



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

Date: Monday 4th December 2017
Time: 8:30pm
Location: The Council Chamber, the Town Hall, Ripon, HG4 1DD

Present: Cllr P McHardy – The Right Worshipful The Mayor
 Cllr L Barnes
 Cllr M Chambers
 Cllr A Gaskin
 Cllr P Horton
 Cllr S Hawke
 Cllr S Jones
 Cllr S Martin
 Cllr P Pearson
 Cllr C Powell
 Cllr M Stanley
 Cllr R Willis
 Cllr A Williams

In attendance: Mrs P Benson, the Clerk
 Mr G Johnson, Serjeant at Mace
 5 members of the public.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Mr G Johnson, Serjeant at Mace said Prayers.

170-17	<p>To receive apologies and approve reason for absence.</p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Bate and Morgan</p>		
171-17	<p>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.</p> <p>The Mayor advised members of the public present that it was not appropriate for them to speak at this time as it was proposed that the agenda items would be heard after the resolution in 174-17.</p>		
172-17	<p>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.</p> <p>None declared.</p>		
173-17	<p>To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th November 2017.</p> <p>That the minutes be amended to note Cllr Stanley's attendance.</p> <p>That, subject to the amendment above the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate account of proceedings</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Seconded – Cllr Willis</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Willis
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	<p>The Mayor addressed the members of public present, advising that she appreciated that they had been waiting outside the Council Chamber for a long time during the Finance and General Purposes Committee item addressed in private session. The Mayor asked if there was anything in particular on the agenda that they had attended to listen to and invited questions from the members of public present.</p> <p>One of the members of public present asked if they could re-enter the chamber later in the meeting, the Mayor advised that the chamber would be re-opened after item 176-17. The member of public referred to the fact that excluding public and press seemed to be a foregone conclusion when in fact a vote needed to be taken.</p> <p>Another member of public advised that he had 'come to see the workings of Ripon City Council'.</p>		

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174-17	<p>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 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 the above resolution be approved.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="288 353 1439 389"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Horton</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Williams</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Horton	Seconded – Cllr Williams
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175-17	<p>To receive a verbal report from the F&GP Committee and agree appropriate action.</p> <p>Cllr Pearson gave a verbal report to Full Council as Deputy Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.</p> <p>That the resolution of the Finance and General Purposes Committee 97-17 be endorsed by Full Council.</p> <p>That an agreed statement is issued in the News section of the Ripon City Council webpage on 6th December 2017.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="288 786 1439 822"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Martin</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p> <p>Cllr Gaskin left the meeting at 9:10pm.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Martin
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176-17	<p>To consider the staffing requirements of the Council and agree appropriate action.</p> <p>That the engagement of DCK Accounting Solutions is approved on the terms detailed in the Clerk's memo dated 4th December 2017, their specialism in Local Council Finance is noted.</p> <p>That the Clerk is remunerated for her time in lieu due to workload not allowing her to take time off and produces a report detailing the cost of her time in lieu to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="288 1234 1439 1270"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Chambers</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Pearson</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a show of hands with two abstentions</p>	Proposed – Cllr Chambers	Seconded – Cllr Pearson
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177-17	<p>To receive a report from Harrogate Borough Councillors if appropriate – for information only.</p> <p>Cllr Chambers advised that the new HBC offices were open and that no further business would be transacted at Crescent Gardens. That the next meeting of Full Council would be held at the Royal Hall due to expected attendance numbers as the Local Plan was on the agenda.</p> <p>Cllr McHardy advised that she had spoken to the HBC officer at the cemetery and pointed out the ivy and trees that were growing over the graves, requesting that they undertake works.</p>		
178-17	<p>To receive a report from North Yorkshire County Councillors if appropriate – for information only.</p> <p>Cllr Martin advised that following him raising the state of the road to the Municipal tip it had now been resurfaced.</p> <p>Cllr Chambers advised that the Area Committee meeting on 7th December 2017 would address the Harrogate Relief Road.</p>		
179-17	<p>Mayoral Announcements – for information.</p> <p>The Mayor advised that she had thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas Lights Switch on and that thanks should be given to the Discover Ripon team for a successful event.</p>		

With business concluded the meeting was closed at 9:35pm.

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

SIGNED

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THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR