



# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

**Date:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
**Time:** 7pm  
**Location:** The Council Chamber, the Town Hall, Ripon, HG4 1DD

**Present:** Cllr P McHardy – The Right Worshipful The Mayor  
 Cllr L Barnes  
 Cllr M Chambers  
 Cllr A Gaskin  
 Cllr P Horton  
 Cllr S Hawke  
 Cllr S Martin  
 Cllr P Pearson  
 Cllr C Powell  
 Cllr A Morgan  
 Cllr C E Powell  
 Cllr M Stanley  
 Cllr R Willis

**In attendance:** Mrs P Benson, the Clerk  
 Mr J Vauvert, Serjeant at Mace

Prior to the commencement of the meeting The Very Reverend the Dean of Ripon, John Dobson, will open the proceedings with Prayer.

128-17	<p><b>To receive apologies and approve reason for absence.</b></p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Bate, Gaskin, Jones and Williams.</p>		
129-17	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p>A member of the public spoke about the railway reinstatement study expressing disappointment with the lack of consultation with local communities.          A business owner spoke about the interaction between the Council and local business.          A member of the public spoke about the City bus service, asking that the Council publicise the temporary service.</p>		
130-17	<p><b>To request any disclosure of an interest in relation to any matter under consideration at this meeting (financial or otherwise) &amp; to consider any written requests for dispensation.</b></p> <p>Cllr Morgan declared a non fiscal interest in item 136-17.</p>		
131-17	<p><b>To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017.</b></p> <p>That the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate account of proceedings.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 1738 1465 1771"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Stanley</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Morgan</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a show of hands with three abstentions.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Stanley	Seconded – Cllr Morgan
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132-17	<p><b>To receive the Minutes of the Meetings from the following Committees</b></p> <p><b>Planning Committee – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017, 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017.</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 1989 1465 2022"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Horton</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Powell</td> </tr> </table>	Proposed – Cllr Horton	Seconded – Cllr Powell
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	RESOLVED by a show of hands with four abstentions.				
133-17	<p><b>To receive an update on the position on the application at West Lane, Ripon (6.55.170A.EIAMAHA 16/05621/EIAMAJ) and to receive correspondence from Arrowsmith Associates Ltd dated 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and agree appropriate action.</b></p> <p>Cllr Horton advised that the Barrister had been instructed and that a Statement of Case will be submitted to the forthcoming inquiry.</p> <p>Cllr Stanley advised that he was prepared to provide information in his professional capacity for submission to the inquiry but was not prepared to be cross examined.</p> <p>The future appointment of Arrowsmith Associates was discussed and it was agreed that the Mayor, together with the Chair of the Planning Committee and the Chair of the F &amp; G P Committee meet with Arrowsmith Associates to negotiate the basis of the appointment and level of fees and that they be given authority to do this on behalf of Full Council.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Proposed – Cllr Horton</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Seconded – Cllr Martin</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Horton	Seconded – Cllr Martin		
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134-17	<p><b>To receive an update from HBC District Councillor Metcalfe on street cleansing issues in Ripon.</b></p> <p>Cllr Metcalfe gave a comprehensive report on the status of cleansing issues in Ripon.</p>				
135-17	<p><b>To consider a Consultation on the location of the flashing 30mph VAS signs in Ripon.</b></p> <p>Cllr Stanley advised that a member of public had contacted him regarding the flashing VAS sign which flashed directly into her home every time a car went past at speed.</p> <p>Cllr Stanley suggested that RCC consult with local residents in future before deploying signs in the City.</p> <p>Clerk to check how often the VAS units are meant to rotate.</p>				
136-17	<p><b>To receive an update on the Railway Reinstatement Study.</b></p> <p>Cllr Morgan advised that the invitation to tender for the Reinstatement Study had been delayed due to an announcement from Government. The invitations would be issued shortly.</p> <p>Cllr Morgan responded to the member of the public's comments in the earlier public session to advise that it would be premature to ask RCC to confer with any other community groups at this stage.</p>				
137-17	<p><b>To consider the provision of community transport services in Ripon following the cessation of trading by the existing provider.</b></p> <p>It was noted that Connexions were providing a temporary bus service.</p> <p>That Cllr Blackie should be invited to attend a meeting of RCC to provide details of the Little White Bus Service.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Proposed – Cllr Horton</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Seconded – Cllr Chambers</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p> <p>That Ripon City Council undertakes to provide grant funding or other funding as appropriate up to the sum of £3,000 over a period of two years if required to allow the City bus service to continue to serve the people of Ripon.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Proposed – Cllr Chambers</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Seconded – Cllr Pearson</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Horton	Seconded – Cllr Chambers	Proposed – Cllr Chambers	Seconded – Cllr Pearson
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138-17	<p><b>To receive the following correspondence and agree appropriate action:</b></p> <p><b>1. Email dated 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – Encouraging positive interaction;</b></p>				

