

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12 JANUARY 2015 AT 7PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE TOWN HALL, RIPON

PRESENT: Cllr A Skidmore - Chairman
 Cllr S Brierley
 Cllr M Chambers
 Cllr S Hawke
 Cllr S Martin
 Cllr C Powell
 Cllr M Stanley – Ex-Officio
 Cllr M Waiting
 Cllr Barnes as substitute for Cllr Bateman

The Clerk
 Cllr McHardy & Cllr Williams - 2 Non-Committee members_
 A member of the press

Late Arrivals – Cllr Horton – non-committee member 7.30pm

Early Departures: none

		Action By:
83/14.	<p><u>To receive apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Bateman & Cllr Todd.</p>	
84/14.	<p><u>Members of the public are now invited to question, seek clarification or make representation to members of the Committee on any agenda item .</u></p> <p>Cllr Williams (non-committee member) spoke on agenda item 94/14. Cllr Williams read out a copy of a letter he had from June 2014 from the Chamber of Trade to the Chairman of GRIP, Cllr Stanley & expressed his concern that half of the grant money given out this financial year has been given to GRIP & that the concerns the Chamber of Trade expressed in the above letter were not brought to the City Council attention by Cllr Stanley at the time.</p> <p>Cllr McHardy (non-committee member) spoke on this item also wishing to know how many traders were now members of GRIP & why the City Council had given most of its grant money to GRIP when a large portion of the organisation is not functioning. She also pointed out that from the structure of GRIP she believed that a Councillor could be Deputy Chair but not Chairman of GRIP.</p>	

The Chairman took agenda item 94/14 next

94/14.	<p><u>To report back on the information circulated to members re GRIP & to consider any financial support to GRIP for 2015/16 (F& GP meeting 15.12.14 agenda item 78/14)</u></p>	
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	<p>Cllr Powell raised his concerns as there are no business members at all now on GRIP. He had spoken to the Chief Executive at HBC with regard to their funding for GRIP & he was looking into the matter.</p> <p>The Chairman informed the committee that the questions being asked should be directed to the board of GRIP & not this committee of the council.</p> <p>There was no decision made on any financial support to GRIP this next financial year.</p>	
85/14.	<p><u>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.</u></p> <p>Cllr Powell declared an interest in the above agenda item 94/14.</p>	
86/14.	<p><u>Minutes of the Committee Meetings held on 15.12.2014</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Brierley Seconded – Cllr Chambers</p> <p>“That the minutes of the said meeting be approved” RESOLVED</p>	
87/14	<p><u>To approve the list of payments for October 2014</u></p> <p>Proposed –Cllr Brierley Seconded – Cllr Barnes</p> <p>“That the list of payments for October 2014 be approved” RESOLVED</p>	
88/14.	<p><u>To approve the list of payments for November 2014</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Chambers Seconded – Cllr Barnes</p> <p>“That the list of payments for November 2014 be approved” RESOLVED</p>	
89/14.	<p><u>To approve the monthly income & expenditure report to October 2014</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Chambers Seconded – Cllr Hawke</p> <p>“That the monthly income & expenditure report to October 2014 be approved” RESOLVED</p>	
90/14.	<p><u>To approve the monthly income & expenditure report to November 2014</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Brierley Seconded – Cllr Waiting</p> <p>“That the monthly income & expenditure report to November 2014 be approved” RESOLVED</p>	
91/14.	<p><u>To receive the internal auditors half year report & consider the matters arising from the report with recommendation to accept the report at full council</u></p>	

	<p>The report was considered, Cllr Martin informed the committee that a fund had already been set up as part of next years budget for repairs & renewals at Hugh Ripley Hall. The office opening hours are to be considered as part of the staffing review being conducted by the working group set up by the staffing committee to look at this.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to recommend that the report is received & that thanks go to the Clerk for a good report.</p>	
92/14.	<p><u>To consider the renewal of the Insurance for 2015/16</u></p> <p>a. To note & action, if appropriate the recommendation for a revaluation</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to seek 3 quotes for the cost of a re-valuation & report back to the next meeting.</p> <p>b. To consider a 1 year, 3 year or 5 year long term agreement</p> <p>No decision to be taken on the renewal of the insurance until the revaluation has taken place as this could affect the cost of the insurance premium if the valuation has changed.</p>	
93/14.	<p><u>To report back on the re-investment of the Nationwide monies which matured on 19.12.14 - £60,000 (F&GP meeting 15.12.14 agenda item 78/14)</u></p> <p>The chairman reported as agreed at the last meeting that the funds had been re-invested with the Nationwide for 12 months at a rate of 1.4%</p>	
95/14.	<p><u>City Development Manager report – to seek agreement to do a budget transfer to cover all TDF expenses</u></p> <p>It was RESOLVED to transfer £929 from the CDM budget to cover the additional Tour De France expenses.</p>	
96/14.	<p><u>Ripon library consultation draft response from City Development Manager for approval (F & GP 15.12.14 agenda item 82/14)</u></p> <p>Members were extremely concerned that North Yorkshire County Council are considering such cuts to library services in Ripon. It was RESOLVED to approve the letter drafted by the City Development Manager & that this letter should be sent to NYCC. Members are also urged to respond to the consultation personally.</p>	
97/14.	<p><u>To consider arrangements for the granting of the Freedom of the City to RAF Leeming</u></p> <p>The council has already agreed to the granting of the Freedom of the City to RAF Leeming. The RAF have been informed & they are to come back to the council with dates for a meeting to formally confer the freedom. Arrangements will be made once a suitable date is given.</p>	
98/14.	<p><u>Correspondence to consider:</u></p>	

	<p>a. Harrogate Borough Council Tax Support Grant 2015/16</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to receive & note this item.</p> <p>b. Ripon Fairtrade</p> <p>The Mayor had been approached by the Chairman of the Ripon Fairtrade group to ask for continued support from the Council. It was RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the group in support & that the Council where possible will continue to use fairtrade products.</p>	
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The meeting closed at 7.47pm

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CHAIRMAN

ACKNOWLEDGED AT FULL COUNCIL MEETING FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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