

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17 JUNE 2013 AT 7PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE TOWN HALL, RIPON

PRESENT: Cllr A F Skidmore - Chairman
 Cllr B A Bateman
 Cllr Mrs S E Brierley
 Cllr S J Hawke
 Cllr C Powell
 Cllr M F Stanley - The Right Worshipful The Mayor – Ex-Officio
 Cllr D Todd

The Clerk,
 3 members of the public
 A member of the Press

Late Arrivals: None

Early Departures: None

		Action By:
13/13.	<p><u>To receive apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Cllr M C Chambers Cllr S A Martin Cllr Williams</p>	
14/13.	<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>A representative of Ripon International Festivals spoke on the application for a grant, agenda item 31/13.</p>	
15/13.	<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 Brierley declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 31/13 – Harrogate & Ripon CVS & Ripon Community House Ltd</p> <p>Cllr Stanley declared an interest in Agenda Item 32/13. – GRIP & Ripon Museum Trust</p> <p>Cllr Bateman declared an interest in Agenda Item 32/13 – Ripon Festivals</p>	
16/13.	<p><u>To consider a financial commitment of £20,000 & providing a letter of support to the Ripon Skate Park & Bike Project</u></p> <p>It was RESOLVED to defer this item for consideration until the next meeting</p>	

	of the Finance & General Purposes Committee	
17/13.	<p><u>To approve the Minutes of the committee meeting held on 22 April 2013</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Stanley Seconded – Cllr Brierley “That the minutes of the said meeting be approved” RESOLVED</p>	
18/13.	<p><u>To approve Cheque signatories for the Civic Year 2013/2014</u></p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the cheques signatories for the Civic Year 2013/2014 should be the Chairman of the Council, the Deputy Chairman of the Council, The Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee & the Deputy Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.</p>	
19/13.	<p><u>To agree the Financial year 2012/2013 accounts & recommend approval to Full Council</u></p> <p>Members examined the accounts. Several queries were raised which the Clerk answered. The chairman informed members that he felt the balance of the funds in the current account was too high & that the Clerk should look at the day to day running costs to see if additional funds could be invested.</p> <p>Proposed- Cllr Bateman Seconded – Cllr Hawke</p> <p>“That the accounts are agreed & recommended for approval to Full Council RESOLVED</p>	
20/13.	<p><u>To agree the Annual Internal auditors report & memorandum for financial year 2012/2013 & recommend approval to Full Council</u></p> <p>The Chairman informed members that the Council should be looking into ear-marking some of the reserves for planned projects to the benefit of the City. He asked members to consider suggestions for the next meeting. With regard to points raised in the memo from the internal auditor for Hugh Ripley Hall it was proposed that this be brought to the attention of the Hugh Ripley Hall Committee.</p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Stanley Seconded – Cllr Hawke “That the content of the report be agreed & recommended for approval to Full Council” RESOLVED</p>	
21/13.	<p><u>To agree the External audit accounting statement for financial year 2012/2013 & Annual Governance statement for financial year 2012/2013 & recommend approval to Full Council.</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Hawke Seconded – Cllr Todd “That the report be agreed & recommended to Full Council for approval” RESOLVED</p>	

22/13.	<p><u>To agree the Annual internal audit report 2013/2013 & recommend approval to Full Council</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Brierley Seconded – Cllr Hawke “that the report be agreed & recommended to Full Council for approval” RESOLVED</p>	
23/13.	<p><u>To consider a response to the North Yorkshire County Council correspondence on the renewal process for Bus Services contracts from April 2014</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Hawke Seconded – Cllr Brierley “That a Council response should be sent asking that this vital service be maintained” RESOLVED</p>	
24/13.	<p><u>To consider a response to the Questionnaire from North Yorkshire County Council Annual Local Account Document</u></p> <p>“That the Chairman of the Council prepares a response to send on behalf of the Council” RESOLVED</p>	
25/13.	<p><u>To consider a request for a donation towards Colburn Leisure Centre</u></p> <p>“That no donation is sent to Colburn Leisure Centre & that item should be received & noted” Proposed – Cllr Powell Seconded – Cllr Hawke RESOLVED</p>	
26/13.	<p><u>To consider a request from Cllr Martin to attend a training course</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Stanley Seconded – Cllr Hawke “That Councillor Martin should attend the training cost at a cost of £80” RESOLVED</p>	
27/13.	<p><u>To consider the City Development Manager proposal for entering into a licensing agreement with Harrogate Borough Council to take over the responsibility of the management of the Market Place</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Bateman Seconded – Cllr Hawke “That approval be given for the City Development Manager to enter into discussions with Harrogate Borough Council for this agreement” RESOLVED</p>	
28/13.	<p><u>To consider entering into a further Tenancy Agreement & Management Agreement with Harrogate Borough Council</u></p> <p>The Chairman raised his concerns that the lease is not a full repairing lease. It was RESOLVED that in view of the changes taking place in the Town Hall that the lease & management agreement should be for 2 years and on a full</p>	Clerk

	repairing basis & that the Clerk should contact Harrogate Borough Council to request the change.	
29/13.	<u>To consider & approve the Grants Scheme guide for applicants</u> This item was not discussed	
30/13.	<u>Section 137 awards 2013/2014</u> <u>The Finance & General Purposes Committee will, in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 consider expenditure which, in the opinion of the Committee, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.</u>	

<u>Name of Organisation</u>	<u>£ Requested</u>	<u>Amount approved</u>
Ripon Young Musicians	500	500
Harrogate & Ripon CVS	7500	
Bread of Life	1000	
Ripon Armed Forces Day	695	700
Walled Garden Scheme	6500	3500
Dementia Forward	3000	400
Ripon Youth Café	500	500
St Michaels Hospice	6125	0
Carers Resource	800	400
Ripon Community House Ltd	4500	
Rotary Club of Ripon	200	200
Family Breakfast Club, Holy Trinity Church	300	300

31/13.	<u>To consider grant requests as follows:</u>	
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<u>Name of Organisation</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Power for expenditure</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u>
Ripon International Festival	2000	Sect 144	1000
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GRIP	5000	Sect 144	5000
Ripon CAB	4000	Sect 142(A)	2000
St Cecilia Orchestra	6000	Sect 145	2000
Cathedral Concert Society	2000	Sect 145	1000
Ripon Museum Trust	6530	Sect 144	0

A member of the public spoke on the grant application for Ripon Youth Café.

No decision was made on a grant for Harrogate & Ripon CVS, Bread of Life & Ripon Community House at the meeting & these are to be referred to the next meeting of Finance & General Purposes Committee when further information is available to enable a decision to be

made.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

SIGNED _____

DATE

CHAIRMAN

ACKNOWLEDGED AT FULL COUNCIL MEETING FOR INFORMATION ONLY

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

DATED