	<p>That the City Development Manager returns a report to the next meeting of Full Council to address the issues raised.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 188 1465 221"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr McHardy</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Chambers</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p> <p><b>2. Email dated 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 – Notice of Public Consultation NYPCC– Working Better Together;</b> Cllrs Martin and Chambers declared an interest in this item as NYCC Councillors on involved committees.</p> <p>It was agreed that individual views would be submitted.</p> <p><b>3. Letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017 – HBC District Improvement Fund – request for local scheme information;</b> That the Cycle Racks and other items be submitted for consideration. Cllr Martin to help identify other items for submission.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 651 1465 685"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Willis</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Martin</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a show of hands.</p> <p><b>4. Letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017 – HBC The Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places;</b> That the Clerk writes to HBC advising that the Cadet Hut is not appropriate and the polling station should be returned to the Academy.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 927 1465 960"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Chambers</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr McHardy</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p> <p><b>5. Letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 – HBC Green Waste Update – September 2017;</b> That this be received and noted.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 1115 1465 1149"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Stanley</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr McHardy</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a show of hands.</p> <p><b>6. Letter dated August 2017 – Community First Yorkshire;</b> That this be received and noted with the organisation being invited to a future meeting.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 1303 1465 1337"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Willis</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Martin</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a show of hands.</p> <p><b>7. NYCC – Stronger Communities, Inspire, Achieve, Innovate.</b> That Councillors consider this with a view to advising the Clerk of any matters for consideration under this scheme.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 1518 1465 1552"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Stanley</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr McHardy</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a show of hands.</p>	Proposed – Cllr McHardy	Seconded – Cllr Chambers	Proposed – Cllr Willis	Seconded – Cllr Martin	Proposed – Cllr Chambers	Seconded – Cllr McHardy	Proposed – Cllr Stanley	Seconded – Cllr McHardy	Proposed – Cllr Willis	Seconded – Cllr Martin	Proposed – Cllr Stanley	Seconded – Cllr McHardy
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139-17	<p><b>To provide an update regarding advertising banners around the Market Place following discussions with North Yorkshire County Council.</b></p> <p>That the City Development Manager investigates who is responsible for controlling signs and banners around the City.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 1805 1465 1839"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Stanley</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Martin</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a show of hands.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Stanley	Seconded – Cllr Martin										
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140-17	<p><b>To provide an outline proposal for Ripon’s hosting of Yorkshire Day in 2018</b></p> <p>That the recommendations in the report from the City Development Manager be accepted.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 2063 1465 2096"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Martin</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Chambers</td> </tr> </table>	Proposed – Cllr Martin	Seconded – Cllr Chambers										
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<b>141-17</b>	<p><b>To provide details of proposed Christmas Lighting and Events for 2017.</b></p> <p>That authority is delegated to the City Development Manager, in conjunction with the Mayor and the Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee the decision in relation to the repair or replacement of the faulty lights following the obtaining of appropriate quotations</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr McHardy</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Stanley</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a show of hands.</p>	Proposed – Cllr McHardy	Seconded – Cllr Stanley
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<b>142-17</b>	<p><b>To receive a report from Harrogate Borough Councillors if appropriate – for information only.</b></p> <p>None received.</p>		
<b>143-17</b>	<p><b>To receive a report from North Yorkshire County Councillors if appropriate – for information only.</b></p> <p>Cllr Martin spoke about the repairs to the Market Square, advising that he had arranged for the traffic lights at the top of High Skellgate to stay on green unless the pedestrian button had been pressed after complaints from residents.</p> <p>Cllr Chambers advised that he had been very involved with the replacement bus service.</p>		
<b>144-17</b>	<p><b>Mayoral Announcements – for information.</b></p> <p>That the HRH Committee meeting scheduled for 25/9 would not take place.</p>		

With business concluded the meeting was closed at 9:05pm.

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Paula Benson, Clerk to the City Council.

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