



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

Date: Monday 12th January

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Mayors Parlour, Town Hall, Ripon, HG4 1DD.

Present:

Cllr A Williams

Cllr P Horton

Cllr T Duncan

Cllr S Flatley

Cllr C Hardisty

Cllr S Hunt

In Attendance

Locum Chief Officer

Administrator

01/26	<p>1. To receive apologies. None received.</p> <p>2. To approve reasons for absence. None received.</p>
02/26	<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>
03/36	<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>
04/26	<p>To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 31st March 2025 That these be approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings. RESOLVED.</p>
05/26	<p>To receive an update on Financial and Governance Matters:</p> <p>1. To receive the Income and Expenditure Report for the period between 01.04.2025 and 31.12.2025. That this be received and approved. RESOLVED. That any surplus budget remaining at the year-end be moved into an ear marked reserve, subject to the Full Council approval at a sum of £5000. RESOLVED. That Remembrance Sunday budget be increased to £4500. RESOLVED. That full council are to approve the purchase of new bunting. RESOLVED. That the Mayoral Allowance is spent to the full budget of £3250. RESOLVED. That MO Uniforms and Insignia allowance be increased to £1000. RESOLVED.</p>

	<p>That the budget allow for road closure be set at £5000.</p> <p>2. To receive a draft budget for 2026-2027. RESOLVED</p>
06/26	<p>To receive a verbal report on the 2025 New Year's Event: It was noted that generally, all went well with the event, however, the main stage was not in situ according to the event plan which meant that pedestrian routes were restricted. It was noted that the tractor unit attached to the stage needs to remain attached throughout use of the stage for safety purposes. RESOLVED. It was noted that the firework display needs to utilise fireworks that are more projectile so that all views of the display are not obscured by buildings. RESOLVED. It was noted that the marshalling service, ETC, were not as thorough as expected during the clean-up operation which resulted in council members performing these duties. RESOLVED. It was noted that the band, Aftersun, were greatly received and would welcome the chance to perform at NYE 2026. Cllr Williams suggested they be rebooked. RESOLVED. It was noted that an alternative act be organised for general entertainment alongside the band. RESOLVED. It was noted that the music be extended to play until 12.30am as per advice from North Yorkshire Police. This is to support crowd control. RESOLVED.</p>
07/26	<p>To agree the outline of the Civic and Community events in 2026:</p> <p>1. 85th Anniversary RAFAC Parade Date set to Sunday 12th April 2026 RESOLVED.</p> <p>2. Annual Mayor Making Ceremony Date set to Wednesday 6th May 2026 RESOLVED. It was noted that the Mayor's Installation be discussed at full council and added to the agenda. RESOLVED.</p> <p>3. Freedom Weekend Display Date set to Saturday 9th May 2026 RESOLVED.</p> <p>4. Freedom March/Mayor's Installation Date set to Sunday 10th May 2026 RESOLVED. It was noted that the Mayor's Installation be discussed at full council. RESOLVED. It was noted that RCC would have to contract the protection barriers as the Mojo barriers are not available for use. RESOLVED.</p> <p>Summer Bank Holiday Events Dates set to Saturday 15th August & Saturday 29th August 2026 RESOLVED.</p>

It was noted that the music event be held on the 15th of August so not to coincide with the Cathedral Beer Festival.

RESOLVED.

It was noted that fair rides be sourced and provided on the Market Square for the 29th of August.

5. Battle of Britain

Date set to Sunday 13th September 2026.

RESOLVED.

6. Remembrance Sunday

Date set to Sunday 8th November 2026.

RESOLVED.

7. Christmas Light Switch On

Date set to Saturday 14th November 2026

RESOLVED.

8. New Year's Eve

Date set to Thursday 31st December

RESOLVED.

With business concluded the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:03pm.

Cllr. Williams noted the date of **Monday 16th February 2026** for next Event Committee Meeting.

Signed

Cllr. A. Williams