

## **RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING HELD AT 6.30 PM ON 14 MARCH 2016 IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, TOWN HALL, RICHMOND**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: R. White (Chair)  
S. Pearson (Vice Chair)  
R. Lord  
J. Preece  
P. Spencer  
L. Hodgson

**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. S. Savage – Richmond Round Table  
Mr. G. Barber – Round Howe (The Robinson Allotments)

**C01.03.16 Apologies:**  
Councillors Harris, World and Cooke  
Ms. E. Hayward – Civic Society

**C.02.03.16 Public Open Session:**

No members of the public were present other than representatives of the above organisations.

**C.03.03.16 Declarations of Interest:**

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

Councillor White reported that a previous request for free parking on Remembrance Sunday had been granted. Richmondshire District Council has subsequently acknowledged that on November 13<sup>th</sup> 2016 there will be free parking in Nuns Close and Victoria Road North and South.

**C.04.03.16 HM Queen's celebrations:**

The Chairman gave details of the official date recently received from Buckingham Palace regarding the celebrations. It appears that there is no intention to light the National Beacon chain over the Queens Official Birthday weekend when the Town Council elected to light the beacon for a second time. The official Beacon lighting will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm in accordance with

Beacon lighting across the country. He stated that volunteers were required to help with marshalling, fencing and putting out cones along with other duties. The Chair asked for organisations to help with the various duties. He also stated that the budget set at precept for the lighting of the Beacon is £1,000 and this will have to cover all aspects of the event including music, public address etc. It is the intention to invite food outlet vans to attend the event. The Town Clerk has approached the Round Table to prepare and light the Beacon. The Round Table representative confirmed that the organisation will be accepting the offer. The Chairman stated that in the light of the new information he asked members to consider whether the previous decision to light the Beacon a second time should be rescinded.

Proposed: Councillor Spencer    Seconded: Councillor Preece

**RESOLVED: the following special resolution bearing the signatures of Councillors Hodgson, Preece, Lord, Spencer, Pearson and White rescinds the decision to hold a second beacon lighting on the Queen's Official Birthday.**

#### **C0.05.03.16 Fireworks:**

Following general discussion relating to the date and details of the event the following resolutions were passed.

Proposed: Councillor Preece    Seconded: Councillor Hodgson

**RESOLVED: that the Town Councils' preferred date is Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016.**

Proposed: Councillor Lord    Seconded: Councillor White

**RESOLVED: that the quote from Pains Fireworks be accepted**

Proposed: Councillor White    Seconded: Councillor Preece

**RESOLVED: that the musical theme for the event is "Salute to HM Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday".**

#### **C06.03.16 Christmas Lights:**

The Duck Club representative raised various concerns regarding the work leading up to the switch on event in Friary Gardens. They felt that there is lack of assistance relating to repairs and reported that they are not the only organisation using the electricity boxes on site. Councillor Lord stated that he would raise this matter with Richmondshire District Council. The Town Council does not have

any responsibility for the equipment in Friary Gardens and pays only for the electricity used during the festive lighting period.

The representative for the Duck Club stated that the switch on for the Christmas Lights will be at 7.00pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The President of the Duck Club cordially invited the Mayor and Councillors to attend the event.

Discussion took place relating to the festive lighting on the obelisk and damage due to high winds. Concerns were also raised about the Christmas Tree on the curtilage it was suggested that more chocks should be used to stop the tree rotating in high winds.

The rules governing advertising banners on the King Street roundabout railings were debated as it was felt that time limits were not being adhered to. Councillor Lord stated that he would raise the matter with Richmondshire District Council.

**C07.03.16 Floral Decorations:**

Councillor Pearson informed members that letters had gone out to all shopkeepers informing them about hanging baskets.

Proposed: Councillor Pearson    Seconded: Councillor Spencer

**RESOLVED: that the quote for watering of floral decorations 2016 be accepted.**

**C08.03.16 Allotments:**

Westfields Allotments

The Chair informed members that a letter had been received from an allotment holder seeking permission on various matters including the keeping of poultry. The Chairman requested details of the sizes of polly tunnel and frame.

Proposed: Councillor White    Councillor Lord

**RESOLVED: that a review of the allotment tenancy agreement be arranged, especially with reference to livestock.**

Westfields Allotments footpath

The allotment representative reported that the footpath between numbers 22 and 23 was collapsing. It was agreed that Councillor Spencer would visit the site to find out what repair work is required.

Mapping of all Allotment sites

Proposed: Councillor White      Seconded: Councillor Pearson

**RESOLVED: that the quote be accepted.**

Works to entrance of Round Howe (The Robinson Allotments)

Proposed: Councillor Spencer      Seconded: Councillor Lord

**RESOLVED: that the quote be accepted.**

Castle Hill Allotment

Councillor Spencer reported that he is obtaining a further quote for the urgent work required.

**C.09.03.16      Forthcoming Dates:**

Thursday 21 April	-	Mayor's "Tea Party"
Thursday 21 April	-	The Queen's 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration - Lighting of The Beacon
BH Monday 2 May	-	Duck Club Race
Saturday 7 May		Civic Society Coffee Morning
Saturday 21 May	-	Richmond Meet Cycling Event
Monday 23 May	-	Mayor Making
Friday 27-30 May	-	Richmond Meet
Saturday 18 June	-	Civic Day (date for Civic Society coffee morning has yet to be confirmed)
Saturday 2 July	-	RBL Commemorative Service
BH Monday 29 August	-	Duck Club Sports
Saturday 29 October	-	Duck Club – Children's Halloween Party
Friday 2 December	-	Switch on of Christmas Lights

**C.10.3.16      Date of Next Meetings -** Monday 18 April 2016 at 6.30 pm  
Monday 16 May 2016 at 6.30 pm