

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

MINUTES OF THE CITY PLAN COMMITTEE HELD ON 17th NOVEMBER AT 7.00PM IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, THE TOWN HALL, RIPON

Present: Cllr Peter Horton (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Mick Stanley
Cllr Michael Waiting
Richard Taylor
Chris Hughes
Jane Furse
Jan Ackroyd
Cllr Andrew Williams (arrived 7:03 pm)
Cllr Lynette Barnes (arrived 7:05 pm)
Dean John Dobson (arrived 7:05 pm)
Cllr Adrian Morgan (arrived 7:14pm)

Attendees: Alan Weston (City Development Manager / Minutes)
Gill Ritchie (Harrogate Borough Council – advisor)
2 members of the public

Apologies: David Winpenny
Don Grundy (see agenda item 19/15b.)

Action

15/15. To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.
Received and noted as above.

16/15. 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.
There were no questions, clarifications or representations made.

17/15. 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.

18/15. To approve the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 28th July 2015.
Proposed – Cllr Mick Stanley
Seconded – Richard Taylor

“That the Minutes be approved as a correct record of the proceedings.”

RESOLVED by a show of hands with two abstentions and the Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

19/15. To consider issues relating to the non-Council membership of the Committee:

a) Chairing of the Committee

AW said that he had approached Dean John Dobson in relation to this but he felt unable to commit to the position. AW felt that it was difficult to bring in any outside person at this stage in the Plan preparation and therefore this would be referred back to Council.

AW

This was agreed.

b) Resignation of Don Grundy – representing the Chamber of Trade.

MS commented that it was disappointing that one of the original signatories to the preparation of the plan had taken this position particularly as there had been no discussions with the Chair or the City Development Manager. As there was an important economic motivation and dimension to the Plan it was suggested that the City Development Manager should ensure that they were kept in the loop on the Plan and should encourage the Chamber to nominate another representative.

This was agreed.

c) Nominations for additional non-Council members.

Members of the Committee discussed a number of potential additional non-Council members who could potentially take the vacant positions and the skills and knowledge which they could contribute. AW suggested that it was similar to the position regarding the Chairing of the Committee in that it was difficult to bring in any outside person at this stage in the Plan preparation, but if there were people with contributions to make the City Plan Team would be happy to meet with them.

This was agreed.

20/15. To receive progress report from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group in relation to the development of the final draft Ripon City Plan and supporting documentation.

AW gave a verbal update outlining that the focus of the Team was on producing the Draft Ripon City Plan and all of the supporting documents and evidence and meeting with appropriate individuals and representatives of organisations to understand particular issues and achieve that.

21/15. To consider the proposed timetable and content of the pre-submission Ripon City Plan Consultation.

AW introduced the item and CH presented the papers which had been circulated. The following items were raised:

Ure Bank Regeneration Area

CLlr AM said that land here was required for the railway to re-open and was concerned about a policy in the short-term to encourage new business investment which may have to be relocated in the longer-term. CH said that he believed that the railway feasibility studies, which form part of the evidence base for the plan, did not highlight this.

It was agreed that AW / CH would consider this issue and whether there was a need to adjust the relevant policies.

AW /
CH

Gathering Support

DJD stressed the need for the City to be working together to present a united and supported plan to Harrogate Borough Council and others and all members agreed that this was important.

Housing

The Committee discussed the fluid housing situation with regard to the current level of housing land supply.

Consultation period

AW outlined that subject to getting all the necessary supporting documentation in place and resolving some outstanding issues, it was hoped that consultation could begin in January / February. The group discussed the merits of holding off until the Spring to try to ensure better response rates. Members of the Committee also asked about the forward programme after the pre-submission consultation.

It was agreed that AW / CH / GR would discuss to try to provide a reasonable estimate of when the referendum may take place.

AW /
CH /
GR

CLlr PH congratulated the team on the comprehensive approach to the Plan and the amount of work that had gone into it so far.

The policies as set out in the documents circulated were agreed by Members of the Committee as the basis for the pre-submission consultation.

22/15. To receive a copy of the final submitted response to the Harrogate District Local Plan: Issues and Options Consultation.

AW gave a brief overview of the submission made following the discussion at the previous meeting.

23/15. To consider the Ripon City Plan Committee's response to the Harrogate District Local Plan: Draft Development Management Policies Consultation.

AW and CH presented the report which had been circulated to members which was a draft response to the consultation.

Proposed – Cllr Mick Stanley
Seconded – Cllr Lynette Barnes

RESOLVED unanimously by a show of hands that the draft response should be submitted.

AW /
CH