

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

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

PRESENT: Cllr P Pearson - Chairman
 Cllr M Chambers
 Cllr P Horton
 Cllr S Jones
 Cllr A Morgan
 Cllr C Powell
 Cllr M Stanley as substitute for Cllr S Martin
 Cllr P McHardy – The Right Worshipful the Mayor – Ex-Officio

The Clerk
 Admin Assistant
 42 Members of the public
 Serjeant at Mace
 A member of the press

Late Arrivals: none

Early Departures: none

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41/15.	<p><u>To receive apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr J Bate, Cllr S Hawke, Cllr S A Martin</p>	
42/15.	<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>There were no disclosures of interest.</p>	
43/15.	<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>1 member of the public spoke on agenda item 57/15 who wished to seek reassurance that the re-laying of the cobbles on Market Place East will be as good as those on Duck Hill.</p> <p>1 Councillor, Cllr Willis (non-committee member) spoke on agenda item 58/15a. Cllr Willis declared an interest in this item but asked that the Council look favourably on funding for the Canal for the long term bearing in mind that this is a valuable asset to the City.</p> <p>1 member of the public spoke on agenda item 48/15 enquired about the impact on the loss of income due to the new the restrictions on the capacity of the Council Chamber. Cllr Pearson advised the members of the public that the building was owned by Harrogate Borough Council so there was no loss of income to Ripon City Council. A member of the public asked if they could</p>	

	<p>have sight of the latest Fire Risk Assessment. Cllr Pearson suggested that an item be put on the next agenda of the Finance & General Purposes Committee to discuss this.</p>	
44/15.	<p><u>To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 June 2015</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Stanley Seconded – Cllr Morgan “that the minutes of the said meeting be approved”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>	
45/15	<p><u>To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 27 July 2015</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Chambers Seconded – Cllr Stanley “that the minutes of the said meeting be approved”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>	
46/15	<p><u>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5 August 2015</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Stanley Seconded – Cllr Chambers “that the minutes of the said meeting be approved”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>	
47/15	<p><u>To approve the list of payments 01.06.15-30.06.15</u></p> <p>Cllr Chambers queried the payment for the electrics on the Market Square. The Clerk confirmed that this item related to the electrics for the Cabmans Shelter of which Ripon City Council is responsible.</p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Stanley Seconded – Cllr Horton “that the list of payments 01.06.15-30.06.15 be approved”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>	
48/15	<p><u>To approve the monthly income & expenditure report to 30 June 2015</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Stanley Seconded – Cllr Morgan “that the monthly income & expenditure report to 30 June 2015 be approved”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>	
49/15	<p><u>To receive a report for consideration from the City Development Manager with regard to the North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Fire Cover review, Consultation Phase 2 – proposed changes to provision at Ripon Fire Station</u></p> <p>The City Development Manager spoke to the meeting. Members raised concerns over the proposed reduction in local services & the impact this will have on the emergency call-out times.</p> <p>It was proposed that further information is sought & an item is brought back to the next meeting for a full discussion.</p>	

50/15	<p><u>To receive a report for consideration from the City Development Manager with regard to promotional materials for the Hornblower</u></p> <p>The City Development Manager spoke to the meeting & presented 3 options to members with regard to promotional materials for the Hornblower in the future. It was RESOLVED that members should consider the 3rd option presented; to consider identifying a budget to fund the production of hornblower merchandise which can be sold in the Tourist Information Centre & to fund the production of a new batch of wooden pennies which can used to promote the City with the aim that this merchandise will cover the cost of production of the lucky pennies.</p>	
51/15	<p><u>To receive an update from the City Development Manager in relation to the NYCC Bus Subsidy Reduction consultation – F & GP agenda item 32/15</u></p> <p>The City Development Manager spoke to the meeting. It was RESOLVED to receive the report.</p>	
52/15	<p><u>To receive an update from the City Development Manager in relation to the NYCC Libraries reconfiguration– F & GP agenda item 33/15.</u></p> <p>The City Development Manager spoke to the meeting. It was RESOLVED to accept the recommendation that the City Council create a Ripon Library Consultative Group of interested stakeholders & that the City Development Manager continues to report back on the progress.</p>	
53/15	<p><u>To consider the funding of the bypass grass cutting for Ripon Rotary Club</u></p> <p>A member of the public spoke on this item.</p> <p>Proposed –Cllr Jones Seconded – Cllr Morgan “that the City Council contributes £200 to Ripon Rotary Club towards the grass cutting on Ripon Bypass.”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>	
54/15	<p><u>Harrogate Borough Council - Parish Consultation Meetings</u></p> <p>a. To note the date of this years meeting</p> <p>It was noted that the date of this years meeting is 16 November 2015 in the Council Chamber.</p> <p>b. To nominate 2 representatives to attend the meeting on behalf of the City Council</p> <p>Cllr Stanley & Cllr Horton agreed to attend the meeting on behalf of the City Council.</p> <p>c. To consider any questions to be put to the meeting (to be submitted no later than 2 November 2015)</p>	

	Any questions to be put to the meeting to be submitted to the Clerk prior to the closing date for receipt of questions (2 November 2015)	
55/15	<p><u>To receive the information with regard to the draft valuation received from Tennants Auctioneers – Clerks memo enclosed</u></p> <p>It was RESOLVED note the information & that the Clerk should proceed with arranging for the finalised valuation document in order for the insurance company to prepare an accurate quote for insurance.</p>	
56/15	<p><u>To receive a report for consideration by the City Development Manager with regard to an update on the proposed lease of Market Place South by Ripon City Council from HBC.</u></p> <p>The City Development Manager spoke to the meeting. Members raised several questions & wished to see a condition survey carried out before the handover & that Harrogate Borough Council should ensure the street furniture is newly painted before the handover.</p> <p>The committee RESOLVED to approve the recommendations in the report, whilst highlighting the concerns raised & that the City Development Manager negotiates the best possible terms of the lease before bringing the final draft lease back to the committee.</p>	
57/15	<p><u>To receive a report for consideration by the City Development Manager with regard to Market Place East roadworks starting 14 September 2015.</u></p> <p>The City Development Manager spoke to the meeting. Members raised concerns that Ripon City Council were expected to become the licence holder to enable a temporary taxi rank to operate on Market Place South whilst the roadworks take place.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to note the revised proposals & RCC does not agree to become the licence holder for the Taxi Rank whilst the road works take place.</p>	
58/15	<p>Correspondence to consider</p> <p>a. Canals & River Trust - Ripon canal core funding</p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Chambers Seconded – Cllr Horton</p> <p>“that the Clerk writes to the Canals & River Trust to thank them for the letter & to inform them that the City Council will give their request consideration at the time the City Council consider the precept for next year.”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>b. Thomas Ford & partners – use of Ripon horn</p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Stanley Seconded – Cllr Chambers</p> <p>“that Clerk writes to the company to invite them to use the Ripon Horn”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>	

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The meeting closed at 8.12pm

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DATE _____

CHAIRMAN

ACKNOWLEDGED AT FULL COUNCIL MEETING FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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TO BE APPROVED