

**RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING HELD AT 6.30 PM ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2016 IN THE  
MAYOR'S PARLOUR, TOWN HALL, RICHMOND**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: R. White (Chair)  
C. World (Vice Chair)  
S. Pearson  
R. Lord  
L. Hodgson  
S. Cooke  
J. Preece

**In attendance:** Mrs C. Ord (Minutes)  
Mr. F. Stockton - Duck Club  
Mr. R. Chandler - Duck Club  
Mr. G. Lloyd - Richmond Cycling Club  
Mrs Chaudhri - Westfields Allotments  
Mr. M. Gibson - Richmond Round Table  
Mr. G. Barber - Round Howe (The Robinson Allotments) and  
- Richmond Civic Society

The Chair informed the meeting that there would be an Emergency Item at the end of the meeting.

**C01.09.16 Apologies:**  
Councillors Bryant and Croasdell

**C.02.09.16 Public Open Session:**

Mr. Lloyd stated that the outcome of the tender to hold the 2019 World Road Cycling Championship for the whole of Yorkshire will be confirmed in October this year.

Dog Fouling

The Chair read the response from Richmondshire District Council to a previous complaint.

**C.03.09.16 Declarations of Interest:**

It was agreed that Declarations of Interest should be dealt with as and when they arose during the meeting.

**C.04.09.16 Working Guidelines for Lead Councillors:**

The Chair asked that members note the above guidelines.

**C0.05.09.16 Catenary Wires:**

Proposed: Councillor Preece Seconded: Councillor Cooke

**RESOLVED: that subject to necessary catenary wires checks, permission be granted for the use of wires (excluding King Street) for 2016 Christmas**

**Lights.**

**C06.09.16 Christmas Lights:**

Councillor Preece gave a report on behalf of Lead Councillors regarding the proposed use of lamp posts for vertical festive lighting. However, he stated that the lamp posts around the obelisk were not suitable for this purpose and the obelisk would be lit in the usual way. Councillor Preece informed members that he was hopeful that some vertical lighting would happen this year and was awaiting further information from NYCC and would report back to the next meeting.

**C07.09.16 Floral Decorations:**

Councillor Pearson was pleased to report that a letter had been published in the Darlington and Stockton Times saying how nice the town floral displays are. The displays will be watered until the end of September and then replaced by winter planting.

**C08.09.16 Fireworks:**

Councillor Lord stated that everything was in hand and there was nothing of note to report.

**C0.09.09.16 Civic Events:**

Nothing to report

**C10.09.16 Allotments:**

Castle Hill Allotment

Awaiting start date from the contractor and quotation for work to steps,

Allotment AGM

Date for the AGM is 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm.

**C11.09.16 Insurance Liability for Allotments:**

Councillor Pearson declared an interest.

Councillor Pearson reported on various insurance issues and discussed alternative arrangements for insurance cover for allotment holders. Councillors decided that the issue of insurance should be raised at the Allotment AGM. The Town Clerk to check Insurance matters with YLCA.

**C11a.09.16 Emergency Item - Committee Structures:**

Councillor Pearson outlined her reasons for changes to the Committee Structures.

Proposed: Councillor White Seconded: Councillor Cooke

**RESOLVED: that the Committee Structures continue in the present form.**

Councillors Pearson and Hodgson asked that their vote against the proposal be recorded.

Councillor Pearson stated that she did not wish to continue with allotments or be considered as Lead Councillor as she felt that the system did not work well in its form.

present

Lead Councillors

Allotments – Councillors World, Preece and Cooke.

In view of Councillor Spencer's absence, Councillor Pearson stated that he should be approached to see whether he still wish to serve as a Lead Councillor on Allotments.

Christmas Lights - Councillors Cooke and Preece  
Fireworks - Councillors Cooke and Lord  
Floral Decorations - Councillor Pearson

Councillor Pearson asked that Councillor Spencer be approached to see whether he still wished to serve as a Lead Councillor on Floral Decorations.

Civic Events - Mayor, Past Mayor, Town Clerk and Mayor Elect  
Publicity - Councillor White

Proposed: Councillor White Seconded: Councillor Cooke

**RESOLVED: that the Councillors listed above will continue in post until June 2017.**

**C13.09.16** Date of the next meeting: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 6.30 p.m.  
Councillors Pearson and Hodgson gave their apologies for the above meeting.  
No Private Session took place. The Meeting finish at 7.40 p.m.