



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

Date: 10th February 2020

Time: 6.00pm

Location: The Council Chamber, the Town Hall, Ripon, HG4 1DD

Present

Cllr E Parkin - The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Cllr M Chambers
Cllr S Craggs
Cllr C Hardisty
Cllr P M Horton
Cllr P McHardy
Cllr S Martin
Cllr C Powell
Cllr A Williams

In Attendance Paula Benson, the Clerk and the Sergeant at Mace and one member of the public.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Prayers were said by The Very Reverend Dean John Dobson

20/20	To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence. Apologies were received from Cllrs Bate, Davis and Hawke. Reasons for absence were not approved.		
21/20	Members of the public are invited to question, seek clarification or make representation to members of the Council on any Agenda item as listed below. None.		
22/20	To request any disclosure of an interest in relation to any matter under consideration at this meeting (financial or otherwise) & to consider any written requests for dispensation. None.		
23/20	To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th January 2020. That these be approved as a true and accurate record. <table border="1"><tr><td>Proposed – Cllr Horton</td><td>Seconded – Cllr Hardisty</td></tr></table> RESOLVED by a show of hands with two abstentions.	Proposed – Cllr Horton	Seconded – Cllr Hardisty
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24/20	To consider Civic Protocol. That this be approved and circulated to NYCC and HBC subject to the Clerk consulting NACO on the position of the Mace in processions when the Lieutenancy is represented. <table border="1"><tr><td>Proposed – Cllr Martin</td><td>Seconded – Cllr McHardy</td></tr></table> RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.	Proposed – Cllr Martin	Seconded – Cllr McHardy
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25/20	To consider the re-establishment of the Jepsons Educational Foundation, the existing trust document and involvement of Ripon City Council and to nominate representatives. The existing trust deeds were reviewed. Cllr Williams advised that he did not consider the aim of the trust necessarily appropriate in the modern age of 2020.		

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Concerns were raised on the following points:

- the charity benefiting boys only;
- the charity benefiting Ripon Grammar School only and not Outwood Academy;
- the Council being involved in something that is not viewed as fair for all were raised, particularly as Ripon has two outstanding secondary schools. Cllr Chambers pointed out that Outwood is an academy and funded in a very different way to Ripon Grammar School;

It was agreed that the Clerk would collect nominations as prescribed by deed in the first instance but that the Clerk was not an expert in educational matters/legislation and that it might be appropriate for an external body to manage the affairs of the trust once re-established. Further, That the Clerk is requested to seek advice from NALC on the basis of awards listed in the deed and the appropriateness of the Council's involvement given the nature of the trust deed.

Proposed – Cllr Williams

Seconded – Cllr McHardy

RESOLVED by a show of hands with three abstentions.

26/20

To receive a recommendation from the Hugh Ripley Hall Committee regarding the works required to the roof of the building and agree appropriate action.

That the recommendation of the Hugh Ripley Hall Committee be approved by Full Council and that Hambleton Roofing are engaged on the terms set out in their quotation dated 5th December 2019. It was noted that permission must be obtained from Harrogate Borough Council as landlord before repairs can commence.

Proposed – Cllr Craggs

Seconded – Cllr McHardy

RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.

27/20

To consider correspondence received from Mark Sidwell Music Services regarding repairs to the 1865 African Ox Horn and agree appropriate action.

That the quotation dated 13th January 2020 is approved and that Mark Sidwell is thanked for his efforts and expertise in dealing with this matter.

Proposed – Cllr Williams

Seconded – Cllr Martin

RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.

28/20

To receive correspondence and agree appropriate action:

1. Nidderdale AONB letter dated 16th January 2020;

That this be received and noted and that RCC write to advise that this is not within the parish of Ripon.

Proposed – Cllr Williams

Seconded – Cllr Martin

RESOLVED by a show of hands with two abstentions.

2. Harrogate Borough Council undated letter – Community Group Bulb/Wildflower Scheme;

That this be passed to Ripon in Bloom for their advice on which choice of bulbs would be suitable and their agreement to collect the bulbs as required by the scheme.

Proposed – Cllr Williams

Seconded – Cllr McHardy

RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.

3. HBC Email dated 29th January 2020 – The Great British Spring Clean 2020;

That this be received and noted. Cllr Martin advised that the Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire was organising a 'clean up your county' initiative on 23rd March 2020 with schools and communities being encouraged to take part.

Proposed – Cllr Martin

Seconded – Cllr McHardy

RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.

4. HBC Email dated 17th January 2020 – Draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2020-2025;

That this be received and noted.

Proposed – Cllr Williams

Seconded – Cllr McHardy

RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.

