



**Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Liaison Committee held at 6.15pm on Tuesday 4 February 2025 in the Council Chamber, King Street, Pateley Bridge**

**Committee Members and Officers Present:**

PBTC Cllrs S. Lumley (Chair), J. Critchley, C. Thompson and J. Wright

BPC Cllrs G. Spooner, M. Dawson and R. Dutton

S. Smith, Clerk to Pateley Bridge Town Council

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for absence.</b> Apologies were received from W. Hickson, Clerk to Bewerley Parish Council
<b>2.</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes</b> <b>Resolved:</b> that the minutes of meeting held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024 are approved as a correct record.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> No matters were raised.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Recreation Ground</b> The following matters were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <b>The official name of the Recreation Ground.</b> <b>Recommended:</b> that<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. the name of the Recreation Ground should be changed to 'Bewerley and Pateley Bridge Recreation Ground'. (<i>Cllr. Lumley abstained.</i>)</li><li>ii. the councils should both write to NYC asking that the signage at the Recreation Ground is changed to reflect this.</li></ul></li><li>b. <b>Possibility of using Commuted Sums to improve the Recreation Ground.</b> <b>Recommended:</b> that the councils hold a joint public consultation to see if there is any demand for adult exercise equipment at the Recreation Ground. The details of the consultation will be discussed at a future JLC meeting assuming both councils agree to this course of action. Members recognised that most of the funding would need to be made up by grants, as there are very limited commuted sums available for this purpose.</li><li>c. <b>Future management of the band stand.</b> The Chair explained that PBTC had heard that there may be a trust set up using the proceeds of the sale of Lofthouse band practice room and that this</li></ul>

	<p>trust would take over management of the band stand. If that were to be the case, PBTC strongly feels that both BPC and PBTC should be trustees.</p> <p>Members of BPC said they had no knowledge of any such plans.</p> <p>All agreed that the management of the Svenson legacy is very important, and that Mrs Svenson had been extremely generous over the years. Should any funds be given to the band stand from whatever source in the future, these should be jointly controlled by the two councils.</p> <p>The status quo for booking and managing the bandstand still stands and that is fine for now.</p> <p><i>Cllr. Wright joined the meeting at 18:32.</i></p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Proposed fence around the bowling green.</b></p> <p>The consultations held by both Councils had yielded almost exclusively positive responses in favour of the fence.</p> <p><b>Recommended:</b> that both councils give their approval to the project, but without the extra space on the pavilion side, which was considered to be unnecessary and detrimental to other users of the Recreation Ground. The fence should be directly at the side of the bowling green on all four sides.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>NYC Public Toilets Review</b></p> <p>Members considered NYC's review of public toilet provision.</p> <p>The guidelines did state that ideally across the county there should be no more than 7 minutes' walk between any public conveniences. However, as the two sets of public toilets in Pateley Bridge are always very busy and in different parishes, it was felt that they would most likely both be safe.</p> <p>Should there be any suggestion of either one closing in the future, all members agreed that both councils must fight to keep them both.</p> <p><b>Recommended:</b> that both councils write separately to NYC stating how important both public conveniences in Pateley Bridge are.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Local Government Boundary Review</b></p> <p>Members reviewed a letter from Darley and Menwith Parish Council proposing a joint objection to the anticipated consultation on the plan to divide Nidderdale into two separate divisions.</p> <p>After discussion, members agreed that submitting individual responses would be more effective, as this would increase the overall number of objections.</p> <p><b>Recommended that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Each council submits its own response while sharing copies with all other Nidderdale councils to highlight the widespread agreement.</li> <li>ii. The NYC Executive Committee and other relevant stakeholders are also copied into the responses.</li> <li>iii. PBTC and BPC encourage members of the public to participate in the consultation process.</li> </ul>

8.	<p><b>VE Day Anniversary – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b></p> <p>Members discussed further how to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day.</p> <p>Members continued to agree that there should only be a beacon lighting. Individuals could choose to go up there, should they wish, but there will not be anything laid on apart from the beacon.</p> <p>Another JLC meeting will be held ahead of this event to discuss any matters arising.</p>
9.	<p><b>Exchange of information</b></p> <p>Cllr. Dawson raised the subject of the breach of Glasshouses Dam asking whether there was any news. Cllr. Wright explained PBTC's involvement in discussions on this.</p> <p>Cllr. Spooner noted that 2 of the 6 trees planted in the Recreation ground which formed the 'Queen's Canopy' have died. BPC had written to NYC about these but had had no response. He asked that PBTC also writes to NYC asking for them to be replaced, which PBTC members were happy to do.</p>
10.	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the next meeting would take place ahead of the PBTC meeting on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April in the Council Chamber.</p>

Meeting closed at 7.55pm.