



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

Date: Monday 11th October 2021

Time: 6.00pm

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

Present: Councillor S Martin
Councillor M Chambers
Councillor S Craggs
Councillor C Hardisty
Councillor C Powell
Councillor A Williams
Councillor S Hawke
Councillor C Davis

In Attendance: Paula Benson, Clerk
Rebecca Perrin, Administrator
One press representative
One member of the public

	That Cllr Hawke be elected as Chairman in the absence of Councillor Parkin. <table border="1"><tr><td>Proposed Cllr Williams</td><td>Seconded Cllr Chambers</td></tr></table> RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.	Proposed Cllr Williams	Seconded Cllr Chambers
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149/21	To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence. Councillor Davis arrived at 18:00. Apologies were received from Councillors Parkin, McHardy, Bate and Horton. Reasons for absence were approved. That RCC's best wishes are sent to Councillor Horton for a speedy recovery after fracturing his arm. That RCC's best wishes are sent to Councillor McHardy and family.		
150/21	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.		
151/21	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. That Councillor Craggs declared an interest in planning application referenced 21/03783 due to being a neighbour of the applicant. That Councillor Hardisty declared an interest in item 160/21 3 St Wilfrid's Parade. That Councillor Chambers declared an interest in items 154/21 and 155/21 as a cabinet member of HBC. That Councillor Hawke declared an interest on any matters that might come before him as a member of HBC Planning Committee.		
152/21	To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th September 2021. That the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings. <table border="1"><tr><td>Proposed Cllr Williams</td><td>Seconded Cllr Hardisty</td></tr></table> RESOLVED by a show of hands with 3 abstentions.	Proposed Cllr Williams	Seconded Cllr Hardisty
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153/21	To consider passing a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), that the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following		

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	<p>item of business 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 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.</p> <p>That this resolution be passed. Councillor Chambers left the room.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded Cllr Davis</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed Cllr Williams	Seconded Cllr Davis
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154/21	<p>Commercial matters:</p> <p>1. To receive an update from the members of the Spa Baths Working Group; Members were advised of a meeting with the Spa Baths Working Group with HBC's approved bidder but no plans were supplied.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed Cllr Martin</td> <td>Seconded Cllr Williams</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p> <p>2. To consider matters of a commercial nature including the appointment of a consultant. Cllr Williams advised that Spa Baths Working group are due to meet with a potential consultant, Enjoy Design, Leeds based. Councillors were reminded that prior delegation exists to Councillors Martin, McHardy, Parkin and Williams as members of the working group to appoint a consultant as required.</p>	Proposed Cllr Martin	Seconded Cllr Williams
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<p><u>Following conclusion of the Commercial Matters referred to in item 154/21 the meeting will return to normal session.</u></p>			
155/21	<p>To consider whether to submit a written request to Harrogate Borough Council to request to be treated as a potential bidder under the provisions of the Localism Act and the listing of the building as an Asset of Community Value thereunder in respect of the Ripon Spa Baths and agree appropriate action.</p> <p>That RCC triggers the next stage of the Asset of Community Value process by formally requesting that HBC treat RCC as a potential bidder and that a letter be sent to the preferred bidder offering RCC's support to the outlined plans discussed.</p> <p>That the Clerk seeks clarification as to whether the Spa Baths site and Spa Gardens site can be opened up and linked together. That Bauman Lyons be contacted for ideas and sources of funding. That RCC's consultant be invited to the next Spa Baths Working Group meeting.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded Cllr Martin</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed Cllr Williams	Seconded Cllr Martin
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156/21	<p>Financial and Governance Matters</p> <p>1. To receive the Annual Governance and Accountability Return. That the Annual Governance and Accountability Return be received.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded Cllr Hardisty</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed Cllr Williams	Seconded Cllr Hardisty
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157/21	<p>To receive an update on the following matters if appropriate and agree appropriate action:</p> <p>1. Joint approach with Knaresborough Town Council on HBC Markets; That RCC seek a working partnership with KTC and any other interested local market towns.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded Cllr Hardisty</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p> <p>2. Bus service; That there are no further updates at this time.</p> <p>3. Ripon Barracks Re-Development; That this be received and noted.</p> <p>4. Highways; No further updates.</p> <p>5. CCTV; No further updates</p> <p>6. Christmas Lights; It was noted that 23 columns are unavailable in 2021 due to the installation of public Wi-Fi. NYCC have agreed to pay for RCC's installation equipment to be moved from the columns</p>	Proposed Cllr Williams	Seconded Cllr Hardisty
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	<p>that cannot be used in 2021 to alternative columns. Areas around Park St, Church Lane, Coltsgate Hill, Bondgate and down to the Canal basin have been identified as alternative locations in 2021.</p> <p>It was agreed that the new columns be kept as part of RCC's display going forward and that additional infrastructure will be installed on the columns that come back into use for the 2022 season. It was noted that the Christmas Lights switch is on Saturday 20th November 2021.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded Cllr Chambers</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p> <p>7. VAS Signs; It was noted that the signs have been installed and agreed that an appropriate set of ladders be purchased. It was noted that there is a problem with one of the columns on Palace Road and that NYCC have been notified and will carry out remedial works as soon as possible, after the repairs have been undertaken Westcotec will need to visit Ripon again to install the required infrastructure.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded Cllr Hawke</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p> <p>8. Quarry Moor; That a resident has raised further concerns/issues regarding the trees at Quarry Moor. That the Clerk speaks to the Council's aboriginal consultant for their revised opinion and that the works identified as necessary by them are carried out.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed Cllr Martin</td> <td>Seconded Cllr Williams</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands. That the play area remains closed due to the rats and that the vegetation in the car park be cut back to allow more natural light in.</p> <p>9. Re-organisation of Local Government in North Yorkshire; That RCC write to NYCC Chief Executive and the Secretary of State to voice concerns.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed Cllr Martin</td> <td>Seconded Cllr Williams</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p> <p>10. Ripon Town Hall. No update at this time.</p>	Proposed Cllr Williams	Seconded Cllr Chambers	Proposed Cllr Williams	Seconded Cllr Hawke	Proposed Cllr Martin	Seconded Cllr Williams	Proposed Cllr Martin	Seconded Cllr Williams
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158/21	<p>To consider procuring a Christmas brochure to promote events within the city and agree appropriate action. That RCC produce a Christmas brochure and distribute, as well as promote events via social media.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded Cllr Davis</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed Cllr Williams	Seconded Cllr Davis						
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159/21	<p>To discuss the condition of some of the buildings around the junction of High Skellgate and Water Skellgate. That RCC write to HBC to express their concern about the appearance of the buildings at the junction.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded Cllr Davis</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed Cllr Williams	Seconded Cllr Davis						
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160/21	<p>To receive correspondence and agree appropriate action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wildflower Summer meadows – emails dated 13th and 15th September 2021; That this be noted. 2. Hornblower plaque – letters dated 28th September 2021, 29th September 2021 and 1st October 2021; That this be received and noted. 3. St Wilfrids parade – email dated 23rd September 2021; That RCC respond to the email to arrange a meeting. <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded Cllr Hawke</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. NALC Advice note PC6-21 dated 7th September 2021 - Local Nature Recovery Strategies. That this be received and noted. 	Proposed Cllr Williams	Seconded Cllr Hawke						
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161/21	<p>Planning matters: To consider planning matters as detailed in the attached Appendix. That comments are detailed on the below Appendix.</p>								

