



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

Date: 7th April 2025

Time: 6:00pm

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

Present:

Cllr S Hawke

The Right Worshipful the Mayor

Cllr C Hardisty

Cllr P McHardy

Cllr P Horton

Cllr J Martin-Long

Cllr T Duncan

Cllr S Flatley

Cllr A Williams

In Attendance

Deputy Clerk

Administrator

Seven members of the public

One press representatives

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

43/25	<p>To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Bate, Camplejohn and Crozier. Apologies were not received from Cllr Brodigan, who was absent.</p> <p>Reasons for absence were not approved.</p>
44/25	<p>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.</p> <p>Cllr Williams declared an interest in anything that may come before him 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</p>

45/25	<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>A member of the public spoke about the deteriorated state of several properties in and around the city, particularly on Skellgate, also referring to the rubbish bags which are often littered on High Skellgate and North Street and the decayed state of two properties on North Street.</p>
46/25	<p>To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th March 2025.</p> <p>That these be approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings held.</p> <p>RESOLVED.</p>
47/25	<p>Finance, Policies and Governance Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To receive the Income and Expenditure report for the period 1st April 2024 to 28th February 2025. 2. To receive the list of payments for the period 1st February 2025 – 28th February 2025. 3. To note that the bank reconciliations for the period ending 28th February 2025 have been signed in accordance with the requirements of Financial Regulations. That items 1,2 and 3 be taken en-bloc with items 1 and 2 being received and item 3 being noted. RESOLVED 4. To receive the Second Interim Audit Report dated 27th February 2025. That this be received. RESOLVED 5. To note the position in relation to the advice sought in respect of the Alderman T F Spence Charity. That this be noted. RESOLVED 6. To receive and approve the asset register following receipt of the professional valuation of assets and to note the insurance renewal premium based on the revised asset register. That this be received and approved. Reference was made to the removal of playground equipment from the asset register. RESOLVED. 7. To receive and approve the following invoices: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Lawyers in Local Government – P Benson Full Member – Annual Subscription - £150.00 ii. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations – Membership – Annual Subscription - £1978.00. <p>That the invoices detailed in items i. and ii. above be approved.</p> <p>RESOLVED.</p>

48/25	<p>Double Devolution To receive the short form submissions returned to North Yorkshire Council in respect of the following, for information and to note that a response is outstanding.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ripon Town Hall. 2. Wakeman's House. <p>That items 1. and 2. be received and noted. RESOLVED.</p>
49/25	<p>Events To receive the following resolutions from the Events Committee meeting held on 31st March 2025 and agree appropriate action.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resolution 17/25 5 which constitutes to a change in the events schedule agreed for 2025. 2. Resolution 16/25 in relation to the movement of surplus in the events budget for the period 1st April 2024-31st March 2025 into an ear marked reserve. <p>That items 1. and 2. be received and approved and that an event is held on the evening of 15th August to mark the 80th anniversary of VJ Day. That the event scheduled for August Bank Holiday Saturday does not take place and that the budget set for that event is utilised to provide the VJ Day event, with fairground rides provided on the market square which are free at the point of use on 16th and 23rd August.</p> <p>That the underspend from the 2024-25 events budget is moved into the Events Earmarked reserve. RESOLVED.</p>
50/25	<p>To receive correspondence and agree appropriate action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter dated 21st March 2025, York & North Yorkshire Office for Policing, Fire, Crime and Commissioning; That this be received and that a reply is sent to the effect that the Council is grateful for the investment in the new Police and Fire Station in Ripon, but that it is disappointed that the decision to vacate the leased space within the Town Hall has been taken without consultation with RCC. That the reasoning behind the previously agreed drop-in provision in the Town Hall was that the Police come to the community and not the other way round. Reference to the Town Hall provision being a discreet and accessible local service for residents, with ample parking close by was made, with concerns raised about the accessibility of the location of the new Police and Fire station for those who might be elderly or less-able bodied, together with the lack of parking on the site. RESOLVED. 2. Email dated 25th March 2025, poor condition of identified properties in Ripon; It was noted that RCC had recently resolved to request that NYC commence the process of compulsory purchase orders in respect of the properties referred to on Skellgate. Reference to the littering on North Street was made and the lack of wheelie bins at many of the properties on North Street was noted. Cllr Williams advised that he has been liaising with NYC street cleansing about the removal of rubbish around the city. Reference was made to the recent successful planning application to redevelop the fire damaged laundrette site was noted.

