

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21 JULY 2014 AT 7PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE TOWN HALL, RIPON

PRESENT: Cllr A Skidmore - Chairman
 Cllr S Brierley
 Cllr M Chambers
 Cllr S Hawke
 Cllr D Todd
 Cllr M Stanley – Ex-Officio
 Cllr L Barnes as substitute for Cllr Bateman
 Cllr P Horton as substitute for Cllr Williams

The Clerk
 1 non- committee member arrived 7.08pm
 1 non-committee member arrived 7.20pm

Late Arrivals: Cllr C Powell – 7.03pm

Early Departures:

		Action By:
27/14.	<p><u>To receive apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Bateman, Cllr Martin & Cllr Williams</p>	
28/14.	<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>None</p>	
29/14.	<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>There were no disclosure of interest.</p> <p>Cllr Skidmore wished to apologise to members if he had inadvertently misled members at the last meeting. He had been asked & advised the meeting that there was a statutory level of reserves that a parish council were expected to keep of 100% of the precept. There is in fact no statutory requirement but it is good accounting practise to maintain these sort of levels in reserves.</p> <p>Cllr Skidmore also clarified the position of councillors who declare an interest in any matter for consideration at a meeting. If members declare an interest in an item on the agenda once declared they may stay in the meeting, join in the debate & vote on the item. It is only when that interest becomes a prejudicial interest that the member must leave the meeting & take no part in the debate or vote on the item.</p>	

	Any Ex-Officio member can take part in the discussion of agenda items but cannot vote on any agenda item.	
30/14.	<p><u>To approve the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 23 June 2014 & 14 July 2014</u></p> <p>Cllr Horton expressed his concern that the grants allocated at the last committee meeting did not provide assistance to those resources in real need in the city.</p> <p>Cllr Powell expressed his concern that the composition of GRIP needed clarifying. Cllr Powell is to e-mail the Clerk with his concerns so that they can be looked into & reported at the next meeting. The Clerk advised the meeting that this agenda item was to confirm the correctness of the minutes of the last committee meeting & not to discuss other organisations.</p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Brierley Seconded – Cllr Chambers</p> <p>“That the Minutes of the Committee Meetings held on 23 June 2014 & 14 July 2014 be approved”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>	
31/14.	<p><u>To approve the list of payments 01.04.14- 30.04.14</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Chambers Seconded – Cllr Brierley</p> <p>“That the list of payments for the period 01.04.14-30.04.14 be approved”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>	
32/14.	<p><u>To approve the monthly income & expenditure report against budget 01.04.14-30.04.14</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Barnes Seconded – Cllr Brierley</p> <p>“That the income & expenditure report 01.04.14 – 30.04.14 be approved”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>	
33/14.	<p><u>To approve the list of payments 01.05.14-31.05.14</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Chambers Seconded – Cllr Brierley</p> <p>“That the list of payments for the period 01.05.14 – 31.05.14 be approved”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>	
34/14.	<p><u>To approve the monthly income & expenditure report against budget 01.05.14-31.05.14</u></p> <p>The Clerk had given members an amended income & expenditure report prior to the meeting. The only figure that had been amended from the original papers was the income for Hugh Ripley Hall for the month.</p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Todd Seconded – Cllr Horton</p>	

	<p>“That the report be accepted with the amended income figure for Hugh Ripley Hall” RESOLVED</p>	
35/14.	<p><u>To approve the list of payments 01.06.14 – 30.06.14</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Hawke Seconded – Cllr Horton</p> <p>“That the list of payments for the period 01.06.14 – 30.06.14 be approved” RESOLVED</p>	
36/14.	<p><u>To approve the income & expenditure report against budget 01.06.14 – 30.06.14</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Brierley Seconded – Cllr Powell</p> <p>“That the £1500 income to the grants budget (120) be transferred to the personnel costs (105) as this relates to the grant received from the national apprenticeship scheme for the employment of an apprentice & the report be then approved” RESOLVED</p>	
37/14.	<p><u>To approve the income & expenditure report against budget for 1st quarter 01.04.14-30.06.14</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Brierley Seconded – Cllr Powell</p> <p>“That the report be approved with the quarterly income for Hugh Ripley Hall as amended to include the amended figure for Hugh Ripley Hall income for May as in agenda item 34/14 & the £1500 transferred from the grants income to the personnel costs income ” RESOLVED</p>	
38/14.	<p><u>Correspondence to consider</u> <u>a.NYCC – reduction in grass cutting services April 2015 onwards:</u></p> <p>Harrogate Borough Council have been doing the grass cutting in the district on behalf of the County Council & it is understood that they will not be taking this on when the reduction in grass cutting services takes place. The City Council are not in a position to take this on either. It was RESOLVED to receive & note this item.</p>	

Prior to closing the meeting the chairman informed members that a member of the public had been in touch with him asking for some clarity on financial matters of the council.

The meeting closed at 7.37pm

SIGNED _____
CHAIRMAN

DATE _____

ACKNOWLEDGED AT FULL COUNCIL MEETING FOR INFORMATION ONLY

SIGNED _____

DATE _____

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR