by Councillor Thomson and duly seconded by Councillor Smith that:

“In 2022 an independent study of traffic and parking in Saltburn was conducted by WSP/Capita on behalf of Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council at the cost of £50,000.

This was entitled The Saltburn Transportation Masterplan.

The Council published the study and invited comment from Saltburn residents.

This Council resolves that the proposals in the Capita Report and the response from Saltburn residents now be given due attention and a report detailing the relevant considerations along with detailed proposals and recommendations for implementation be brought to Cabinet for discussion and decision making and that this be done at the earliest date, but within three months.”

Motion 2.

MOVED by Councillor Thomson and duly seconded by Councillor Hannaway that:

“In response to a Full Council motion in 2022 the Council has issued the following; “MARSKE, NEW MARSKE AND SALTBURN (WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2003 (AMENDMENT) ORDER NO 1 2024.

The order would prevent the parking of motor caravans in sections of Glenside and along Marine Parade between 8pm and 8am daily (Appendix 2a & 2b). A motor caravan would be defined as means a motor vehicle which is constructed or adapted for the carriage of passengers and their effects, and which contains, as permanently installed equipment, the facilities which are reasonably necessary for enabling the vehicle to provide mobile living accommodation for its users (Motorhome Definition from Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Great Britain) Regulations 1984)”

In accordance with standard practice residents were invited to register objections and a decision based on responses was made under delegated powers based on the response of a ‘significant majority’ of Saltburn residents objecting and a petition received.

A press release advising of the Council’s decision not to implement the proposed Order advised the decision was based on resident response and the submission of a petition.

Given that the advertising of the Order only invited objections, and the petition did not qualify as a relevant document in accordance with the Council Constitution, it is requested that given the protocol for advertising and requesting response to TRO responses and guidance for evaluating responses is not at all clear, it is requested that Council agrees to review the protocol for TRO promotion and response evaluation, and to do so within six months.”

11. To appoint Members.

Where there are vacancies or changes in appointment:

- To appoint Members of Council Bodies and Representatives to serve on other bodies to which Members are appointed by the Council; and
- To approve any changes to Committee membership and to appoint Chairs and Vice Chairs where appropriate.

12. To reply to Questions from Members of the Council.

Questions to the Chair, Members of the Cabinet, Chairs of any Committee or Sub-Committee, Members of the Fire Authority, Police and Crime Panel or the Tees Valley Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee, for which notice has been given.

Question 1: Question from Councillor Learoyd to Councillor Nightingale, Chair of Corporate Resources and Governance Scrutiny & Improvement Committee.

“On the 27th June 2024, I asked you why you hadn't responded to the Ridgewell Report into Teesworks and STDC. As a reminder you were a scrutiny member of the council at the TVCA during the period in question. You read an answer to my question and it resembled a legal reply. When I then sent a F.O.I. request to see who had written the reply for you, it was a lawyer at the TVCA.

Why did you not feel comfortable answering the question in your own words?”

Question 2: Question from Councillor Learoyd to Councillor Earl, Cabinet Member for Health, Welfare and Housing

“A group of doctors congregated outside Newcastle Civic Centre on 14 September to protest against your administration's 400000 tonne incinerator plan. They warned the incinerator "would have multiple negative health impacts especially in an area which already faces significant public health challenges." You've openly supported the incinerator in this council chamber and defended it in a previous question I have posed to you.

Which doctor is correct, you or those doctors who want to see an end to the incinerator?”

Question 3: Question from Councillor Learoyd to Councillor Morgan, Chair of Governance Committee:

“An FOI from 25th July 2024 served on the Council's Monitoring Officer reveals an interesting thread.

It reveals a Councillor from the political group that you lead quizzing the Monitoring Officer if there was enough evidence to take another councillor to a code of conduct hearing. The Monitoring Officer, rather rash in his approach on this occasion, engaged in the conversation. Worryingly, you were then sent the email by the councillor as though you were part of the plotting.

A previous FOI showed you having an email exchange with the Managing Director regarding a desire to remove a councillor from a chairmanship.

These revelatory FOIs question your standing and ability to act as Chair of the Governance Committee, and the fiduciary responsibility it holds.

Considering the evidence your willingness to be involved in skullduggery and vendetta, why should any Councillor in this chamber trust that the code of conduct is being administered with any reasonableness and neutrality?”

Question 4: Question from Councillor Learoyd to Councillor Smith Chair of Regulatory Committee:

“On 25th July 2024 I asked you if you have ever had pressure put on you, while a member or as Chairman of the Regulatory Committee, to accept a planning application due to the potential cost of an appeal if an application were rejected. Examining the minutes from the meeting, you avoided answering the question. Why was this?”



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