



MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

Date: 28th July 2025

Time: 6:00pm

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

Present:

Cllr J Crozier

The Right Worshipful the Mayor

Cllr B Brodigan

Cllr C Hardisty

Cllr P McHardy

Cllr P Horton

Cllr T Duncan

Cllr S Flatley

Cllr J Martin-Long

Cllr S Hawke

Cllr A Williams

In Attendance

Chief Officer

One member of the public.

One press representative.

Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting prayers were said

by Canon Wendy Dalrymple

114/25	<p>1. To receive apologies; Apologies were received from Cllrs Bate and Camplejohn.</p> <p>2. To approve reasons for absence. Reasons for absence were approved.</p> <p>RESOLVED.</p>
115/25	<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>Cllrs Williams and Brodigan declared a non-prejudicial interest as NYC elected members in respect of anything that relates to NYC owned Hugh Ripley Hall.</p>
116/25	<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 requested to speak about a matter not listed on the agenda and was advised to make a request in writing in the first instance when he will be welcome to address a future meeting.</p>

117/25	<p>To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th July 2025.</p> <p>That these be approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings held.</p> <p>RESOLVED.</p>
118/25	<p>Finance, Policies and Governance Matters</p> <p>1. To receive the following draft policies and to consider their adoption:</p> <p>i. Equality and Diversity Policy.</p> <p>That this be received and adopted.</p> <p>RESOLVED.</p>
	<p>The Chairman agreed to item 120/25 1. being brought forward.</p>
120/25	<p>1. To receive an update on the development of the applications to the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Community Building Programme Fund.</p> <p>The Chief Officer provided an update on the schemes under development following consultation with Council by email in the first instance, followed by discussions with the relevant committee Chairs.</p> <p>Hugh Ripley Hall – a scheme is being developed to make the first floor of the hall accessible, with the installation of a commercial stairlift, widening of the doorway into the bar room and creation of an accessible toilet/bathroom.</p> <p>Quarry Moor – a scheme is being developed to make the graded footpath at the top of the site more accessible with the installation of benches of different types at 50m intervals in accordance with guidance. Bench types would include ‘perch’ benches and accessible benches for wheelchair users.</p> <p>Ripon Disability Forum have assisted with the development of plans.</p>
119/25	<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>Noting that the nature of the exempt information as defined is in respect of the consideration of professional advice received, tenders, leases and acquisition of assets.</p> <p>RESOLVED.</p>

120/25	<p>Commercial Matters</p> <p>2. To receive commercial quotations to support the applications.</p> <p>Commercial quotations obtained to date were received and noted. It was noted that bids are still being developed and are required to be submitted on 4th August 2025. Further appointments with contractors have been arranged in the coming days to allow the number of quotes required to be obtained.</p> <p>3. To agree to submit applications to the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Community Building Programme Fund and the extent of those applications in respect of schemes to improve the accessibility at the following sites:</p> <p>i. Quarry Moor;</p> <p>ii. Hugh Ripley Hall.</p> <p>That the Council approve the submission of applications to the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Community Building Programme Fund in respect of the schemes described above, agreeing to provide match funding from cost centre specific ear marked reserves as detailed below:</p> <p>i. Quarry Moor - £2,500:</p> <p>ii. Hugh Ripley Hall - £6,000.</p> <p>RESOLVED.</p>
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With business concluded the Chairman closed the meeting at 6:28pm

Signed

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