



Draft Confidential Minutes of the Middleham Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 at 6.30pm in the Garden Room, Key Centre, Middleham

23.41 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – the Council passed the following resolution: “That in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meeting) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following matter on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.”

23.42 Future of Middleham Key Centre – An online meeting has been arranged on Monday 27th November 2023 with Racing Welfare. Cllr Watson has been in phone contact with Racing Welfare to maintain contact and to discuss where the project is heading. Cllr Watson had a conversation with Wendy Botterill who brought up the conversation of outright sale again, Cllr Watson confirmed that he didn't think this would be an option. Councillors were informed that Racing Welfare were pushing for a longer-term lease. It was agreed that the Council needed to check that the £2,000,000.00 threshold was correct and that it was acting within its powers still. Councillors discussed pulling together a document outlining exactly what the Council is trying to do and how it is acting within its boundaries which should include consideration and resolution of the issues it is facing. It was agreed that an outline timescale should be fleshed out so that the Council can plan for the coming months.