



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

Date: 8th April 2019

Time: 6:00 pm

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

Present

- Cllr P McHardy – The Right Worshipful The Mayor
- Cllr J Bate
- Cllr M Chambers
- Cllr S Craggs
- Cllr C Davis
- Cllr C Hardisty
- Cllr S Hawke
- Cllr P M Horton
- Cllr S Martin
- Cllr E Parkin
- Cllr C Powell
- Cllr A Williams

In Attendance Mrs P M Benson, the Clerk, Mr J Vauvert and six members of the public.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting The Very Reverend Dean John Dobson opened the proceedings with Prayer.

65/19	To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence. None.		
66/19	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. A member of the public enquired about the potential development of Clothholme Village and the transport links thereto		
67/19	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. Cllrs Hawke and Martin declared an interest as members of HBC Planning Committee.		
68/19	To approve the Minutes of the Meetings held on 11th March 2019 and 1st April 2019. That the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate account of proceedings. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Seconded – Cllr Hawke</td> </tr> </table> RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Hawke
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69/19	To receive an update from Dean John Dobson on Ripon Together and to note the timetable for the agreement of Partnership Funding for 2019 onwards. Dean John Dobson spoke on Ripon Together's achievements and aims and stressed the importance of the Partnership Funding from RCC which was used to meet the cost of administrative support. Cllr Martin requested that Council to congratulate Dean John on becoming a HM Deputy Lieutenant for North Yorkshire. It was noted that the new Partnership Funding proposals would be considered at the June 2019 meeting of Full Council.		

70/19	<p>To receive an update from Mr C Hughes on the Ripon City Plan – HBC making the plan; complimentary projects.</p> <p>Mr Hughes referred to the briefing note issued on the City Plan which was received and noted.</p>																		
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72/19	To receive a verbal update from the Transport Working Group on the proposed bus service and any proposals received and agree appropriate action.		
	Cllr Horton advised that we were still awaiting to hear from the potential provider. It was agreed that an additional meeting of Full Council would be convened once the information had been received.		
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	RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.		
73/19	To receive a verbal update on Events and agree appropriate action and to consider and approve the payment of the bond required by HBC in respect of the use of the market square for the Tour de Yorkshire event.		
	It was noted that the Event Management company had undertaken to pay the bond required by Harrogate Borough Council. The Clerk was requested to contact HBC to ensure that the damaged cobbles on parts of the square are noted prior to the event.		
74/19	To receive an update from the Hugh Ripley Hall Committee and agree appropriate action.		
	It was noted that the HRH Committee have commenced the process of obtaining quotations to repair and/or replace the roof as required. Reforming the entry way to the hall is being investigated to allow for a separate foyer to be created, isolating the main hall from the doorway and stairs.		
	VAT implications and the requirement to comply with the The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 if spend exceeds £25,000 was noted.		
	It was agreed that once quotations were received an additional meeting of Full Council will be called to review the matter.		
	Proposed – Cllr McHardy	Seconded – Cllr Bate	
	RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.		
75/19	Financial Matters		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the list of payments and receipts for February 2019; 2. To receive the income and expenditure reports for the month of February 2019; 3. To note that the bank reconciliation statements for the month ending February 2019 have been signed by the Mayor; 4. To receive an update on VAT; 5. To note that the insurance policy has been renewed at a cost of £3959.63, F&GP minute reference 30-17 refers; long term agreement year three of three. 6. To approve the following payments <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) MRP Alarms in respect of the alarm system in the RCC occupied area of Ripon Town Hall £1206; ii) YLCA membership 2019-2020 £1550; 		
	That the above be approved en bloc. It was noted that there was no update on the VAT matter.		
	Proposed – Cllr Hawke	Seconded – Cllr Parkin	
	RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.		
76/19	To receive correspondence and agree appropriate action		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter dated 20th March 2019 - Rt Hon J Smith MP; That this be received and noted. 2. Letter dated 10th March 2019 – Member of the public; 		

	<p>That this be received and noted.</p> <p>3. Letter dated 4th March 2019 – Harrogate Quaker Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends; That this be received and that a letter be returned to the organisation advising that this is not something it is appropriate for Ripon City Council to be involved in.</p> <p>4. Letter dated March 2019 – Seafarers UK; That this be received and noted.</p> <p>5. Email dated 25th March 2019 – Council Tax 2019/20; That this be received and considered at future budget setting.</p>				
77/19	<p>To note the position on the Town Hall lease and to receive an update in respect of the invoices for occupation of space within the Town Hall and agree appropriate action.</p> <p>That the invoices are not approved for payment. That the Clerk writes to HBC to request an early meeting to progress the lease. That the Clerk writes to the HBC Cabinet Member to request a meeting with RCC to discuss the issues surrounding the lease.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td>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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80/19	<p>To receive a report from Harrogate Borough Councillors if appropriate – for information only.</p> <p>Cllr Martin advised that he had obtained agreement to match funding from HBC to deal with the problems of the pigeons on the Market Square subject to the actual sum being agreed. Cllr Martin is awaiting confirmation of the proposal from the hawk provider.</p>				
81/19	<p>To receive a report from North Yorkshire County Councillors if appropriate – for information only.</p> <p>Cllr Chambers spoke regarding the approval of funding for VAS signs for Parish Councils. It was noted that the RCC current agreement with NYCC expires in May 2020 and agreed that this matter would be returned to Council for consideration in November 2020.</p>				
82/19	<p>Mayoral Announcements – for information.</p> <p>None.</p>				