



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

Date: 7th October 2024

Time: 6:00pm

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

Present:

Cllr S Hawke

The Right Worshipful the Mayor

Cllr A Williams

Cllr B Brodigan

Cllr C Hardisty

Cllr P McHardy

Cllr P Horton

Cllr T Duncan

Cllr J Martin-Long

Cllr S Flatley

Cllr G Camplejohn

In Attendance

Locum Clerk, Administrators.

Twenty members of the public.

One press representative.

External representation from organisations in relation to item 84/24.

Prior to the start of the meeting Dean John said prayers.

MINUTES

82/24	To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence. Apologies were given on behalf of Cllr J Bate and Cllr J Crozier.
83/24	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, declaring a prejudicial interest as an elected member who will vote on the Area Planning Committee in respect of planning matters
85/24	Brought forward at the Mayor's request. 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. Three members of the public spoke at the meeting; two were raising concerns on about the future of the market and commented that the set up should remain as it currently stands. The third member of the public expressed concerns on the proposed widening of the road and removal of hedging at West Lane.

84/24

To receive presentations from external representatives on the following matters:

3. North Yorkshire Council - Grove Lane playground and installation of a Zip Line

This presentation was delivered first at the request of the Mayor.
A verbal report was given on the installation of the zip line at Grove Lane.
It was proposed that this be supported.

RESOLVED

1. Homes England - Ripon Barracks Re-development project.

The presentation was given, council expressed concerns with the development, copies of the slides were requested and it was proposed that this be discussed at a further meeting.

RESOLVED

2. North Yorkshire Council - Proposals for Ripon Market.

The presentation was given, councillors expressed concerns over the economic impact on the City and requested that a breakdown of the costs, specifically to running Ripon market were provided.

RESOLVED

85/24

Members of the public raised concerns regarding Ripon Market.

86/24

The minutes from the meeting held on the 22nd August 2024 were **approved** pending the addition of items 69/24 points 2 and 5.

87/24

Financial, Operational and Governance Matters:

1. To receive the Income and Expenditure Report for the period 1st August 2024 – 31st August.

That this be received and noted.

RESOLVED

2. To receive the list of payments for the period 1st August 2024 – 31st August 2024.

That this be received and noted.

RESOLVED

3. To receive Small Grants Scheme Applications if appropriate and to make a decision on award.

That the application from Friends of Spa Gardens requesting a grant in the sum of £1,000 be received and the grant be awarded.

RESOLVED

4. To receive an update from Partnership Funding Working Group and to make a decision on awards.

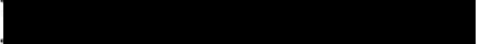
That the recommendation from the working group be received and grants be awarded in the sums below:

Organisation	Total Payment per year	Starting from
Ripon Disability Forum	£1,800	Current financial year
Studley Royal Cricket Club	£3,500	Next financial year
St Wilfrids Committee	£2,000	Next financial year
Open Country for the Ripon Tandem Club	£1,639.82	Next financial year

RESOLVED

	<p>5. To consider a transfer of funds from the Small Grants Scheme budget to the Partnership Funding budget.</p> <p>That the recommendation from the working group be received and proposal to move fundings from the Small Grants Scheme budget to the Partnership Funding budget be supported: transfer of £620 this financial year and transfer of £4,000 next financial year. That RCC increase the next year Partnership Funding budget by additional £4,000.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(1 against)</p>
88/24	<p>Standing Items</p> <p>To receive an update on the following matters if appropriate:</p> <p>1. Highways</p> <p>It was resolved that council will write to North Yorkshire Council highways to object to removal of the hedging at West Lane and to request that they do not approve the application.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>2. Christmas Lights</p> <p>There was nothing to report.</p> <p>3. Quarry Moor – to receive an update from the Alderman T F Spence Committee.</p> <p>Cllr Martin-Long provided updates from the last Committee meeting. It was agreed to purchase PPE and some equipment for warden. The Committee would like to look at the cost of refurbishing the hut. Tre trees are to be remarked and felled. North Yorkshire Police is involved in addressing incidents of anti-social behaviour. The Committee decided to explore opportunities for partnership with Lower Ure Conservation Trust. The contractor was appointed to carry out maintenance operations.</p> <p>This report be received and noted.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>4. Events</p> <p>Cllr Williams thanked the office staff for their work on events and advised that the Christmas Light switch on and New Year's Eve events are fully organised.</p>
89/24	<p>To receive correspondence</p> <p>1. Email dated 27th September 2024 – Complaint re Harrogate Hospital and parking eye for investigation.</p> <p>That council write to the hospital to express concerns.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>
90/24	<p>To discuss the condition of the pink building adjacent to Sigma Antiques and to consider making a request to North Yorkshire Council to effect a compulsory purchase of the building.</p> <p>It was noted that the planning consent was granted in 2007 to convert the building into five flats, but after a 2009 application to alter the windows and frontage was refused, the owner ceased work on the site. The site is highly visible due to its location at busy junction, and the building current state detracts from the city's appearance. This is an opportunity to provide housing on a brownfield site rather than developing greenfield land. It was resolved that RCC request North Yorkshire Council to use its compulsory purchase powers to purchase the site and to bring it back into use, creating five apartments.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>
91/24	<p>Planning matters:</p> <p>1. To consider planning matters as detailed overleaf;</p>

