

**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON**

**MINUTES OF THE CITY PLAN COMMITTEE HELD ON 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2017 AT 7.00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, RIPON**

Present: Cllr Peter Horton (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr Lynette Barnes  
Cllr Mick Stanley  
Cllr Andrew Williams  
Chris Hughes  
David Winpenny  
Jane Furse  
David Briggs  
Jan Ackroyd  
Dean John Dobson (arrived 7:05 pm)

Attendees: Cllr Adrian Morgan (Ex-Officio)  
Alan Weston (City Development Manager / Minutes)

Apologies: Richard Taylor

Action

**01/17 To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.**

Received and noted as above.

**02/17 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.**

1 member of the public was present. There were no questions, clarifications or representations made.

**03/17 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.

**04/17 To approve the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

Proposed – Cllr Mick Stanley

Seconded – Cllr Peter Horton

“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.**

**05/17** **To receive copies of the formal response by the City Plan Committee to the draft Harrogate District Local Plan consultation**

The formal response submitted to the consultation was received and noted. There were no comments made.

**06/17** **To receive a report in relation to the responses to the draft Ripon City Plan consultation, proposed changes and the forward programme of work**

AWe introduced the report and presented information about the consultation process and the responses received. AW highlighted that no response had been received from Natural England and this was being chased to ensure that any concerns from the main statutory consultees were addressed.

CH explained the key issues which the consultation had identified and which needed to be considered in amending the final draft Ripon City Plan.

AWi suggested that the process shouldn't stop for one single consultee and that we should seek to submit the document to Harrogate as soon as possible.

CH explained that there was still work to do before the formal submission could be made to HBC or we would not be in compliance with the legislation.

AWi suggested that HBC may delay the process through queries and detailed questioning and therefore it was better to submit the Plan ASAP and continue the work in parallel to answering the questions.

MS stressed the importance of submitting the Plan complete with all of the policy evidence and the supporting documentation. Without this additional information HBC would have legitimate reason to delay the process. The example used was the need for a comprehensive consultation statement reflecting the views expressed and a thorough analysis of the responses to the consultation which, although summarised in the report, needed to be written up and this would take time.

CH responded that the City Plan Team are keen to submit the Plan as soon as possible also ensuring that it has the greatest chance of success at the independent examination and referendum and therefore more time spent at this stage will have rewards further down the line. The report set out in the recommendations the way forward and it was strongly felt this was what was necessary to enable submission to take place.

AWi said he understood but encouraged the submission to be made at the earliest opportunity.

The recommendations stated in the report were agreed.

**07/17** **To receive a verbal report in relation to the proposal by Ripon City Council to fund an updated study into railway reinstatement**

AM gave an update outlining the City Council's agreement in-principle to funding the feasibility study, subject to the preparation of a suitable scoping report and consultants brief.

**08/17** **To receive a verbal report in relation to the establishment of a group formed of a number of sports clubs in Ripon with an aspiration for facilities at as part of the Clothholme Regeneration area.**

AW gave a brief verbal report about the collaboration between a number of sports clubs with an interest in potential facilities which may become available at the barracks site.