



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

Date: Monday 11th September 2023

Time: 6:00pm

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

Present:

Cllr S Hawke

Cllr E Parkin

Cllr B Brodigan

Cllr J Crozier

Cllr C Hardisty

Cllr J Martin-Long

Cllr P McHardy

Cllr A Williams

Cllr P Horton

Cllr T Duncan

Cllr J Bate

Cllr S Flatley

The Right Worshipful the Mayor

In Attendance

Chief Officer

Senior Administration Officer

Five members of the public.

One press representatives.

Prior to the start of the meeting Canon Michael Gisbourne said prayers

127/23	To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence. None.
128/23	To request any disclosure of an interest in relation to any matter under consideration at this meeting (financial or otherwise) and to consider any written requests for dispensation. Cllrs Williams and Brodigan declared an interest in anything that may come before them as a member of NYC's area planning committee and NYC generally.
129/23	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 spoke on various highway matters. A representative of Ripon Spa Gardens Bowls Club, who resides in the city spoke about the deterioration of the bowling green and his concern about the demise of the Club.
130/23	To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th July 2023 That these be approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings. RESOLVED with one abstention.

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131/23	<p>Financial and Governance Matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To receive the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return from the external auditor; That this be received and noted. RESOLVED. 2. To receive an update on workload from the Chief Officer; It was noted that the new members of staff were all on board but that there is still a significant backlog of work, estimated time to resolve – three months. 3. To receive Small Grants Applications if appropriate and to make a decision on award; None received. 4. To receive a general update on Partnership Funding and to receive the following; It was noted that all funded bodies have received a draft agreement which are now in the course of being refined. The next step in the process will be to arrange for delegated members to meet with representatives from each body. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Email dated 21st August 2023 – RCC Partnership Funding Scheme. That this be received and noted and that this item will be revisited as part of the budget setting process. RESOLVED. 5. To receive the Income and Expenditure Report for the period 1st April 2023 to 30th June 2023; That this be received and noted. RESOLVED. 6. To note that the bank reconciliations for the period 1st April 2023 to 30th June 2023 have been signed in accordance with Financial Regulations. That this be received and noted. RESOLVED.
132/23	<p>North Yorkshire Council Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To receive the NYC letter dated 18th July 2023 - Parish Charter; That this be received and noted. RESOLVED. 2. To receive and consider the Litter Bin Review; That individual ward councillors are requested to work together to identify where bins might not be required before feeding back to NYC. RESOLVED. 3. To receive the NYC communication - Announcing a new approach to managing speed limits in North Yorkshire. That this be received and noted. RESOLVED.
133/23	<p>To receive an update on the restoration of the painting of ‘Mrs Margaret Sara Steven’ and agree appropriate action. That the restoration work to the value of £720.00 + VAT be authorised. RESOLVED.</p>
134/23	<p>Standing Items</p> <p>To receive an update on the following matters and agree appropriate action if appropriate.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Christmas Lights. The Chief Officer provided an update to the effect that a meeting will be held with the current contractor in the coming days. The old contractor has confirmed that the

missing lights were passed to them as part of their contract at the time and they will arrange for their delivery to the current contractor.

Cllr Parkin requested that a further discussion on this item take part after the exclusion of press and public due to the commercial nature of the item. Cllr Hawke agreed.

2. Highways Matters

i. Traffic issues at Ure Bank;

That RCC write to NYC to request that they consider lowering the speed limit on Ure Bank following concerns from residents.

RESOLVED

ii. Zebra Crossing.

That RCC write to NYC to request that a permanent and visible improvement is installed at the junction to improve visibility in whatever form that may take. That consideration be given to the installation of a sign on the metal post immediately before the junction in the immediate term 'beware pedestrians crossing'.

RESOLVED.

3. Events.

It was noted that the August Bank Holiday event was a success. The Mayor expressed his thanks to all who assisted with the event. The Chief Officer advised that attention had moved onto Battle of Britain on 17th September, Remembrance Sunday, Christmas Lights Switch On and New Year's Eve events.

4. Devolution.

It was noted that the NYC decision on the double devolution pilot was expected in October 2023.

5. Bus service.

It was noted that the service was running well. That a further meeting be arranged with NYC to discuss the provision.

RESOLVED

6. Placemarking.

The Chief Officer advised that Ripon Bid have recently confirmed that they will partner with RCC on the employment of a consultant and that a meeting was due to take place to start the bid application process.

7. Toilets at the Paddling Pool.

It was noted that the toilets have now been removed and were a great success again in 2023. The Chief Officer advised that the contractor had done a fantastic job keeping them cleaned and restocked throughout the season although a couple of incidences of vandalism occurred with RCC responsible for the cost of repair.

8. Ripon Barracks.

Cllr Brogidan advised that further artefacts of international historical significance have been discovered on the site. Cllr Brodigan is to circulate an information paper. The Chief Officer advised that Homes England will be in attendance at the October Full Council meeting.

