



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

Date: 8th December 2025

Time: 6:00pm

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

Present

Cllr B Brodigan – Mayor

Cllr G Camplejohn

Cllr J Crozier

Cllr T Duncan

Cllr S Flatley

Cllr C Hardisty

Cllr S Hawke

Cllr P Horton

Cllr S Hunt

Cllr J Martin-Long

Cllr P McHardy

Cllr A Williams

In Attendance

Locum Town Clerk

Members of the public

Press representatives

Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting prayers will be said by the Dean of Ripon

203/25	1. To receive apologies; 2. To approve reasons for absence. None
204/25	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. Cllr Brodigan declared an interest in item 213/25 as a member of the NYC Planning Cttee. Cllr Williams declared an interest in item 213/25 as a member of the NYC Planning Cttee and also 215/25 ii) as a Director of Ripon BID.
205/25	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. 1 A resident spoke to his handout about the importance of respecting the rights of Ripon residents e.g. in relation to the Parish Poll. 2 A resident spoke in support of Cllr Brodigan and her work to hold the Council to account.

	<p>3 A resident asked if residents can ask questions in meetings – the clerk confirmed this was the case, but that public participation contributions were not the same as a Q and A session or to start a debate.</p>
206/25	<p>Following the decision of RCC to request a public consultation about pedestrianisation at Kirkgate [agenda item 34/25 ii], some residents have requested to update the Council on a survey about this.</p> <p>A short report had been circulated to Cllrs.</p> <p>A representative addressed the meeting about the importance of pedestrianising Kirkgate.</p> <p>Cllrs spoke – the importance of many streets in Ripon;</p> <p>It was confirmed that Cllr Williams, as the NYC Cllr for Kirkgate, is meeting senior officers from NYC soon and pushing for a public consultation. This was supported by other Cllrs.</p>
207/25	<p>To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting held on the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24th November 2025. <p>RESOLVED</p>
208//25	<p>To receive a report from the Locum Town Clerk.</p> <p>RECEIVED, with amendment agreed to the report.</p>
209/25	<p>1. To receive the Income and Expenditure reports for the period 1st August 2025 to 30th November 2025.</p> <p>2. To receive the list of payments for the following period - 1st August 2025 to 30th November 2025.</p> <p>DEFERRED TO NEXT MEETING</p>
210/25	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>1 To approve additional expenditure of £177.60 incurred for the security officers at the Full Council of the 24th of November, in accordance with Financial Regulation 6.8 of the City Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>2 Partnership Funding - to consider extending the guaranteed funding date.</p> <p>3 Christmas Lights – to consider extending the term of the current contract.</p> <p>2 AND 3 RESOLVED [extend beyond May 2027].</p>
211/25	<p>To receive Small Grants Scheme Applications and to make decisions on awards:</p> <p>i) AMP Music requesting a grant in the sum of £1,000</p> <p>ii) Friends of Spa Gardens requesting a grant in the sum of £1,000</p> <p>iii) Ripon City Band requesting a grant in the sum of £1,000</p> <p>iv) JennyRuth Workshops requesting a grant in the sum of £890</p> <p>v) Ripon Library Action Group requesting a grant in the sum of £900</p> <p>RESOLVED – to approve all 5 awards and fund from budget underspends.</p>
212/25	<p>To receive an update on the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Community Building Programme Fund and confirm next steps</p> <p>RECEIVED</p>
213/25	<p>Planning Matters:</p> <p>i. To consider planning matters as detailed below. RESOLVED – no objections</p> <p>ii. To receive the planning appendix. RECEIVED</p>

214/25	<p>To appoint:</p> <p>i) a Cllr to the Events Committee [current vacancy]. Cllr Hunt appointed - RESOLVED</p> <p>ii) a Cllr to approve Bank Reconciliations [current vacancy], in accordance with Financial Regulation 2.6 of the Council. Cllr Crozier appointed - RESOLVED</p>
215/25	<p>In accordance with Standing Order 7, the necessary number of Cllrs have requested that the following items be returned to Full Council for reconsideration:</p> <p>i) The creation of a Civic Events Committee Civic Events Cttee dissolved- RESOLVED</p> <p>ii) The Council representative to Ripon BID Cllr Williams sole representative - RESOLVED</p>
216/25	<p>To make any necessary appointments to the HR Cttee and then appoint a Chair.</p> <p>Minutes of 26th September – 7 Cllrs appointed to HR Cttee</p> <p>Therefore, only one valid member – Cllr Williams</p> <p>Five further appointments made – Cllrs Crozier, Duncan, Hardisty, Hawke, Hunt</p> <p>ALL RESOLVED</p> <p>Cllr Williams appointed Chairman</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>
217/25	<p>To consider the outcome of the recent Parish Poll held on the 27th of November.</p> <p>A number of Cllrs spoke – some in favour of Cllr Brodigan standing down and some in favour of Cllr Brodigan continuing as mayor.</p> <p>It was noted that Cllr Brodigan is remaining as mayor.</p>
218/25	<p>To consider the permanent siting of the mayor's lamp post outside the Town Hall and be responsible for these costs.</p> <p>2 motions were considered</p> <p>1 To permanently site the lamp post outside the town hall</p> <p>This motion was NOT passed</p> <p>2 To set up a working party to consider the future siting of the lamp post</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>
219/25	<p>To consider information from Cllrs in relation to Double Devolution.</p> <p>It was confirmed that an informal meeting will be arranged between Cllrs and NYC officers with a target date of confirming proposals by the 1st of April.</p>

213/25	<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:</i> https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/planning-and-conservation/view-and-comment-planning-applications/view-and-comment-planning-applications-your-area</p>
DCPARISH 25/03788/FUL	<p>Replacement single storey rear extension, replacement link to side elevation. Riverain Fisher Green Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1NL 25/03788/FUL Replacement single storey rear extension, replacement link to side elevation. Riverain Fisher Green Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1NL</p>
DCPARISH 25/03782/FUL	<p>Proposed conversion of integral garage to habitable space and alteration to fenestration. 8 Cathedral Mews Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 2JU 25/03782/FUL Proposed conversion of integral garage to habitable space and alteration to fenestration. 8 Cathedral Mews Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 2JU</p>