

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 7PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE TOWN HALL, RIPON

PRESENT: Cllr A F Skidmore - Chairman
 Cllr Mrs S E Brierley
 Cllr M C Chambers
 Cllr S J Hawke
 Cllr S Martin
 Cllr C Powell
 Cllr M F Stanley - The Right Worshipful The Mayor – Ex-Officio
 Cllr D Todd
 Cllr L Barnes – as a substitute for Cllr Bateman
 Cllr P Horton – as a substitute for Cllr Williams

The Clerk,
 Admin Assistant
 City Development Manager

Late Arrivals: none

Early Departures: none

		Action By:
61/13.	<u>To receive apologies for absence</u> Cllr B A Bateman Cllr Williams	
62/13.	<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> None	
63/13	<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> None	
64/13.	<u>To approve the Minutes of the committee meeting held on 5 August 2013</u> The Chairman updated members on agenda item 58/13 from the last meeting reporting that he had spoken to NYCC & that the cost of a vehicle activated sign would have to be borne by the City Council. There is no money in the budget for this year but Councillors were asked to identify hotspots for speeding in their ward & inform the Clerk so that consideration can be given to locations for a VAS in future.	

	<p>Proposed – Cllr Brierley Seconded – Cllr Chambers “That the minutes of the said meeting be approved” RESOLVED</p>	
65/13.	<p><u>To approve the list of payments to June 2013</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Hawke Seconded – Cllr Horton “that the payments report to June 2013 be accepted & approved” RESOLVED</p>	
66/13.	<p><u>To approve the monthly Income & Expenditure report to June 2013</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Chambers Seconded – Cllr Martin “That the Income & Expenditure report to June 2013 be accepted & Approved RESOLVED</p>	
67/13.	<p><u>To consider the correspondence from Harrogate Borough Council with regards to the Spa Gardens</u></p> <p>Members would like to support the re-launch of the Friends group that Harrogate Borough Council is trying to re-establish & would like to see the iron railings installed as part of this initiative. It was RESOLVED that a letter be sent to HBC to inform them that the City Council would like to support the re-launch as above.</p>	
68/13.	<p><u>To consider the North Yorkshire County council proposed reduction to Bus Services subsidy public consultation & prepare a response – including report from CDM</u></p> <p>The City Development Manager was asked to speak. He reported that this issue is one of the top 5 transport issues to come out of the City Plan questionnaire. Members RESOLVED that the Mayor & City Development Manager should put a letter together for a response & bring this back to the committee for approval prior to sending. This letter should object to any cut in the services & that it is imperative that NYCC find the money to maintain the valuable bus services in the area. The Policy manager should also be invited to a meeting of the City Plan.</p>	
69/13.	<p><u>To receive reports from the City Development Manager for an update on Christmas Lighting</u></p> <p>The City Development Manager was asked to speak.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to receive & note this update on the progress made to date.</p>	
70/13.	<p><u>To consider correspondence from a visitor to Ripon with regards to Kirkgate</u></p> <p>This item was discussed at length & members acknowledged that this is an ongoing issue. Unfortunately the police are not receiving complaints from the</p>	

	<p>public & cannot take action. Cllr Martin, as a member of the licencing committee at Harrogate Borough Council urged members to inform the public that they must complain, maintain dairies of anti-social behaviour they have evidenced to enable any action to be considered. It was RESOLVED that the Mayor should write a letter to invite the Chief Constable, the new Chief Inspector & Julia Mulligan, Police & Crime Commissioner to come to talk to all Councillors to discuss the issues.</p>	
71/13.	<p><u>To consider correspondence from Harrogate Borough Council for Ripon Market rules & regulations</u></p> <p>The City Development Manager was invited to speak. He felt this was a good opportunity to talk with Harrogate Borough Council with regards to the future of the Market Square. Members felt that the existing rules & regulations were too backward & anti-competitive as they are.</p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Todd Seconded – Cllr Hawke “That the City Council should respond to the correspondence to support the abolishment of the ‘two to a line’ rule & allow free trading on the Market. RESOLVED</p>	

The meeting closed at 7.42pm

SIGNED _____

DATE

 CHAIRMAN

ACKNOWLEDGED AT FULL COUNCIL MEETING FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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