

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5 AUGUST 2013 AT 7.45PM 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 A Bateman
Cllr Mrs S E Brierley
Cllr M Chambers
Cllr S J Hawke
Cllr P Horton
Cllr J Martin-Long
Cllr C E Powell
Cllr A F Skidmore

The Clerk, Sergeant-At-Mace,

52/13. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from:

Cllr S Martin
Cllr P McHardy
Cllr D Todd
Cllr Waiting

53/13. 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

54/13. 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.

None

55/13. To approve the minutes of the meeting of the council held on 8 July 2013

Proposed – Cllr Hawke Seconded – Cllr Martin-Long

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

RESOLVED

56/13. To approve the Financial Commitment to the Ripon Skate Park Group of £20000 as recommended at the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting 15.07.13, Agenda Item 45/13 in accordance with the standing orders of the Finance & General Purposes committee

Proposed – Cllr Skidmore Seconded – Cllr Martin-Long

“That the funding of £20000 for the project be approved. This should be ring-fenced in the City

Council's reserves & only be donated when all the legal matters are sorted & all other funding for the project has been secured."

RESOLVED

57/13.To receive the following committee meeting minutes for information only:

a.Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 17 June 2013

Proposed – Cllr Skidmore Seconded – Cllr Powell

"That the minutes of the said meeting be received"

RESOLVED

b.Planning Committee Meeting held on 8 July 2013

Proposed – Cllr Powell Seconded – Cllr Brierley

"That the minutes of the said meeting be received"

RESOLVED

c. Staff Committee meeting held on 27 June 2013

Proposed – Cllr Barnes Seconded – Cllr Brierley

"That the minutes of the said meeting be received"

RESOLVED

58/13.To receive reports for information:

Council Representative reporting from outside bodies:

Ripon Ring 16.07.13 – distributed to all Councillors 23.07.13

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

The Mayor also urged all Councillors who were representatives on outside bodies to urge the outside bodies to respond to the letter from the Clerk asking if they would still like a Council representative as the response to these had been low to date.

59/13. To receive a report for information only from Harrogate Borough Councillors if appropriate

There were no reports at the meeting

60/13.To receive a report for information from North Yorkshire County Councillors if appropriate

a. County Cllr Horton report enclosed

Cllr Horton re-iterated his written report & informed members that he was trying to establish a good rapport with the Highways for the maintenance of the areas roads. It was also suggested that some lighting in the area was triggered by sensors, however overgrown vegetation has meant that some of the sensors are triggered when not needed. It was suggested that the County Council could look at the use of Community Service to help with such jobs. Cllr Bateman agreed to feed back this suggestion to the County Council.

61/13. To receive a statement regarding a code of conduct complaint

Cllr Skidmore read out the agreed statement of apology to the City Council. The Chairman asked whether members wished to accept, decline or considered the apology unnecessary.

Cllr Skidmore left the room whilst the discussion took place.

Members **RESOLVED** by a majority vote that an apology was not necessary & that the City Council should now move on from the matter.

Cllr Skidmore returned to the room.

61/13. Mayoral Announcements

The Mayor reported on the new staff appointments in the office.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

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DATE

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR