



COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ALDERMAN SPENCE COMMITTEE

Date: 19th May 2025
Time: 6:00pm
Location: Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ripon.

Present:

Cllr Julie Ann Martin-Long
Cllr Tony Duncan
Cllr Peter Horton
Cllr Chris Hardisty
Cllr Stuart Flatley
Cllr Pauline McHardy

In Attendance

Chief Officer
Senior Administration Officer
Four members of the public

28/25	<p>1. To elect a Chairman of the Committee. That Councillor Martin-Long be elected as a Chairman of the Committee. RESOLVED.</p> <p>2. To elect a Deputy Chairman of the Committee. That Councillor Duncan be elected as a Deputy Chairman of the Committee. RESOLVED.</p> <p>3. To receive apologies for absence. None.</p> <p>4. To approve reasons for absence. None.</p>
29/25	<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. None.</p>
30/25	<p>Members of the public are invited to question, seek clarification or make representation to members of the Committee on any agenda item as listed below. None.</p>
31/25	<p>To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th April 2025. That these be approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings. RESOLVED.</p>
32/25	<p>To receive the following reports and agree appropriate action:</p> <p>1. Clerk's report. The Chief Officer provided an update on resolution 26/25 5i; West Lane development; ongoing negotiations with the Army regarding the hut; negotiations with McDonalds; an update from North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service and an update on the registration process with Land Registry. The Chief Officer further clarified that the Charity's Constitution will require updating and explained the distinction between the respective responsibilities of the Charity and the Council.</p> <p>2. Warden's report.</p>

	<p>That this be received and noted.</p> <p>RESOLVED.</p>
33/25	<p>To receive an update on Financial and Governance Matters:</p> <p>1. To receive an Income and Expenditure Report for the period between 01.04.2025 and 30.04.2025.</p> <p>That this be received and noted.</p> <p>RESOLVED.</p>
34/25	<p>To receive an update on the Natural England and SSSI matters:</p> <p>1. To receive an update on the Natural England Management Plan and Higher-Level Stewardship agreement renewal.</p> <p>It was noted that a meeting with Natural England to discuss the application in more detail has been arranged for Tuesday, 20th May 2025.</p> <p>2. To receive an update from the engaged consultant and agree the appropriate action.</p> <p>It was noted that a further update may be available following the meeting with Natural England scheduled for 20th May 2025.</p> <p>3. To consider Himalayan Balsam Control and agree appropriate action.</p> <p>That the contractor who undertook the Himalayan Balsam control works in the previous year be appointed again this year, subject to a quote not exceeding £1,500.00, and that the Chief Officer be authorised to proceed accordingly.</p> <p>RESOLVED.</p>
35/25	<p>To receive an update on nominations for non-voting members prior to their nominations being received by Full Council, and to receive any new nominations.</p> <p>It was noted that the representative from Natural England had declined her nomination due to a conflict of interest.</p> <p>That a recommendation be made to the Full Council to appoint Tanya Bahrouni, mental health nurse, as a non-voting member of the Committee.</p> <p>RESOLVED.</p>
36/25	<p>To agree to develop relationships with community partners.</p> <p>That the Office make enquiries to identify local businesses that may be willing to support Quarry Moor.</p> <p>RESOLVED.</p>
37/25	<p>To note the position on the various matters on the site and agree appropriate action:</p> <p>1. Hut.</p> <p>That this be returned to the next meeting for further consideration.</p> <p>RESOLVED.</p> <p>2. Trees.</p> <p>That this be returned to the next meeting for further consideration.</p> <p>RESOLVED.</p> <p>3. Fencing.</p> <p>That this be returned to the next meeting for further consideration.</p> <p>RESOLVED.</p> <p>4. Car Park.</p> <p>That this be returned to the next meeting for further consideration.</p> <p>RESOLVED.</p> <p>5. Litter bin.</p> <p>6. Dog fouling.</p> <p>That this be received and noted.</p>

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38/25	To note the time and date of the next meeting - 22nd September 2025 at 6:00pm. That additional meetings be called on Monday, 9 th June 2025 at 6:00pm and Monday, 21 st July 2025 at 6:00pm.
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With business concluded the Chair closed the meeting at 6:58pm.

Signed

Chairman

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