9. Quarry Moor

i. Documents from County Records Office;

That RCC commences the process of requesting copies of the documentation in North Yorkshire County Archives;

RESOLVED with seven in favour and five abstentions.

10. Ripon Youth Council.

	<p>The update provided from YMCA was noted.</p> <p>11. Welcome to Ripon Signs.</p> <p>It was noted that the wooden signs have perished and that the new signs funded by the Ripon BID were not intended to replace the original heritage signs. Responsibility for the signs has passed to NYC.</p> <p>That RCC advise NYC that the Council do not support the replacement of something that is not on a like for like basis and that costs are obtained for replacement signs on a like for like basis that are sympathetic to the City's heritage.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>
135/23	<p>To receive correspondence and agree appropriate action.</p> <p>1. Email dated 25th August 2023 – Market day car parking;</p> <p>That discussions take place with NYC on a potential car parking feasibility study and that NYC officers are invited to a Transport Working Group meeting to discuss expansion of the bus service and other options.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>2. Email dated 25th July 2023 – Ripon Spa Gardens Bowls Club;</p> <p>It was noted that this community asset which contributes to the health and wellbeing and heritage of the City is in danger of failing.</p> <p>Cllr Williams to arrange for RSGBC to meet with NYC leadership to establish a way forward and that RCC write to NYC in support of RSGBC.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>3. Email dated 1st September 2023 – Harron Homes Development – Bishops Glade;</p> <p>That RCC raise this site with NYC Planning Enforcement, requesting a further update.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>4. Email dated 24th July 2023 – Banking Facilities in Ripon;</p> <p>That this be received and noted.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>5. Email dated 5th August 2023 – Vandalism in Ripon;</p> <p>That North Yorkshire Police are invited to meet with RCC to discuss the ongoing antisocial behaviour problems in Ripon.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>6. Email date 10th August 2023 – Addressing Consultation for 23/07291/STNAME.</p> <p>That RCC object to the proposed name on the basis that there has never been a university in Ripon.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>
136/23	<p>Planning matters:</p> <p>1. To consider planning matters as detailed overleaf.</p> <p>That RCC have no objections.</p>
137/23	<p>To receive the following reports:</p> <p>1. Reports from North Yorkshire County Councillors if appropriate – for information only;</p> <p>Cllr Brodigan advised that the deregulation of Taxis has had a dramatic effect on the revenue of operators. An online petition to raise awareness of the effect of the decision has been set up with 200 signatures. It was noted that paying passengers had reported overcharging, with drivers from out of the area not being as familiar with local routes.</p>

	<p>It was requested that this is placed on the agenda for a future meeting of Full Council.</p> <p>It was noted that progress was being made on the Community Partnerships pilot project for Ripon with Destination Management highlighted as an area of significance.</p> <p>Cllr Williams advised that he had arranged for NYC to extend the opening times at the paddling pool following the recent hot weather. NYC have recently cleaned the war memorial. Test drilling on Market Square roads to determine the best course of action on resurfacing have taken place. NYC have recently withdrawn their proposed increase in fees at Ripon Leisure Centre. Work to address the unkempt appearance at the Old Petrol Station on Skellbank have taken place recently, Cllr Williams remains in discussions with NYC on how the site might be improved further.</p> <p>Reports from members and/or the Clerk on external organisations; None.</p> <p>2. Report from Ripon Together; None.</p> <p>3. Report from Ripon Bid. None.</p>
138/23	<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>RESOLVED.</p>
134/23	<p>9. Quarry Moor That details of all financial transactions be provided for the last five financial years.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>
139/23	<p>To receive legal advice. That this be received and that it be returned to the next meeting of Full Council for further review.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>
134/23	<p>1. Christmas Lights That the issue of the non return of RCC stock be escalated. The Chief Officer advised that she would speak to the owner of the firm in the first instance to establish whether it can be resolved without legal action.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>

With business concluded the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:35pm.

Signed

The Right Worshipful the Mayor

Dated

136/23	<p>Planning matters:</p> <p>Planning applications as listed below to be considered and responses agreed to the consultations being carried out by the Planning Authority.</p> <p><i>Details of all planning applications listed below can be viewed online prior to the meeting at:</i></p> <p>https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/planning-and-conservation/view-and-comment-planning-applications/view-and-comment-planning-applications-your-area</p>	
	ZC23/02639/FUL	<p>Conversion of existing 1st., 2nd. And 3rd. floors residential accommodation into 4 No. flats. Including internal alterations to provide compliance with fire regulations and formation of additional ground floor entrance. Replacement of rear rooflight with two rooflights.</p> <p>3 Old Market Place Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1EQ https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RXQEMZHYFZ600</p> <p>That the council do not object to this application. RESOLVED</p>
	ZC23/02237/FUL	<p>Replacement of roof to incorporate reclaimed stone from the existing roof to the front elevation and slate to the rear elevation. Installation of solar panels to the rear elevation.</p> <p>Newtons Solicitors 36 Market Place Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1DH https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RW760THYMZQ00</p> <p>That the council do not object to this application. RESOLVED</p>