

Report for Eastfield Town Council meeting on 11/11/25

This month the headline issue has been the situation around the medical centre. Given the proposed re-opening date is currently March, the situation isn't great. Outside of that I have attended a number of meetings including the final panel to appoint a new Director of Children's & Young People's Services who will start work in January.

Eastfield Medical Centre:

After reaching out on multiple occasions over the last few months, I was contacted by the management of Eastfield Medical Centre. After some issues and a cancellation on their part, I along with Cllr. White and the Clerk were able to meet with the management of the centre. They detailed at great length the issues they had and how hard they have worked to provide some level of service. At that point we were unaware that March was the possible date for re-opening, it wasn't until I was contacted by a BBC journalist 3-4 days later that it became apparent. I did impress upon the management that clearer communications were needed, we need regular updates even if there is nothing that's changed.

I've asked questions of Executive members at North Yorkshire and I have written to Sanctuary Housing about the possibility of them using the Link Walk Centre on a temporary basis. In the long run I will also be pushing the Integrated Care Board who, according to my colleagues on the Scrutiny of Health Committee, have no contingency plans for a catastrophic loss of GP services like we have seen. I wouldn't wish our situation on anyone else and hopefully a response plan can be developed to mitigate the effects should the same happen again.

Middle Deepdale funds:

At our last meeting we were under the impression that the report to Executive would be heard at the November 4th meeting. This has unfortunately been delayed due to a legal query. The query being that the Council's legal department requested the original legal agreement between Scarborough Borough Council, it took them a while to find the approx. 150-page legal agreement and the Council's legal department needed to read through it before proceeding. The report will now be considered on the 16th of December.

On a site note work has begun on the old Overdale school site, the clearing of the site is well underway.

Anti-social behaviour:

You may have seen reports on social media of youths shooting fireworks at cars around the high street. These youths are well known to the police. I did contact Inspector Collins to discuss the matter, she said she was aware of them and that “work is still needed” in bringing them to book.

Casework highlights:

(Only issue of note this month)

Dunn Grove land: Both myself and the Town Council were contacted by a lady on Dunn Grove who was frustrated by some unkept land next to her home. The Council had originally told her it belonged to Beyond Housing and Beyond had initially queried this. After some discussion on emails both Beyond and the Council have claimed the land as theirs and have pledged to clear it up.