

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

MINUTES OF THE CITY PLAN COMMITTEE HELD ON 29th NOVEMBER AT 7.00PM IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, THE TOWN HALL, RIPON

- Present: Cllr Peter Horton (Chair)
Cllr Andrew Williams
Cllr Mick Stanley
David Briggs
Chris Hughes (arrived 7:10)
Dean John Dobson (arrived 7:25)
- Attendees: Cllr Adrian Morgan (Ex-Officio)
Alan Weston (City Development Manager / Minutes)
- Apologies: Cllr Sarah Jones
Cllr Lynette Barnes
Cllr Charlie Powell
Jan Ackroyd
Jane Furse
Richard Taylor
David Winpenny
- Public: Cllr Richard Willis (Planning Committee member - item 20/16)

Action

15/16. To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.

Received and noted as above.

16/16. 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 members of the public present

17/16. 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.

18/16. To approve the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 30th August 2016

Proposed – Cllr Stanley

Seconded – Cllr Williams

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

RESOLVED unanimously by a show of hands and the Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

19/16. To receive an update in relation to the pre-submission Ripon City Plan consultation

AW explained that the consultation period had been extended and aligned with the HBC Local Plan consultation in order to meet the requirements of the Neighbourhood Planning legislation and following discussion and agreement with the chair. The new date for consultation responses is 23rd December.

Cllr AW expressed concern about the slippage of the Neighbourhood Plan and the implications of further slippage.

AW explained that in the circumstances it was felt necessary and that the City Plan Team volunteers were working as hard as possible and that it was hoped that the next committee would be able to receive a report outlining the analysis of the consultation responses and the proposed changes to the City Plan. Whether this could be achieved would depend upon the number of responses and the level of detail received.

AW then outlined, based upon the on-going monitoring of responses, some of the issues that were arising as a result of the consultation.

20/16. To receive a report in relation to responding to the draft Harrogate District Local Plan consultation

AW gave a brief introduction to the report and handed over to CH to give a more detailed analysis.

Members of the committee asked a number of questions relating to the process for the HBC Local Plan and the approach in relation to a number of proposals.

Cllr AW voiced concerns that the HBC Local Plan had been developed in isolation of the Ripon City Plan and ignoring the views of the community as expressed by it.

Members of the committee discussed how best to respond in addition to the formal and necessary process of responding to the consultation.

Cllr AW said that Ripon City Council were writing to the Chief Executive of Harrogate Borough and suggested that the City Plan Committee should do the same.

DJD suggested that Ripon was united with one voice seemingly like at no other previous time and therefore the approach needed to be one

of demonstrating unity, commending our approach and seeking a collaborative approach to the future of the City.

AW suggested that as per the recommendations a meeting would be sought with HBC following the end of the respective consultations with a view to identifying where policies could potentially be aligned.

Proposed – Cllr Stanley

Seconded – Cllr Williams

- That the City Development Manager submits this Committee's response to the consultation to Harrogate Borough Council on-line and by such other media as are necessary within the timescale.
- That a meeting(s) to review the changes sought is requested with appropriate representatives of Harrogate Borough Council to be attended by the City Development Manager and/or such other members of the City Plan team as may be appropriate.
- That this report be offered to a full meeting of the Ripon City Council to assist in its deliberations on this subject.

RESOLVED unanimously by a show of hands