

RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING HELD AT 6.30 PM ON 16 JANUARY 2017 IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, TOWN HALL, RICHMOND

PRESENT: Councillors: R. White (Chair)
C. World (Vice Chair)
R. Lord
S. Pearson
S. Cooke
J. Preece
P. Spencer

Prior to the meeting Councillor World informed the Chair that he would be late. He arrived for item C0.08.17, Allotments:

In attendance: Mrs. C. Ord – Assistant Town Clerk
Mr. F. Stockton - Duck Club
Mr. G. Barber - Round Howe (The Robinson Allotments) and
- Richmond Civic Society

C.01.01.17 Apologies:

Councillors Hodgson and Bryant. Mrs J. Chaudhri Allotment Representative.

C.02.01.17 Public Open Session:

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

As a representative of the Royal British Legion, Councillor White informed members that the two following events are scheduled for this year. He reported that Richmond had been chosen to launch the Poppy Appeal on 27th October 2017 and stated that the organisation will be writing to inform the Town Clerk. A Festival of Remembrance Concert will take place at Richmond School on Friday 3rd November.

C.03.01.17 Declarations of Interest:

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

C.04.01.17 Christmas Lights:

Councillor Preece informed members that details of festive lighting will be discussed after the 2017/18 precept meeting had taken place. A meeting will then be scheduled with the contractor to discuss any lighting issues which arose during the 2016 display.

2017 Window Displays

It was agreed that the 2017 window display will following the theme of the Georgian Theatre Pantomime.

Friary Gardens – Duck Club

Councillor Cooke gave an update on his meeting with Mr. Hudson at RDC regarding the electrical boxes in Friary Gardens. The meeting was informed that the Town Clerk was awaiting a response to her letter regarding the same matter.

C0.05.01.17 Floral Decoration:

Councillor Pearson informed members that new logos will be applied to the floral tubs this season. The floral colours will be red, white and blue incorporating lots of trailing plant material.

C0.06.01.17 Fireworks:

Councillor Lord reported that the Christmas Fair held in the Market Place had been very successful and asked members to consider a similar event to mark the Fireworks event scheduled for Sunday 5th November 2017. He suggested that part of the market place could be closed off, allowing fairground rides and the fireworks set off in the Castle grounds with members of the public viewing the display from the market square. A number of Councillors felt that this suggestion could be explored as an alternation option. However, conceded that a number of issues would have to be investigated before taking this matter forward. Councillor Lord to investigate possibilities.

C0.07.01.17 Civic Events:

The 65th year of HM Queen's reign was discussed. Members felt that as no official national celebrations had been planned no events will be scheduled by the Town Council.

C0.08.01.17 Allotments:

A Lead Councillor reported that a number of vacated allotments had been cleared and re let and there are now only a few people on the allotment waiting list.

Councillor World arrived at 7.00p.m.

Councillors discussed the fencing at 32A Castle Hill allotment. The Chairman agreed to inspect the site.

C09.01.17 Forthcoming Events 2017:

Saturday 25 February -	Duck Club – Pancake Race, Richmond Cricket Club
BH Monday 1 May -	Duck Race
Sat/Sunday/BH Monday -	Richmond Meet – weekend
Sunday 28 th May -	Duck Club Race Day
Saturday 23 rd September -	Duck Club Coffee Morning – Town Hall
Saturday 28 th October -	Duck Club – Halloween Party
Friday 27 th October -	RBL – Richmond, Launch of Poppy Appeal
Friday 3 rd November -	RBL Festival of Remembrance Concert, Richmond School
Saturday 11 November -	Service of the Crosses – Friary Gardens 11.00 a.m.
Sunday 12 th November -	Remembrance Sunday
Friday 1 December -	Switch on of Christmas Lights

C10.01.17 Date of next meeting:

Monday 20th February 2017 at 6.30a.m.

Councillor Lord gave his apologies.

C11.01.17 No Private Session