

**DATE:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
**TIME:** 7.00pm  
**LOCATION:** Drawing Room, Bedale Hall  
**PRESENT:** Cllrs John Howe, (Chair), Mike Barningham, Amanda Coates, Dawn Culver, Andrew Hallett, David Ingram, Christine Mollard, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, and John Noone  
**STAFF:** Nick Reed (Clerk), Christine Brown (minutes)  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** Two members of the public [MoP]

24.112	<b>Declarations of interest in agenda items</b> and requests for dispensation There were none.
24.113	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Emma Wells.
24.114	<b>Minutes</b> of the Town Council meeting held on 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve these as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
24.115 24.1151	<b>Updates from minutes</b> (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) <b>Bedale, Aiskew and Leeming Bar, and Burrill Joint Burial Committee</b> – The Council NOTED the appointment of Samantha Scarlett as Clerk to the JBC, a Bedale Town Council employee for administrative purposes, in succession to Allyson Marr.
24.116 24.1161	<b>Reports of recent activity</b> <b>Reports of activity from external body meetings attended by Councillors</b> – Cllrs Barningham and Noone had attended the Bedale and Villages Community Forum meeting, where grants had been approved towards a new standard of the Royal British Legion, CCTV for the Riverside Club, and a contribution towards the part of the Emgate-Churchyard resurfacing financed by Bedale Scouts and Guides. Cllrs Barningham and Noone had also attended a Bedale Hall CIO Trustees meeting which had approved new heating for Bedale Library. An asbestos survey has been conducted at the Hall, and contact has been made with the Museums Officer at North Yorkshire Council to seek support for the re-opening of Bedale Museum.
24.1162	<b>Reports from North Yorkshire Council member</b> – There was none, NYC Cllr David Webster not being present.
24.117	<b>Financial statement and approvals for payment</b> The Council noted the financial statement and <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the following payments: staff salaries and PAYE; E&P Electrics £5,959.82+VAT (Xmas lights and associated work); Ohana Marquees £2678.93+VAT (marquee hire for Christmas Festival); Bedale Hall CIO £1,032.05 (utilities for Bedale Park toilets); The Play Inspection Company £365+VAT (annual inspections at Bedale Park, Southfields, and Calvert Way); TWC Facilities £31.04+VAT (public toilet supplies) and House and Home £9.97 +VAT (sundries). The Council noted and approved credit card payments to: Instantprint (£22.90 +VAT, Xmas cards) and Post Office Counters (£85, stamps).

	<p>Receipts were noted of: £212.05 (market stall rentals); £152.99 (bonfire/fireworks donations) and £600.00 (car boot sale fees). The cash book balance after these transactions was NOTED as being £43,587.92</p>
<b>24.118</b>	<p><b>Planning Matters</b> The Council considered the following planning applications: Regarding: ZB24/02475/FUL for installation of solar panels at Chantry Hall, North End, the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to support this application. Regarding ZB25/00009/LBC, for amendments to listed building consent to allow internal alterations at 1 Market Place, the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to support this application.</p>
<b>24.119</b>	<p><b>Christmas 2025</b> The Council heard that discussions had taken place with the Community Forum regarding Christmas 2025 events in Bedale. It was proposed to run the Christmas Festival at Bedale Hall, and the Council's activities culminating in the light switch-on, on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November, and noting a perceived desire for this within the community the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to run its events on this day, culminating in the switch-on at 4.30pm. The extent and nature of the Market and entertainment leading up the switch-on will depend on various factors, and the Christmas Working Group will meet stakeholders to agree a mutually beneficial programme to put forward to March's meeting. The Council <b>NOTED</b> that it remains necessary and appropriate for a road closure to be in place for some of all of the afternoon, and that after consultation Market Place / North End shopkeepers are overwhelmingly content for that to happen.</p>
<b>24.120</b>	<p><b>Bedale Football Club</b> The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to make an award of £625 to Bedale Football Club under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, to support a coaching visit to St George's Park National Training Facility by players and management of the Bedale AFC development team.</p>
<b>24.121</b>	<p><b>Equality and Diversity Policy</b> The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to add the following clause to the draft policy: "<b>Low income.</b> While low income is not covered as a protected characteristic under the 2010 [Equality] Act, the Council is resolved to ensure that its services can be accessed by people of any socio-economic status." With that addition the policy was <b>ADOPTED</b>.</p>
<b>24.122</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b> Correspondence as attached was NOTED.</p>

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

**SIGNED:** (Chair)

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