



**Draft Confidential Minutes of the Middleham Town Council meeting held on  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 6.30pm in the Garden Room, Key Centre,  
Middleham**

**23. 64 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. 65 Key Centre** - Councillor Byford confirmed that a meeting of trustees on Wednesday had confirmed that there were enough funds for the Key Centre to continue to run on a rolling basis until the end of this financial year (March 2024), the Trustees would then be looking to wind the charity up at the end of the year.

Cllr Watson and Cllr Byford had attended a meeting with Racing Welfare and confirmed that Racing Welfare are now looking at costs and are looking at possibly renting areas of the building rather than the building as a whole.

Cllr Byford expressed her concern at this as, it was felt that the individuals that the Trustees had been in discussions with were not the ones making the decisions.

Cllr Mashford felt that it was necessary to set a firm deadline for a decision from Racing Welfare.

**Action** – Clerk to contact Cllr Watson to request that he emails the Council on his thoughts on the Racing Welfare meeting that took place and a decision could then be made on the timescales to give Racing Welfare.