

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13 April 2015 AT 8.15PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE TOWN HALL, RIPON

PRESENT: Cllr M F Stanley – The Right Worshipful The Mayor
 Cllr L P A Barnes
 Cllr B Bateman
 Cllr Mrs S E Brierley
 Cllr M Chambers
 Cllr S J Hawke
 Cllr P Horton
 Cllr J Martin-Long
 Cllr S Martin
 Cllr P McHardy
 Cllr C E Powell
 Cllr A F Skidmore
 Cllr D Todd
 Cllr M Waiting
 Cllr Williams

The Clerk
 A member of the press

Late Arrivals: None

Early Departures: None

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Sergeant-at-Mace said prayers & members observed 1 minutes silence in memory of the Bellman, the late Brian Rushworth who sadly passed away recently.

		Action By:
170/14.	<u>To receive apologies for absence</u> There were no apologies for absence	
171/14.	<u>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.</u> There were no questions asked.	
172/14.	<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> There were no disclosures of interest.	
173/14.	<u>To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9 March 2015</u> Proposed – Cllr Hawke Seconded – Cllr Skidmore “That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9 March 2015 be approved” RESOLVED Cllr Williams asked when the curtains would be taken down on the Town Hall as had been requested at the last meeting & requested that the Clerk be asked to	

	arrange for them to be taken down.	
174/14.	<p><u>To receive the following committee meeting minutes for information only</u></p> <p>a. <u>Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 9 March 2015</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Skidmore Seconded – Cllr Hawke</p> <p>“ That the minutes of the said meeting be received”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>b. <u>Planning Committee Meeting held on 23 February 2015</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Horton Seconded – Cllr Chambers</p> <p>“ That the minutes of the said meeting be received”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>c. <u>Hugh Ripley Hall Committee Meeting held on 23 February 2015</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Martin Seconded – Cllr Waiting</p> <p>“ That the minutes of the said meeting be received”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>d. <u>Staffing Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2015</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Barnes Seconded – Cllr Brierley</p> <p>“ That the minutes of the said meeting be received”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>e. <u>City Plan Committee held on 17 February 2015</u></p> <p>Proposed -Cllr Stanley Seconded – Cllr Brierley</p> <p>“That the minutes of the said meeting be received”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>	
175/14.	<p><u>To approve, if thought fit the signing of the Memorandum of understanding for ICT services provided by Harrogate Borough Council – as recommended by Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held 13.04.15</u></p> <p>The Finance & General Purpose Committee had recommended that the Memorandum of Understanding be approved with any reference in the document to Town Clerk be amended to say City Clerk & that the Mayor be authorised to sign the document.</p> <p>This was proposed by Cllr Skidmore & seconded by Cllr Horton</p>	

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176/14.	<p><u>To consider the procedures for updating of the Ex-Mayor badges on the baldrick – Cllr Skidmore to speak</u></p> <p>Cllr Skidmore asked that the Ex-Mayor badges on the baldrick be brought up to date & asked the Clerk to contact the past Mayors to ask them to pay for a badge for their Mayoral year to be attached to the baldrick.</p>	
177/14.	<p><u>To consider & if thought fit to give approval to changing the Council solicitor from Tunnard & Co to Eccles, Heddon & Co – Mayor to speak</u></p> <p>The Mayor explained to members that there was a desire to change the Council's solicitor for a more specialised property solicitor.</p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Stanley Seconded – Cllr Todd</p> <p>“that the Council changes solicitor to Messrs Eccles Heddon & Co”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>	
178/14.	<p><u>To consider the correspondence for suggesting a possible review of the reduction in the number of councillors in the parish & number of wards & if appropriate make a request to the Borough council for a review – paper attached</u></p> <p>Cllr Skidmore informed members that there will be a review of the whole district next year irrespective of any decisions made by the City Council. There are currently 3 wards in Ripon & it could be that this would be reduced to 2 wards to cover the parish as the County Council does. Concern was expressed that if a reduction in the number of Councillors took place there would be extra work put on these councillors when it is anticipated that the population of the City will increase if all the proposed developments are given planning approval. Members felt that the subject was too important to make any decisions this evening & that the new Council should have the opportunity to discuss this in the new Council year.</p> <p>Proposed – Cllr McHardy Seconded – Cllr Stanley</p> <p>“that an item is placed on an agenda for the new council to discuss this in greater details”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>	
179/14.	<p><u>To receive reports for external organisations</u></p> <p>a. Ripon In Bloom meeting held on 26 February 2015 – distributed to all Councillors 21.03.15</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to receive & note this item</p>	
180/14.	<p><u>To receive a report from Harrogate Borough Councillors if appropriate</u></p> <p>Cllr McHardy reported that at 2 separate meetings of Harrogate Borough Council she had raised the issue of inadequate car parking provision in Ripon.</p>	
181/14.	<p><u>To receive a report from North Yorkshire County Councillors if appropriate</u></p> <p>Cllr Bateman reported that a large number of potholes had been filled in his</p>	

	<p>area, Ripon North & that the North Yorkshire Pension Fund is top of the list for delivery.</p> <p>Cllr Horton reported that a large number of potholes in the Ripon South area had also been filled.</p> <p>Cllr Barnes asked for clarification from the County Councillors on reporting of highways issues.</p>	
182/14.	<p><u>Mayoral announcements – for information only</u></p> <p>The Mayor invited all Councillors for drinks in the Mayors Parlour on this the final Council meeting of his Mayoral year.</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.54pm

SIGNED _____

DATE _____

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR