



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

Date: 12th March 2018
Time: 7pm
Location: The Council Chamber, the Town Hall, Ripon, HG4 1DD

Present: Cllr P McHardy – The Right Worshipful The Mayor
Cllr J Bate
Cllr L Barnes
Cllr M Chambers
Cllr A Gaskin
Cllr P Horton
Cllr S Martin
Cllr P Pearson
Cllr C Powell
Cllr M Stanley
Cllr R Willis
Cllr A Williams

In attendance: Mrs P Benson, the Clerk
Mr J Vauvert, Serjeant at Mace
Fifteen members of the public.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting The Very Reverend Dean John Dobson said Prayers.

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| 29-18 | To receive apologies and approve reason for absence. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Jones, Hawke and Morgan. | | |
| 30-18 | 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. A member of the public spoke on the swimming pool as a member of Ripon Pool Action Group, advising that the action group would like a learner pool as a minimum, anything else would be considered a bonus. A member of the public enquired whether a date had been set for the City Plan referendum. Cllr Stanley advised that a date had not yet been set. A member of the public asked if the Council would be contributing to Yorkshire Day. The Mayor advised that a working group had been established with Ripon Together and other community groups and that the subject would be discussed when that agenda item was reached. | | |
| 31-18 | 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. None received. | | |
| 32-18 | To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th February 2018. That the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate account of proceedings. <table border="1" data-bbox="320 1861 1465 1899"><tr><td>Proposed – Cllr Williams</td><td>Seconded – Cllr Horton</td></tr></table> RESOLVED by a show of hands with one abstention. | Proposed – Cllr Williams | Seconded – Cllr Horton |
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| 33-18 | <p>To receive a report from the Internal Auditor (if received).</p> <p>It was noted that the Clerk had forwarded the report to the Monitoring Officer upon receipt. That the report be received and noted.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="292 264 1439 297"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Martin</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p> | Proposed – Cllr Williams | Seconded – Cllr Martin |
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| | <p>It was agreed to defer item 34-18 until the end of the meeting</p> | | |
| 35-18 | <p>Ripon City Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) To approve the submission draft of the Ripon City Plan following approval by the City Plan Committee on 5th March 2018. ii) To agree that it be referred to the meeting of Full Council on 12th March 2018 for submission to Harrogate Borough Council in accordance with regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012. iii) To agree that the Clerk, with the assistance of those preparing the Plan as may be necessary, be authorised to make such minor drafting amendments as may be required in order to submit the Plan; that Ripon City Council, with the assistance of those preparing the Plan as may be necessary, agree the appointment of an independent Examiner as identified from the recruitment process arranged by Harrogate Borough Council. <p>That Ripon City Council endorse the decision of the City Plan Committee and that the Council express a statement of thanks to the City Plan team who have worked extremely hard to bring the Ripon City Plan to the point of submission. That the Mayor writes a letter to all individual volunteers concerned.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="292 1144 1439 1178"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Horton</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Stanley</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p> | Proposed – Cllr Horton | Seconded – Cllr Stanley |
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| 36-18 | <p>To receive the following correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. YLCA Advice Note 25, Elections; 2. NALC Parliamentary Briefing – Data Protection dated 2 March 2018. <p>Cllr Stanley asked the Clerk to update the Council on the status of GDPR preparations. The Clerk advised that whilst a certain amount of guidance had been received and she knew where to begin with a data audit, other work pressures had meant that she had not yet started preparations. That these items of correspondence be received and noted.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="292 1648 1439 1682"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Stanley</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p> | Proposed – Cllr Williams | Seconded – Cllr Stanley |
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| 37-18 | <p>To receive an update on Yorkshire Day 2018 and agree appropriate action.</p> <p>That the Council agree to fund the Civic element of Yorkshire Day and that the Council agrees to grant to the Councillors on the Yorkshire Day Committee, together with the Clerk, delegated authority to make decisions and engage providers up to the level of a net anticipated cost to Ripon City Council of £10,000, based on estimated numbers of 200 paying guests at a ticket price of £45 per head. Subject always to Financial Regulations and Standing Orders being observed.</p> | | |

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| 38-18 | <p>To consider the Car Parking in Ripon.</p> <p>That the Clerk contacts the external members of the Car Parking Working Group, inviting them to attend the next meeting of Ripon City Council to report on progress.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Barnes</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Williams</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p> | Proposed – Cllr Barnes | Seconded – Cllr Williams |
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| 39-18 | <p>To consider the structure of the Council and its committees.</p> <p>It was agreed to defer this item.</p> | | |
| 40-18 | <p>To consider the swimming pool in Ripon and the lack of consultation with Ripon City Council.</p> <p>That the Council write to the Director of Economy and Culture at Harrogate Borough Council to invite representatives from HBC to the next meeting of Ripon City Council to allow direct discussion.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr McHardy</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Williams</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p> | Proposed – Cllr McHardy | Seconded – Cllr Williams |
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| 41-18 | <p>To consider petrol pricing in Ripon.</p> <p>That the Clerk writes to Morrisons plc to seek clarification on their petrol pricing policy in view of the fact that petrol in Ripon appears to cost 8% more than petrol in York.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Horton</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a show of hands with four abstentions.</p> | Proposed – Cllr Williams | Seconded – Cllr Horton |
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| 42-18 | <p>To receive a report from Harrogate Borough Councillors if appropriate – for information only.</p> <p>Cllr McHardy raised the letter received from the fairground operator. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the operator suggesting that he make another application. All HBC Councillors present advised that they would express their support for the application.</p> <p>Cllr Martin addressed the issue of the HBC Market Working Group. It was noted that the Clerk had apologised for not including this item on the agenda as requested. It was agreed that the Chairman of the RCC Market Working Group, Cllr McHardy, would attend the meeting on 13th March 2018 on behalf of Ripon City Council and that this item would be added to the agenda of the meeting on 9th April 2018.</p> <p>Cllr Martin advised that HBC had recently resolved to be plastic free in 12 months time, requesting that Ripon City Council consider this item at its meeting on 9th April 2018.</p> | | |

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| | Cllr Chambers advised that the plastic free resolution at HBC related to single use plastic. | | | | |
| 43-18 | <p>To receive a report from North Yorkshire County Councillors if appropriate – for information only.</p> <p>Cllr Chambers advised that NYCC were aware of the recent potholes that have developed since the cold spell and were currently finalising a planned programme of repair works.</p> <p>Cllr Martin advised that Hewick Bridge had opened two weeks early despite the recent weather. It was noted that Firby Lane was due to close for works.</p> <p>Cllr Martin provided an update on the works on Park Street which were causing disruption, advising that the delay to the works was caused by two utility companies not co-ordinating their works.</p> <p>Cllr Chambers advised that NYCC had introduced a system of daily fines for utility companies in the event that their works over-run.</p> | | | | |
| | <p>To consider passing a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), that the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.</p> <p>That this resolution be passed.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="288 1238 1434 1272"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Horton</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Powell</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p> | Proposed – Cllr Horton | Seconded – Cllr Powell | | |
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| 34-18 | <p>To consider the approval of a statement.</p> <p>That the short version of the statement be approved for release by the Council.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="288 1516 1434 1550"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Willis</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr Stanley</td> </tr> </table> <p>Prior to a vote being taken and after a lengthy debate The Mayor requested that Councillors consider withdrawing their proposal to allow for all Councillors to review a copy of the statement issued by Council in November 2017.</p> <p>That the proposal is withdrawn and this item returned to a future meeting of Council.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="288 1861 1434 1895"> <tr> <td>Proposed – Cllr Martin</td> <td>Seconded – Cllr McHardy</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p> | Proposed – Cllr Willis | Seconded – Cllr Stanley | Proposed – Cllr Martin | Seconded – Cllr McHardy |
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| 44-18 | <p>Mayoral Announcements – for information.</p> <p>The Mayor referred to Cllr Morgan being unwell and spoke on behalf of the Council to send their</p> | | | | |

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| | best wishes to him. |
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With business concluded the meeting was closed at 9:15 pm.

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

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