



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

Date: 23 November 2020

Time: 6.00pm

HELD AT 6PM ONLINE ON MICROSOFT TEAMS

Present	Cllr E Parkin - The Right Worshipful the Mayor (joined the meeting at 6:10pm) Cllr J Bate Cllr M Chambers Cllr S Craggs joined the meeting at 6:08pm Cllr C Hardisty Cllr S Hawke Cllr P M Horton Cllr P McHardy (joined the meeting by telephone at 6:21pm) Cllr S Martin Cllr C Davis Cllr A Williams
In Attendance	Paula Benson, the Clerk Rebecca Perrin, Administrator Sgt Mayes, NYP Ripon Police Sergeant

141/20	To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence. Apologies were received and reasons for absence approved from Cllr C Powell.		
142/20	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 present.		
143/20	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. Cllr Hawke declared an interest as a member of HBC Planning Committee; Cllr Martin declared an interest as a member of HBC Planning Committee, Chairman of Friends of Hell Wath Group and member of the BID; Cllr Craggs declared an interest as a member of the BID.		
144/20	To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th October 2020. That a spelling mistake should be corrected and that Cllr Davis should be included on the list of attendees. Once correct, these be approved as a true and accurate record. <table border="1"><tr><td>Proposed – Cllr Williams</td><td>Seconded – Cllr Hawke</td></tr></table> RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Hawke
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145/20	To consider recent anti-social behaviour in Ripon and to receive an update from the local policing team. NYP Sergeant Mayes advised non-emergency reports must be made via 101 to be actioned but they are aware of the issues around this. Cllr's showed support for a Police working group to be formed to discuss anti-social behaviour. Fishergreen Allotments suffered nuisance damage and Police Sergeant Mayes confirmed the reported munitions were fireworks.		

