

## CITY OF YORK COUNCIL

Resolutions and proceedings of the Extraordinary Meeting of the City of York Council held in the Guildhall, York on Tuesday, 24th April, 2012, starting at 6.30 pm

**Present:** The Lord Mayor (Cllr David Horton) in the Chair, and the following Councillors:

### ACOMB WARD

Horton  
Simpson-Laing

### BISHOPTHORPE WARD

### CLIFTON WARD

Douglas  
King  
Scott

### DERWENT WARD

Brooks

### DRINGHOUSES & WOODTHORPE WARD

Hodgson  
Reid  
Semlyen

### FISHERGATE WARD

D'Agorne  
Taylor

### FULFORD WARD

Aspden

### GUILDHALL WARD

Looker  
Watson

### HAXBY & WIGGINTON WARD

Cuthbertson  
Firth  
Richardson

### HESLINGTON WARD

Levene

### HEWORTH WARD

Boyce  
Funnell

### HEWORTH WITHOUT WARD

Ayre

Potter

HOLGATE WARD

Alexander  
Crisp  
Riches

HULL ROAD WARD

Barnes  
Fitzpatrick

HUNTINGTON & NEW  
EARSWICK WARD

Orrell  
Runciman

MICKLEGATE WARD

Fraser  
Gunnell  
Merrett

OSBALDWICK WARD

Warters

RURAL WEST YORK WARD

Gillies  
Healey  
Steward

SKELTON, RAWCLIFFE &  
CLIFTON WITHOUT WARD

Cunningham-Cross  
McIlveen

STRENSALL WARD

Doughty  
Wiseman

WESTFIELD WARD

Jeffries  
Burton  
Williams

WHELDRAKE WARD

Barton

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Galvin,  
Hyman and Watt

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

78. Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business on the agenda – that is, the petition and notice of motion relating to the Beckfield Lane Household Recycling Centre.

The following **personal** interests were declared:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Description of Interest</u>
Alexander	Member of GMB Union
Crisp	Member of retired section of Unison
Fraser	Member of retired section of Unison and Unite (ACTS/TGWU Sections)
Funnell	Chair of St Nicholas Fields Environment Centre who had a recycling contract with the authority
Gunnell	Member of Unison
Hodgson	Member of Unison
Levene	Member of Unite
Potter	Member of Unison
Riches	Member of Unite
Simpson-Laing	Member of Unison
Williams	Member of Unite and Unison

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

79. The Lord Mayor reported that two members of the public had registered to speak at the meeting in relation to the Beckfield Lane Household Recycling Centre. Each was invited to speak for three minutes, in accordance with the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

Peter Ashton spoke as a resident of Beckfield Lane pointing out the volume of signatories of the petition and concerns raised by local residents at the proposed closure of a major local asset. Reference was made to support of immediate neighbours, concerns at possible future fly tipping and the fact that there had been no reported accidents at the site over a thirty year period.

Reuben Mayne, spoke as lead petitioner and supporter of the campaign to keep the Recycling Centre open. He expressed concern at the effect closure would have on the community and the environment affecting the poorest and disadvantage those without access to a vehicle. With no evidence of on site injuries the health and safety issues raised were not sustainable. If no savings were made following closure this would be felt reflect badly on the authority and he urged members to save the site.

## **BECKFIELD LANE HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE**

### 80. A Petition

In view of the number of signatories, the petition signed by over 2,870 people, presented at the last Council meeting on 29 March 2012, was then discussed by members.

Following discussion, the Lord Mayor confirmed that the petition would be taken into account, during consideration of the next item when Council debated and determined the motion from Councillor Reid about the closure plan for Beckfield Lane.

### B Notice of Motion

It was then moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Runciman, that:

“Council notes the significant improvement in the proportion of waste that has been recycled under the previous Liberal Democrat administration, from 12% in 2003 to 45% in 2011. Council supports the principle that waste collection and recycling should be convenient and fair to residents across the city. In light of the fact that the Budget 2012/13 has deleted the provision of a Recycling and Reuse Centre in the west of the city, Council requests that the Cabinet halts the closure plan for Beckfield Lane Household Waste Recycling Centre. Council also supports the principle of the provision of a free receptacle for the collection of waste to all residents across the city requests that the provision of free black bin bags should continue to all areas of the city where wheeled bins are not in use.”

Following lengthy discussion, a named vote was then requested and taken on the motion, with the following result:

For	Against	Abstained
Cllr Aspden	Cllr Alexander	Cllr Horton (Lord Mayor)
Cllr Ayre	Cllr Barnes	
Cllr Barton	Cllr Boyce	
Cllr Brooks	Cllr Burton	
Cllr Cuthbertson	Cllr Crisp	
Cllr D'Agorne	Cllr Cunningham-Cross	
Cllr Doughty	Cllr Douglas	
Cllr Firth	Cllr Fitzpatrick	
Cllr Gillies	Cllr Fraser	
Cllr Healey	Cllr Funnell	
Cllr Orrell	Cllr Gunnell	
Cllr Reid	Cllr Hodgson	
Cllr Richardson	Cllr Jeffries	
Cllr Runciman	Cllr King	
Cllr Steward	Cllr Levene	
Cllr Taylor	Cllr Looker	
Cllr Warters	Cllr McIlveen	
Cllr Wiseman	Cllr Merrett	
	Cllr Potter	
	Cllr Riches	
	Cllr Scott	
	Cllr Semlyen	
	Cllr Simpson-Laing	
	Cllr Watson	
	Cllr Williams	
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The motion was declared LOST by 25 votes to 18 and it was

RESOLVED: That the above notice of motion not be approved.

Cllr D Horton  
LORD MAYOR OF YORK  
*[The meeting started at 6.30 pm and concluded at 8.10 pm]*