	<p>That this be received and noted. RESOLVED</p> <p>2. To receive the planning appendix; That this be received and noted. RESOLVED</p>
92/24	<p>To receive the following reports:</p> <p>1. Reports from North Yorkshire County Councillors if appropriate – for information only; Cllr Williams provided two updates. First, the contractors have completed stabilizing grout work underneath the leisure centre. Resilience tests are now being conducted to enable the issuance of a public liability certificate, which is expected within the next 2-3 months. Once issued, the building can be brought back into use. Second, the Changing Places toilet on Market Square has been completed, with a formal opening expected later this week or early next week. Significant investments have been made in the public toilets, enhancing facilities for both disabled and able-bodied visitors.</p> <p>2. Reports from members and/or the Chief Officer on external organisation; An update was provided to the effect that the funds for small grants awards that were previously decided had been paid to the funded organisations.</p> <p>3. Report from Ripon Together; Cllr Williams reported that Ripon Together is acting as a conduit for the new community partnership for the two Ripon divisions and the two surrounding rural divisions, with the next meeting planned to assess the priorities for the partnership.</p> <p>4. Report from Ripon Bid. A report was previously circulated, there was nothing to add.</p> <p>5. Mayoral Announcements. The Mayor expressed his disappointment in relation to member attendance at the Battle of Britain event.</p>
93/24	<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 press & public be excluded in accordance with the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>The Locum Clerk left the meeting.</p>
94/24	<p>To consider a request from the Staffing Committee. Cllr Williams reported that the Staffing Committee had resolved to appoint a qualified part-time Deputy Clerk in order to ensure the resilience of the organisation. It was resolved to support a request from the Staffing Committee to increase the staffing budget to £219,595.39.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>

The meeting was closed at 7:43pm
Signed ..  ..

Chairman

Dated 10/02/25

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91/24	<p>Planning matters: 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> https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/planning-and-conservation/view-and-comment-planning-applications/view-and-comment-planning-applications-your-area</p>
ZC24/03047/ADV	<p>Advertisement consent for signage associated with commercial premises St Michaels Retail Park Rotary Way Ripon North Yorkshire https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SJJFXCHYH2Q00 That the council support this application.</p>
ZC24/03097/FUL	<p>Demolition of former petrol station and erection of 7 no. self-contained residential apartments and associated parking Site Of Skellbank Garage Skellbank Ripon North Yorkshire https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SJNLZRHYH4T00 That council support the development of the petrol station site, and that there were no further comments.</p>
ZC24/03057/FUL	<p>Replacement of existing timber windows with high performance timber window frames and doors to include double glazing units. Borrage House Borrage Lane Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 2PZ https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SJJRLNHYH2Y00 That the council support this application.</p>
ZC24/02887/FUL	<p>Partial demolition of existing extensions. Erection of single storey extension, internal alterations, installation of new roof, installation of new windows. Extension and alterations to detached garage. Installation of gates, with associated external works. Green Royd Studley Road Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 2QJ https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SITCYZHYGRP00 That the council support this application.</p>
ZC24/03065/COU	<p>Use of residential annexe as an independent dwelling. North Lodge North Street Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1HJ https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SJL6RXHY0FM00 That the council support this application.</p>
ZC24/02157/FUL	<p>The demolition of farmhouse & associated buildings. Erection of replacement dwelling. Conversion of existing equestrian & agricultural buildings to form ancillary accommodation. Erection of independent garage. Snow Close Farm Little Harries Lane Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 2QZ https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SFQVA3HYFGN00 That the council support this application.</p>
ZC24/02605/FUL	<p>Part conversion and change of use to form 6 apartments and a commercial unit (use class E) to the ground floor. Alterations to existing openings and shop front. Replacement roof to rear of property with provision of new dormer and roof lights. Second Chance 80 North Street Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1DP https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SHJOHVHYG8G00 That the council support this application.</p>

ZC24/03210/FUL	<p>Removal of existing portable laboratory building. Erection of 1no. single storey extension and dog run to the south elevation. Mill Farm Ripon North Yorkshire https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SK2FFNHYHBM00 That the council support this application.</p>
ZC24/03030/DVCON	<p>Section 73 application for the variation of condition 3 (selection of Air Source Heat Pump) to state maximum decibel level of 46dB of Planning Permission ZC24/02187/FUL -Installation of heat pump installed to rear of property. 5 Thirlway Drive Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 2TH https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SJDSRKHY0EK00 That the council support this application.</p>
ZC24/03167/FUL	<p>Change of use from offices to 5 bed dwelling with upper floor internal alterations and construction of free standing east boundary walls. 38A Kirkgate Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1PB https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SJY3QVHYH9300 That the council support this application.</p>
ZC24/03274/FUL	<p>Loft conversion to include raising roof height, velux windows and front and rear gable windows. 4 Ash Bank Road Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 2EQ https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SKCWZMHYHFY00 That the council support this application.</p>