5. YLCA Email dated 14th January 2020 – Ripon City Plan.

That this be received and noted.

Proposed – Cllr Martin

Seconded – Cllr McHardy

RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.

29/20

Standing Agenda Items – to receive updates on the following items if relevant and agree appropriate action

1. Ripon Barracks Development;

Cllr Martin advised that Homes England have agreed to engage further with the Ripon Community and Ripon based stakeholders to ensure that all issues are addressed before a planning application for the redevelopment of Ripon Barracks is submitted.

2. Christmas Lights;

Cllr Parkin advised that he had met with Cllr Chambers recently to discuss identifying the columns that might be used to expand the Christmas Lights display in 2020 and that he had requested that the old Christmas Lights be returned from Christmas Plus to establish whether any of them can be repaired/refurbished. The Clerk advised that resolution 162/19 had resolved to scrap the old Christmas Lights and that this matter would need to be returned to Full Council for a further resolution in the event that Christmas Plus consider there is any value/merit in refurbishing the old equipment.

3. Antisocial Behaviour and Police Engagement;

Cllr Chambers advised that the new police serjeant for Ripon, Sgt Clare Mays is keen to engage with the community and RCC and is very proactive. The local policing team are aware of recent antisocial behaviour.

4. Events

i. HBC Email dated 31st January 2020.

That this should form part of discussions with senior officers at HBC. That the principle of the new events regime is not encouraging. Cllr Williams advised that the fact that the events have been staged with wide public and community support should be expressed at the meeting.

Proposed – Cllr Williams

Seconded – Cllr Martin

RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.

Cllr Martin left the meeting at 7:00 pm.

5. Lease;

It was noted that there had not been any progress on the lease.

6. Visit Harrogate.

It was noted that there had not been any progress on this matter.

30/20

1. To approve the list of payments and receipts for December 2019;

Month	Account	Total Payments	Total Receipts
December Month 9	HSBC	5,723.72	
	Unity Trust Bank	53,725.29	2,974.75

That this be received and noted.

Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Chambers
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RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.

2. To receive the income and expenditure report for the period ending 31st December 2019;

That this be received and noted.

Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Horton
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RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.

3. To note that the bank reconciliation statements for the month ending December 2019 have been signed by the Mayor;

That this be noted.

Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Chambers
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RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.

4. To agree to appoint Rialtas Business Solutions to conduct the year end process;

That this be approved and that Rialtas be engaged.

Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Chambers
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RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.

5. To consider outsourcing financial matters.

That the Clerk be authorised to outsource the accounting to a local provider and that Financial Regulations item 10.1 ii excludes this provision from the quotation process detailed item 10.7 therein.

Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Chambers
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RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.

31/20

To note that the Insurance renewal proposal has been received from Zurich Insurance, that the Council are at the end of a Long Term Agreement and that three quotations are being sourced for return to Council in March 2020.

That this be noted.

Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Craggs
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	RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.
32/20	To consider Planning Matters as detailed in the attached appendix. Resolutions are detailed in the attached appendix.
33/20	To receive a report from Harrogate Borough Councillors if appropriate – for information only. Cllr Chambers advised that HBC Full Council were due to meet on Wednesday to approve the budget for 2020/21 when a £5 increase in Council Tax was proposed. Cllr McHardy reiterated Cllr Chambers' update.
34/20	To receive a report from North Yorkshire County Councillors if appropriate – for information only. Cllr Chambers advised that NYCC Full Council were due to meet to agree their budget in the coming weeks when a 4% increase in council tax was proposed.
35/20	Mayoral Announcements – for information. None.

With business concluded the meeting was closed at 7.34pm.

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Paula Benson, Clerk to the City Council.

SIGNED _____

DATE _____

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

32/20	<p>Planning matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To receive the Planning Appendix. Planning applications as listed below to be considered and responses agreed to the consultations being carried out by the Planning Authority: <p><i>Details of all planning applications listed below can be viewed online prior to the meeting at:</i></p> <p>http://www.harrogate.gov.uk/plan/Pages/New%20Plan/Find-an-application.aspx</p>			
	19/04956/FUL	<p>Land South of Clubhouse, Ripon Rugby Club, Mallorie Park Drive, Ripon, HG4 2QD</p> <p>Installation of a new telecommunications mast and supporting apparatus (amended plans).</p> <p>That the revised scheme is not significantly altered and that the Council's previous objection is restated.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="488 860 1294 898"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Chambers</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Chambers
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	20/00143/FUL	<p>4 Crescent Parade, Ripon, HG4 2JE</p> <p>Removal of chimney breast, erection of single storey extension and alterations to fenestration.</p> <p>That the Council do not comment on this application.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="488 1223 1294 1261"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Horton</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Horton
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