162/21	<p>To receive the following reports:</p> <p>Reports from Harrogate Borough Councillors if appropriate – for information only; Councillor Hawke informed members that Ure Bank Top has now been resurfaced and that the swimming pool is making good progress. Councillor Martin congratulated HBC for the advance of funds for Ripon BID to allow them to proceed.</p> <p>.</p> <p>Reports from North Yorkshire County Councillors if appropriate – for information only; Cllr Martin advised that work has commenced on tidying up of the traffic islands around the City. Councillor Chambers advised that transition committees had been set up in advance of new authority taking shape.</p> <p>Reports from members and/or the Clerk on external organisations. The Clerk advised that she has spoken to the Rotary Club regarding the grass cutting grant and that the cost in 2021 is expected to be in the region of £350, written confirmation is awaited.</p>
163/21	<p>Mayoral Announcements – for information. None.</p> <p>With business concluded, the meeting closed at 19:21.</p>

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161/21	<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>		
21/03944/FUL	<p>36-37 The Royal Oak Kirkgate Ripon HG4 1PB Proposed change of use of existing service yard and unofficial car parking area to form additional beer garden area including 2.0m high fence enclosure. https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QZ0T5DHYJH500. That RCC have no objections to this application.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="451 714 1453 750"> <tr> <td>Proposed Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded Cllr Hardisty</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed Cllr Williams	Seconded Cllr Hardisty
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21/01815/LB	<p>Thorpe Prebend House High St Agnesgate Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1QR Addition of a new fire partition and doors to the ground floor hall, a new door to the first floor and adaptation of the main staircase. https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QS8D6YHYHZN00. That RCC have no objections to this application.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="451 972 1453 1008"> <tr> <td>Proposed Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded Cllr Hardisty</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed Cllr Williams	Seconded Cllr Hardisty
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21/04068/TPO	<p>North Croft 40A North Street Ripon HG4 1HJ Crown lift 1 no. Horse Chestnut (identified as T3 on plan) to 4 metres within G1 of Tree Preservation Order 37/2009. https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QZFMIVHYJLJ00. That RCC have no objections to this application.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="451 1223 1453 1258"> <tr> <td>Proposed Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded Cllr Hardisty</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed Cllr Williams	Seconded Cllr Hardisty
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21/04093/TPO	<p>Middleham House Spring Bank Road Ripon HG4 1HB Fell 1 no. Beech tree (T6) within Tree Preservation Order 17/1989 https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QZHH76HYJMM00. That RCC have no objections to this application.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="451 1444 1453 1480"> <tr> <td>Proposed Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded Cllr Hardisty</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed Cllr Williams	Seconded Cllr Hardisty
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21/04094/TPO	<p>Former Red House 41 Palace Road Ripon North Yorkshire Fell 1 no. Thorn tree (T1) within W1 of Tree Preservation Order 17/2013 https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QZHH78HYJMO00. That RCC have no objections to this application.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="451 1666 1453 1702"> <tr> <td>Proposed Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded Cllr Hardisty</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed Cllr Williams	Seconded Cllr Hardisty
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