

RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Councillors: C. World (Vice Chair)
M. Bryant
I. Croasdell
S. Cooke
J. Preece
L. Hodgson
S. Pearson

In attendance: Mrs J. Chaudhri - Westfields Allotments
Mr. F. Stockton - Duck Club
Mr. R. Chandler - Duck Club
Mr. G. Barber - Round Howe (The Robinson Allotments) and
- Richmond Civic Society
Mr. G. Lloyd - Richmond Cycling Club
Mr. B. Wilkinson - Richmond Round Table

C01.11.16 Apologies:
Councillors Lord and White

C.02.11.16 Public Open Session:
No members of the public were present other than the above representatives.

C.03.11.16 Declarations of Interest:
It was agreed that Declarations of Interest should be dealt with as and when they arose during the meeting.

C.04.11.16 Christmas Lights:
Councillor Preece gave an update on proposed new lighting poles and reported that catenary wires would be in use this year with the exception of King Street.

The Switch ceremony will take place on Friday 2 December at 7.00p.m. in Friary Gardens attended by the Mayor and members of the cast of "Snow White". The Duck Club representative reported that Miss Daisy Cooil a Canoe and Slalom Athlete whose goal is to represent GB at the Olympics will be switching on the Christmas Lights this year.
Councillor Preece was informed that any information he would like conveyed to the public during the switch on can be broadcast by the Scouts over the PA system.

Free punch and mince pies/shortbread will be served in the Market Hall from 6.00 p.m. onwards.

Santa in Richmond- Richmond Round Table

Presents will be distributed by Santa on behalf of Richmond Round Table on Saturday 17 December by the Christmas Tree on Trinity Square from approximately 3.30 p.m. onwards.

C0.05.11.16 Floral Decoration:

Councillor Pearson gave an update on Floral Decorations and information on new planters.

Proposed: Councillor Preece Councillor Cooke

RESOLVED: that

- a) no new tubs be purchased this year**
- b) new logo's be purchased for existing 13 no. tubs**
- c) that funding be used for bulbs and to extend floral decorations.**
- d) remainder of the 2016/17 budget be carried over into the next financial year**

C0.06.11.16 Fireworks:

The Vice Chair reported that the sum of £1,328.06 has been raised from public donations.

Councillor Cooke reported that the event had been very successful and enjoyed by many.

Following discussion it was agreed that the income raised from the event was disappointing and Lead Councillors should look at the following issues

- ways to increase the revenue
- pre-paid tickets
- lack of stewards
- clearing up after the event

C0.07.11.16 Civic Events:

Freedom

The Vice Chair informed the meeting that a Freedom ceremony will be held for Mrs C. Gedye to celebrate her work with the WAGS Choir and Station Singers has been arranged for Wednesday 30 November.

Christmas Carol Concert - St. Mary's Church

The annual Carol Concert will take place at on Wednesday 7 December at 7.00p.m.

Christmas Lunch

Councillor World informed the meeting that the annual lunch will take place in the Town Hall on Christmas Day.

Future Event

The Richmond Cycling Club representative confirmed that Yorkshire has been chosen to hold the 2019 National Cycling Championships. However, he stated that exactly where in Yorkshire the 6 events are to be held is yet to be decided. It was agreed that Mr. Lloyd meet with the Town Clerk. A letter be sent to the organisation expressing support for the event and offering Richmond as a potential venue.

C0.08.11.16 Allotments:

Councillor Preece reported on the Allotment AGM and stated that letters will be sent the tenants who have not signed the new tenancy agreement.

A meeting has been arranged for Allotment Representatives on Tuesday 17th January at 6.30 p.m. in the Mayor's Parlour. Councillor Preece asked representatives to put forward items for the Agenda.

C09.11.16 Forthcoming Events:

Wednesday 30 November - Freedom Mrs C. Gedye
Friday 2 December - Switch on of Christmas Lights
Wednesday 7 December - Carol Concert – St. Mary's Church
Saturday 10 December - Distribution of Audit Coins – Mayor's Parlour
Saturday 17 December - Santa – by the Christmas Tree, Trinity Tower
Monday 19 December - The Rising of the Council followed by:
- Heritage Lottery Citation Presentation
- Investors in Richmond

C10.11.16 Date of next meeting:

Monday 16 November 2016 at 6.30a.m.

C11.11.16 No Private Session

The meeting Closed 7.02 p.m.