

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Date: 27th June 2016

Time: 7.00 pm

Location: Council Chamber, Ripon Town Hall

Present: Cllr P McHardy – Chairman

Cllr L Barnes - as a substitute for Cllr P Pearson

CIIr M Chambers

Cllr S J Hawke - Vice Chairman

Cllr P Horton Cllr S L Jones

Cllr M Stanley - as a substitute for Cllr S Martin

Cllr A I Morgan - Ex-officio

CIIr C E Powell

In attendance: Mrs S Adamson, the Acting Deputy Clerk

Mrs P Hartley, the Acting Clerk Mr J Vauvert, the Sergeant at Mace

Cllr A Williams and Cllr R Willis, non-committee members

Cllr Pearson had sent word that he may not be able to attend and although he arrived at

7.05 pm Cllr Barnes was already in place as his substitute.

74-16	To receive apologies and accept reasons for absence: Cllrs Bate and Martin.
75-16	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: there were no declarations of interest nor requests for dispensations.
76-16	Members of the public are invited to question, seek clarification or make representation to members of the Committee on any agenda item as listed below: there were no Parishioners present.
77-16	To approve the Minutes of the last Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 6 th June 2016:
	Proposed – Cllr Stanley Seconded – Cllr Jones
	"that the Minutes be approved as a correct record of the proceedings."
	RESOLVED by a show of hands with one abstention, and the Minutes were signed by the Chairman.
78-16	To approve spending on the provision of promotion and marketing materials for the Hornblower.
	In addition to the introduction of the well-received information leaflet on the history of the Hornblowers, the City Development Team had sourced a local supplier who could replicate the wooden lucky pennies that the Hornblowers used to distribute each evening after the hornblowing ceremony, as visitors still requested them. The City Development Manager had requested a sum of £2,000 from reserves for the production of 5,000 of these pennies at a cost of £1,563 with the balance being used to to source a limited run of Hornblower promotional merchandise for sale in the Tourist Information Office; and that the income generated by these sales provide future funds for the purchase of further batches of coins.



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	Although there was a consensus that this was an excellent opportunity to promote the City, as there were other items on the evening's Agenda requiring decisions on expenditure, the discussion could not take place until projections of income and expenditure for the scheme were available. Proposed – Cllr Hawke Seconded – Cllr Horton
	"that this Item be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee to be discussed in conjunction with financial projection figures." RESOLVED by a show of hands with three against.
79-16	To consider a proposal by the Cllr Jones, Chair of the Alderman T F Spence Management Committee, that the Council should provide interim funding to cover the expected deficit in the accounts of the Charity for the financial year 2016-17, and to approve a programme of fundraising.
	Cllr Jones outlined the annual costs of maintaining Quarry Moor and said that at the end of the financial year, the Charity's bank balance would be approaching zero. There was a discussion about how it had been financed in previous years, the level of the Council's reserves, how it would be financed in the future and what extra expenditure needed to be committed outside of the day-to-day running costs. Cllr McHardy took this opportunity to welcome Mrs Penny Hartley, the new Acting Clerk: Mrs Hartley had extensive experience of fundraising and raising funds for Quarry Moor would be one of her goals.
	Proposed – Cllr Stanley Seconded – Cllr Hawke
	"that this Item be deferred to the next meeting and be brought to Full Council." RESOLVED by a show of hands with one against and one abstention.
80-16	To receive an update on restoration of the furniture in the Mayor's Parlour and the Council Chamber.
	Five contractors had been approached and two estimates had been received, one from a local French polisher, and the other from a firm of professional furniture restorers. The latter amounted to approximately £15,000 using accepted methods and traditional craft techniques for the restoration and conservation of all the antique furniture in the Council Chamber, the Mayor's Parlour and the Robing Room. There was a consensus that the restoration work should be carried out and a discussion on how it might be funded.
	Proposed – Cllr Stanley Seconded – Cllr Hawke
	"that an approach should be made to the Estates Department at HBC to ask them to fund the restoration of the furniture in the Council Chamber, as part of their obligation under the leasing agreement; and that other funding sources, possibly the Heritage Lottery, should be pursued to finance the work in the Mayor's Parlour."
81-16	To approve repairs and re-decoration costs to the Cabman's Shelter.
	 The following estimates had been obtained: 1. to repair the wheel axles and wheels, including shot blasting, refurbishing the inside of the wheels, repainting and refitting - £408.40 + VAT; 2. to replace the chocks and packers supporting the wheels with new oak ones - £320.80 + VAT;



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	3. to prepare and paint the outside edges of the carriage in its entirety with a two-year paint guarantee - £820 labour only, paint to be supplied at trade as required.		
	Proposed – Cllr Horton Seconded – Cllr Chambers		
	"that the contractors be instructed to carry out the work outlined in 1 and 2 above as per the estimates, but that other quotes be obtained for the painting work." RESOLVED		
82-16	 Correspondence To note items of correspondence received, as detailed on list circulated with agenda, to include: a) Results of a Business Survey undertaken by Ripon Chamber on the proposed development for Marks & Spencer on Rotary Way; b) Request from Ripon Civic Society for nominations for the Awards on the built environment 2016. 		
	Proposed – Cllr Stanley Seconded – Cllr Hawke		
	"that the correspondence be noted and that any suggestions for nominations for the Ripon Civic Society's Awards be forwarded to the Clerk. RESOLVED		
The meeting closed at 7.40 pm. These minutes were recorded and prepared by Sarah Adamson, Acting Deputy Clerk to the Council.			
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CHAIRMAN			
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