	<p>3. Email dated 25th March 2025, Bus Service from Ripon to Harrogate (Full Council Resolution 21/25 refers). That this be received and noted. RESOLVED.</p>
51/25	<p>To receive the Electoral Review of North Yorkshire Council: Draft Recommendations from The Local Government Boundary Commission for England dated 1st April 2025 and agree to formulate a response. That this be received and that the matter is deferred to the next meeting of Full Council, with the date of the June meeting of Full Council moved forward to 2nd June 2025 to allow a response to be returned before the end of the consultation period. RESOLVED</p>
52/25	<p>To receive the updated information on Commuted Sums from North Yorkshire Council. That this be received and noted and that Cllr Horton calls another meeting of the working group. RESOLVED.</p>
53/25	<p>To receive the minutes from the following committees for information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hugh Ripley Hall Committee – minutes dated 16th December 2024. That these be received. RESOLVED 2. Events Committee – minutes dated 13th January 2025. That these be received. RESOLVED
54/25	<p>Planning matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To consider planning matters as detailed overleaf; Refer to individual resolutions. 2. To receive the planning appendix. That this be received. RESOLVED

<p>55/25</p>	<p>To receive the following verbal reports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reports from North Yorkshire County Councillors if appropriate – for information only; Cllr Williams referred to the following NYC matters: Change of refuse collection day, advising that NYC had written to all local residents in the last week. NYC have agreed in principle to offer a storage facility for market stalls only, free of charge to the market traders subject to certain provisions to be agreed in due course. 2. Reports from members and/or the Chief Officer on external organisations; Cllr McHardy updated members about her recent attendance the Cathedral Rural Forum where senior representatives from North Yorkshire Police spoke about reduced rural crime rates, referring to NYP's collaborative operations with forces across county borders to target organised rural crime. 3. Report from Ripon Together; Cllr Williams advised that he had recently attended a meeting of the pilot Lower Uredale Partnership project is proving to be very successful. 4. Report from Ripon Bid; Cllr Williams reported that the Ferris Wheel was proving to be very successful and that Ripon Bid's collaboration with North Yorkshire Council was to be celebrated. 5. Mayoral Announcements. None.
	<p>With business concluded the chairman closed the meeting at 6:57pm.</p> <p>Signed Dated</p>

54/25	<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: https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/planning-and-conservation/view-and-comment-planning-applications/view-and-comment-planning-applications-your-area</i></p>	
	ZC24/04302/LB	<p>Listed Building Consent for the proposed conversion of the upper floors of the existing bank (Use Class E(c)(i)) and erection of single storey rear extension to provide 6no. residential units (Use Class C3). Internal alterations include creation of new openings, blocking up of existing openings, removal of stud walls, installation of stud walls and removal of 2no. staircase at ground floor level. External alterations to include reinstating the original dual pitch profile, creating a flat GRP roof element between ridge lines to maximise the volume and meet national housing standard areas, installation of 2no. dormers to new pitched roof, proposed new opening to south elevation, new timber sash windows and 2no. conservation roof lights to west elevation. (amended description) HALIFAX 37 Market Place Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1DG ZC24/04302/LB Listed Building Consent for the proposed conversion of the upper floors of the existing bank (Use Class E(c)(i)) and erection of single storey rear extension to provide 6no. residential units (Use Class C3). Internal alterations include creation of new openings, blocking up of existing openings, removal of stud walls, installation of stud walls and removal of 2no. staircase at ground floor level. External alterations to include reinstating the original dual pitch profile, creating a flat GRP roof element between ridge lines to maximise the volume and meet national housing standard areas, installation of 2no. dormers to new pitched roof, proposed new opening to south elevation, new timber sash windows and 2no. conservation roof lights to west elevation. (amended description) HALIFAX 37 Market Place Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1DG That the council does not object to this application. RESOLVED</p>
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ZC25/00658/FUL	<p>Erection of stand alone wishing well structure for charity donations. Ripon Spa Gardens Park Street Ripon North Yorkshire ZC25/00658/FUL Erection of stand alone wishing well structure for charity donations. Ripon Spa Gardens Park Street Ripon North Yorkshire That the council supports this application. RESOLVED.</p>
ZC25/00908/ADV	<p>Erection of illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building South Lodge Hotel 61 Harrogate Road Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1ST ZC25/00908/ADV Erection of illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building South Lodge Hotel 61 Harrogate Road Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1ST That the council does not object to this application. RESOLVED</p>
ZC25/00921/FUL	<p>Proposed front porch extension. 97 Kirkby Road Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 2HH ZC25/00921/FUL Proposed front porch extension. 97 Kirkby Road Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 2HH That the council does not object to this application. RESOLVED</p>