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146/20	<p>To receive a verbal update on the following matters, if appropriate, and to agree appropriate action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ripon Barracks - To receive an update from the Transport Consultant both the application and discussions with Counsel; Cllr Williams advised that the Transport Consultant has issued a late indication of costs for a legal opinion on the Ripon Barracks planning application following him undertaking a review of the Environmental assessment. That the Clerk, Cllr Chambers and Cllr Williams be delegated authority to appoint the recommended solicitor, if appropriate. Cllr Martin requested all Cllr's receive a copy of the email so they are aware of what they are delegating authority to. Noted that the Clerk will circulate the email. <table border="1" data-bbox="316 450 1366 488"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Martin</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bedern Bank; No updates at this time. The Old Library Site. That the Council contribute up to £1,250 to the cost of HBC putting up hoardings and making safe with a lockable gate. The hoardings to be covered with artwork to advertise attractions. HBC's permission to be sought with regards to the artwork, Ripon Civic Society to be invited to assist along the lines of the Ripon Review project. The Clerk confirmed the Current Year Fund and Small Grants pot would be an appropriate fund for these costs. <table border="1" data-bbox="316 840 1366 878"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Martin</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a show of hands with one against.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Martin	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Martin																			
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147/20	<p>Events</p> <p>To note that communication has been received regarding the licencing of music at Ripon City Council Events in 2019-20 which is under investigation. That the Clerk conduct research and liaise with HBC as they licenced the events on their land.</p>																							
148/20	<p>Christmas Lights</p> <p>To receive an update, if appropriate in respect of the Christmas Lights display for 2020 and to agree appropriate action. A discussion took place regarding the columns that are not working. The Clerk advised Christmas Plus will be carrying out a walk around accompanied by The Mayor. Cllr Craggs volunteered to walk around and note down the column numbers and report back to the Clerk. To be formally noted that the Council passes on their thanks to North Yorkshire County Council for their hard work.</p>																							
149/20	<p>Financial Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To receive the Income and Expenditure report dated 31st October 2020; To approve the list of payments and receipts for August 2020, September 2020 and October 2020; <table border="1" data-bbox="411 1585 1465 1845"> <thead> <tr> <th>Month/account</th> <th>Payments</th> <th>Receipts</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>August 2020 Month 5 HSBC</td> <td>3236.99</td> <td>500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>August 2020 Month 5 UTB</td> <td>18013.08</td> <td>205249.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>September 2020 Month 6 HSBC</td> <td>3570.15</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>September 2020 Month 6 UTB</td> <td>21309.22</td> <td>252.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>October 2020 Month 7 HSBC</td> <td>4139.10</td> <td>84880.29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>October 2020 Month 7 UTB</td> <td>138412.08</td> <td>498.97</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To receive and approve the list of direct debits on the Unity Trust Bank account; That items 1,2 and 3 are received and approved. <table border="1" data-bbox="316 1912 1366 1951"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr McHardy</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Month/account	Payments	Receipts	August 2020 Month 5 HSBC	3236.99	500.00	August 2020 Month 5 UTB	18013.08	205249.10	September 2020 Month 6 HSBC	3570.15	0	September 2020 Month 6 UTB	21309.22	252.00	October 2020 Month 7 HSBC	4139.10	84880.29	October 2020 Month 7 UTB	138412.08	498.97	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr McHardy
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	<p>4. To receive an update on the new investment accounts. The Clerk advised the accounts with Cambridge Building Society and Skipton Building Society have not yet been opened due to delays at the building societies caused by COVID.</p>						
150/20	<p>To receive a letter from a member of public regarding a replacement tea service and agree appropriate action. That the Clerk writes a formal letter to receive the offer of a donated teapot and to express the Councils thanks and appreciation to this kind gesture.</p>						
151/20	<p>Devolution To consider the details of the proposals provided by both NYCC and HBC and to agree appropriate action in the event that a corporate response is required. Following a discussion it was agreed that it is not possible to make a corporate opinion at this stage.</p>						
152/20	<p>To consider the local Social Media sites in Ripon and agree appropriate action. A discussion regarding social media sites in the City took place. It was agreed that the Mayor would make contact with the administrators of the Blow Your Horn Facebook page regarding the fact that some elected members of the Council are unable to post and/or join and to request that any requests from members of the Council are accepted to allow the City council work together with the community at this difficult time. Cllr Craggs to provide the Clerk with admin contact details.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Proposed – Cllr Parkin</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Seconded – Cllr McHardy</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a show of hands with four abstentions.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Parkin	Seconded – Cllr McHardy				
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153/20	<p>To consider the purchase of Vehicle Activated Speed detection equipment. That the Council consider the purchase of VAS equipment when setting the budget in December. The Clerk advised rental agreement with NYCC has come to an end.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Seconded – Cllr McHardy</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr McHardy				
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154/20	<p>Small Grants</p> <p>1. To review the applications made to the Small Grants Scheme to date and to make a decision on award, as appropriate.</p> <p>Ripon City Panthers Junior Football Club - £1,000 That the full amount is awarded.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Seconded – Cllr McHardy</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p> <p>Jennyruth Workshops - £765, Friends of Hell Wath - £1,000, Abbeyfield Ripon and District Society Ltd - £400 That the full amount is awarded to the above applicants.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Seconded – Cllr Hawke</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a show of hands with one abstention to the Friends of Hell Wath application.</p> <p>Ripon Tennis Centre - £935 That this application is put on hold. The Clerk write to Ripon Tennis Centre to request information on how the previous grant provided was utilised and requests further details on how the success of this proposed initiative will be measured.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Seconded – Cllr McHardy</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p> <p>Ripon BID Ltd - £1,000 That this application is declined.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr McHardy	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Hawke	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr McHardy
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155/20	<p>To consider Planning Matters as detailed in the attached Appendix. That this be received and noted.</p>						
156/20	<p>To receive the following reports:</p> <p>Reports from Harrogate Borough Councillors if appropriate – for information only. Cllr Hawke advised reports had been made with regards to the delay of the swimming pool development due to gypsum. HBC confirmed gypsum was not found but the development was delayed by 5 weeks due to COVID but it is on programme for next year. Cllr Chambers advised HBC and NYCC have submitted their bids for local government re-organisation to Central Government for review. Cllr McHardy advised that the Chief Executive of HBC would like to have a meeting with RCC regarding Devolution. Cllr Martin advised that both he and Cllr Chambers had met with HBC and the Yorkshire Water welfare unit on the Market Square which has now been moved away from the Christmas tree. Cllr Martin advised Yorkshire Water have confirmed if lockdown carries on past 2nd December 2020, they will utilise that time to continue the sewer works on Kirkgate.</p> <p>Reports from North Yorkshire County Councillors if appropriate – for information only. Reports from members and/or the Clerk on external organisations. No reports from the Clerk. Cllr McHardy passed on the public and Councils thanks to the Mayor and the Clerk in their work with the wonderful Christmas lights display.</p>						
157/20	<p>Mayoral Announcements – for information. The Mayor formally gave his thanks to Cllr Martin for arranging the safe delivery of the Cabmen’s Shelter to the Market Square. The Clerk also passed on her thanks to Cllr Martin for his work with the Cabmen’s Shelter return advising Council that he had undertaken the co-ordination of many moving parts during her absence.</p> <p>The Mayor passed on his regards to the Clerk advising that everyone was delighted to see her return to work.</p>						

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