

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2013 AT 7.27PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE TOWN HALL, RIPON

PRESENT: Cllr M F Stanley – The Right Worshipful The Mayor
Cllr L P A Barnes
Cllr Mrs S E Brierley
Cllr M Chambers
Cllr S J Hawke
Cllr P Horton
Cllr S Martin
Cllr C E Powell
Cllr A F Skidmore

The Clerk, Sergeant-At-Mace, City Development Manager, Canon Paul Greenwell, 12 members of the public.

73/13. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from:

Cllr P McHardy, Cllr J Martin-Long, Cllr D Todd, Cllr A Williams

74/13. 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.

None

75/13. 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.

Cllr Martin as a member of the licensing committee at Harrogate Borough Council declared an interest in Agenda Item 79/13a.

Cllr Chambers as a member of the licencing committee at Harrogate Borough Council declared an interest in Agenda Item 79/13a.

76/13. To approve the minutes of the meeting of the council held on 2 September 2013

Proposed – Cllr Hawke Seconded – Cllr Chambers

“That the minutes of the meeting of the Council be approved & adopted”

RESOLVED

77/13. To consider nominations to represent the City Council on external organisations – list attached

Proposed – Cllr Skidmore Seconded – Cllr Barnes

“That members review the list & submit choices of the organisations that they would like to

represent or wish to continue to represent to the Clerk within the next week so that a list can be put together & any gaps can be identified & filled at the next meeting”

RESOLVED

78/13. To consider the Harrogate Borough Council Budget 2014/2015 & Corporate priorities consultation – September 2013

Members discussed the consultation document & the impact it would have at Parish Council level. Members agreed that a reply to the consultation would have to be delayed until the next meeting in early November when the City Council had had time to consider its own budgeting for the next Financial Year & that the Clerk should contact the Borough Council to let them know that the response will be later than the deadline of 31 October 2013

79/13. Reports from City Development Manager

- a. For consideration - Response to consultation on Harrogate Borough Council's Street Trading Policy in Ripon as reported to Council meeting on 2 September 2013, Agenda Item 66/13

The City Development Manager was invited to speak on this item. The response to the consultation in the papers given to members with the Agenda was approved for submission to Harrogate Borough Council.

- b. To receive & note – City Development Framework 2013/14 – 6 month progress report

The City Development Manager was invited to speak confirming that much work had been able to be done with the benefit of the Internship secured via GRIP with funding from the Santander over the summer. Cllr Stanley wished to congratulate the City Development Manager on the amount of work done on projects to date.

- c. To receive & note – Ripon City Plan update

Members **RESOLVED** to receive & note this report & The Mayor asked all members to consult the Ripon City Plan website for further information.

80/13. To receive the following committee meeting minutes for information only:

- a. Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 2 September 2013

Proposed – Cllr Skidmore Seconded – Cllr Hawke
“That the minutes of the said meeting be approved & adopted”

RESOLVED

- b. Planning Committee Meeting held 19 August 2013

Proposed – Cllr Powell Seconded – Cllr Brierley
“That the minutes of the said meeting be approved & adopted”

RESOLVED

- c. Hugh Ripley Hall Committee Meeting held 24 June 2013

Proposed – Cllr Martin Seconded – Cllr Horton

“That the minutes of the said meeting be approved & adopted”

RESOLVED

- d. City Plan Committee held 22 May 2013, 4 July 2013, 14 August 2013

Proposed – Cllr Stanley Seconded – Cllr Brierley

“That the minutes of the said meeting be approved & adopted”

RESOLVED

81/13. To receive & note the updated Guide for Councillors – Openness & transparency on personal interests

It was **RESOLVED** to receive & note this item

The Mayor informed members he would take Agenda Item no. 82/13 at the end of the meeting

83/13. To receive reports for information:

Council representatives reporting from outside bodies:

- a. Ripon In Bloom meeting 20.08.13 – distributed to all Councillors

It was **RESOLVED** to receive & note this report

84/13. To receive a report from Harrogate Borough Councillors if appropriate

There was no report received

85/13. To receive a report from North Yorkshire County Councillors if appropriate

- a. County Councillor Peter Horton written report enclosed

The Mayor asked Cllr Horton if there was anything that he wished to add to the written report. Cllr Horton commented that he found the statistics on the Bus Services within the City Plan made interesting reading. Cllr Barnes asked Cllr Horton to make sure any changes to the Low Skellgate junction should take into consideration the safety of the disabled & children.

It was **RESOLVED** to receive & note this item

86/13. Mayoral Announcements – for information only

- a. Methodist Church Christmas Service 22 December 2013, 10.30am

The Mayor confirmed that this date & time for the Civic Service had now been set

- b. Attendance of Councillors at Civic Services

The Mayor reminded all Councillors of their duty to attend these events. Cllr Hawke also expressed his disappointment at the lack of attendees at the recent Battle of Britain

service

The Mayor asked members to consider entering into Private Session.

Cllr Skidmore proposed that the Council meeting was suspended to enable the Planning Committee meeting to commence & to re-convene the Council meeting once the Planning Committee had finished. This was seconded by Cllr Chambers.

Cllr Martin proposed that the Council meeting was suspended to enable the planning Agenda Item 36/13 planning applications 2526.D.CON & 2526.C.FULMAJ to be discussed & then re-convene the Council meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Skidmore who withdrew his proposal as above.

Cllr Powell proposed that the Full Council meeting continued to conclusion & the Planning meeting followed. This was seconded by Cllr Horton.

A vote on the two proposals was taken. Cllr Martin proposal was carried forward.

The meeting was suspended at 8.20pm

The meeting re-commenced at 8.45pm

At the re-commencement of the meeting Cllr Horton did not return.
No members of the public returned to the meeting.

82/13. To consider a possible nomination for a Freeman of the City

The Clerk informed the Chairman that he should read the resolution to enter a Private Session. As there were no members of the public now present the Chairman did not do this.

Proposed – Cllr Skidmore Seconded – Cllr Bateman
“That Miss Connie Birkinshaw should be nominated to receive the Freedom of the City. Miss Birkinshaw has been involved in so many organisations within the City & was very deserving of the honour & that the Mayor should contact her as soon as possible to let her know”

RESOLVED

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

SIGNED _____

DATE

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR