



**Draft Confidential Minutes of the Middleham Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 at 6.30pm in the Garden Room, Key Centre, Middleham.**

**24.15. 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.”

**24.16. Middleham Key Centre**

Cllr Byford attended a virtual meeting with Mrs D Goodchild and trustees from racing Welfare. Racing Welfare are imposing a complete moratorium on their budgets. They have a new chair of trustees who does not come into post until June and they do not wish to progress until they are in a position to take things forward with the new Chair in post. Cllr Byford informed Councillors that a decision was not likely to be made until June at the earliest. Councillors agreed that a decision needs to be made on who will run the Key Centre going forward in light of this news.

**Action** – take legal advice on whether the Key Centre can be transferred to the IH charity and have a management board to run the Key Centre.

**Action** – to organise a Town meeting in February

**Action** – Approach NYC to see if there is anything that they could do

**Action** – Look at grants available that might help