

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2014 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 Bateman
Cllr Mrs S E Brierley
Cllr M Chambers
Cllr S J Hawke
Cllr P Horton
Cllr S Martin
Cllr P McHardy
Cllr C E Powell
Cllr A F Skidmore

The Clerk, Admin Assistant, Serjeant-At-Mace, Canon Paul Greenwell

Late Arrivals: Cllr Waiting 7.54pm

125/13. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from:

Cllr J Martin-Long
Cllr D Todd
Cllr Williams

126/13. 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

127/13.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

128/13.To approve the minutes of the meeting of the council held on 13 January 2014

Cllr Skidmore advised members that the Government Minister had written to all principal authorities to inform them that w.e.f 25 February 2014 there will be a requirement for votes taken at Council meetings of the principal authority on the budget & financial matters to be recorded. It is not known at this moment whether this legislation will apply to Parish Councils. Whilst a recorded vote is not needed in the interests of total transparency Cllr Skidmore asked members to consider a named vote on the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2014 to cover the budget for 2014/15 that members set at that meeting.

The Clerk had spoken to YLCA who were not aware of the legislation & the monitoring officer at Harrogate Borough Council who did not know if this new legislation applied to Parish Councils either. The Clerk had advised Cllr Skidmore that there was no requirement to do this as the

budget had already been set & this new information had been received too late for that meeting. Members were mindful that Cllr Skidmore had contacted DCLG who advised him that all councils would be required to have a recorded vote for precept setting meetings.

Proposed – Cllr Skidmore

Seconded – Cllr Chambers

“That the minutes of the meeting of the Council be approved & adopted & that a recorded vote be taken”

All members present Cllr Stanley, Cllr Barnes, Cllr Bateman, Cllr Brierley, Cllr Chambers, Cllr Hawke, Cllr Horton, Cllr Martin, Cllr McHardy, Cllr Powell, Cllr Skidmore voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

RESOLVED

129/13. To approve the amendment to the Terms of Reference of the Hugh Ripley Hall Committee as recommended by the Hugh Ripley Hall Committee meeting 20.01.14

Proposed – Cllr Martin

Seconded – Cllr Chambers

“That the amendments to the Terms of Reference be approved”

RESOLVED

130/13. To receive policy for information only – Civic Protocol Policy approved at Staff Committee 21.03.13, agenda Item 87/13.

Proposed- Cllr Barnes

Seconded – Cllr McHardy

“That the policy be received”

RESOLVED

131/13. To set a date for an informal meeting for the Selection of the Mayor for the Mayoral Year 2014/15

Proposed – Cllr Stanley

Seconded – Cllr Hawke

“That the date for the informal meeting this year will be Monday 24 February 2014, 6.30pm start & that the date of the informal meeting will be set as the last Monday in February in future years.”

RESOLVED

132/13. To receive policy for information only – Capability Policy approved at Staff Committee 07.10.13

Proposed – Cllr Barnes

Seconded – Cllr Brierley

“That the policy be received”

RESOLVED

133/13. To consider sending a representative to the Harrogate Branch of YLCA meeting

No members wished to attend the meeting & the Clerk should therefore give apologies on behalf of Ripon City Council.

134/13. To consider & approve the final lease for Hugh Ripley Hall sent to the solicitor – amendments have been made by Harrogate Borough Council to the lease approved at Council 16.12.13 (amendments are highlighted)

The Chairman raised a concern on the amendment at point 1.1a as the proportion of the insurance that Ripon City Council is expected to pay to HBC for insuring Hugh Ripley Hall is not clear. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Stanley & Cllr Martin negotiate the proportion of the insurance payable for the building with Harrogate Borough Council up to a maximum of £500 without referring back to Council. Once this insurance is agreed it was **RESOLVED** to approve the lease & that Cllr Stanley & Cllr Martin are to sign the lease on behalf of the City Council in the presence of the Clerk.

135/13. To consider & approve who will sign the lease on behalf of the Council – two signatures required.

This was resolved at agenda item 134/13. above

136/13. To give authority for the Clerk to sign the statutory declaration on behalf of the Council in respect of the standard form of notice for Hugh Ripley Hall from Harrogate Borough Council

This item was deferred as the Clerk was still waiting for further information & clarification on this from the Solicitor.

137/13. To set a date for the Annual Parish Meeting for 2014 & consider setting aside a date for future years.

Members discussed the best time to have the meeting & it was **RESOLVED** that the meeting be held in late May of each year.

138/13. To receive a quarterly report from the City Development Manager – report to follow

It was **RESOLVED** to receive & note the report & that the City Development Manager should be congratulated on the report & all the work that he has carried out to date.

139/13. To receive the following committee meeting minutes for information only:

Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 13 January 2014

Proposed – Cllr Skidmore Seconded – Cllr Hawke

“That the minutes of the said meeting be received”

RESOLVED

Planning Committee Meeting held on 16 December 2013 & 20 January 2014

Proposed – Cllr Powell Seconded – Cllr Brierley

“That the minutes of the said meetings be received”

RESOLVED

Hugh Ripley Hall Committee Meeting held on 16 December 2013

Proposed – Cllr Martin Seconded – Cllr Chambers

“That the minutes of the said meeting be received

RESOLVED

140/13. To receive a report from Harrogate Borough Councillors if appropriate

No report was received

141/13. To receive a report from North Yorkshire County Councillors if appropriate

Cllr Bateman reported that there had been problems with road closure signs in Ripon being left up after works had been completed or being put up too early when works are due to take place on the highway. This is being looked into by the highways division.

Cllr Bateman, as Chairman of NYCC also informed members that he had distributed flags to all district Mayors to commemorate Nation Commonwealth Day & that he would be inviting all district Mayors to an event at County Hall to commemorate this.

Cllr Horton reported on the road works on Boroughbridge Road where there has been temporary traffic lights for some time. A culvert has collapsed & work is due to commence in April when the road will be closed completely.

Cllr Horton also reported that the transport scrutiny committee had met on Friday & that there had been no change on the bus subsidy scheme. It looked like the service would continue commercially & it had been suggested at the meeting that Parish Councils could look to providing some funding in future. As the precept had already been set this was not possible this next year & it was felt that if support was provided this would set a precedent for future years.

142/13. Correspondence to receive & note:

- a. Harrogate Borough Council – Tour de France – Yorkshire Grand Depart

It was suggested that the City Development Manager attend any events organised by Harrogate Borough Council for the Tour De France & the correspondence be received & noted

- b. Harrogate Borough Council – Financial Inclusion Strategy

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

143/13. To consider the correspondence for Rural Yorkshire with regard to a community oil buying co-operatives

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

144/13. Mayoral Announcements – for information only

The Mayor informed members that he was holding a Charity Dinner at the Spa hotel on Friday 4

April & he hoped that members would support the event. He is also holding an Abseil on Saturday 12 April along with the Mayors of the district each taking part for their chosen charity.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

SIGNED _____

DATE _____

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR