

RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING HELD AT 6.30 PM ON 18 APRIL 2016 IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, TOWN HALL, RICHMOND

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

In attendance: Mrs C. Ord (Minutes)
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)
Mrs. M. Steckles – RLSBA
Ms E. Hayward - Civic Society

C01.04.16 Apologies:
Councillors World and Preece
Mr. F. Stockton – Duck Club

C.02.04.16 Public Open Session:

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

C.03.04.16 Declarations of Interest:

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

C.04.04.16 Beacon Lighting:

The Chairman confirmed that the official Beacon lighting will take place on 21st April at 7.30pm in accordance with Beacon lighting across the country and asked for a volunteer to read the official proclamation. Councillor White offered to read it and this was agreed by the committee. The Chair reported that despite supplying information the publicity for the event has proved to be disappointing. .

C0.05.04.16 HM The Queen's Birthday Celebrations:

Further discussion to take place.

C06.04.16 Civic Event:

Yorkshire Regt

The Chair confirmed that the Yorkshire Regt will exercise its right to Freedom on Wednesday 22nd June. Further details to follow.

Children's Event

Councillor Pearson suggested that an event be organised in the Town Hall for children to take part in HM The Queen's Birthday. It was suggested that a prize be given for the best "Crown".

Proposed: Councillor Pearson Seconded: Councillor Cooke

RESOLVED: that the sum of £50 be made available from the Beacon Lighting Precept.

Bunting

The Committee asked the Duck Club for the use of their bunting and this was agreed.

C07.04.16 Christmas Lights:

Councillor Lord asked that the contractor be reminded that the 5 year maintenance programme is required urgently.

Councillor Lord gave an update on the maintenance of electrical sockets in Friary Gardens and the new District Council regulations regarding use by various organisations.

C08.04.16 Floral Decorations:

Garden Competition

Mr R. Chandler volunteered to drive the judges to the gardens on the 21st June.

Councillor Pearson gave an update on the arrangements for the hanging baskets and floral displays which will be put in place after the Whit Bank Holiday weekend. Discussion also took place on a project relating to the Dales Millennium Trust and a possible programme for the planting of bulbs and wild flowers in communal areas and St. Mary's Churchyard which would enhance the town. Councillor Spencer stated that this scheme would be the start of a longer term plan to enter "Britain in Bloom" competition.

C0.09.04.16 Forthcoming Events:

Thursday 21 April	-	Mayor's "Tea Party"
Thursday 21 April	-	The Queen's 90 th 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
Tuesday 21 June	-	Garden Competition
Wednesday 22 June	-	Yorkshire Regt. Freedom
Saturday 2 July	-	RBL Commemorative Service
Thursday 14 July	-	Allotment Competition
BH Monday 29 August	-	Duck Club Sports
Saturday 29 October	-	Duck Club – Children's Halloween Party
Friday 2 December	-	Switch on of Christmas Lights

Councillor Lord gave his apologies and left the meeting.

C10.04.16 Date of the next meeting: Monday 16th May 2016 6.30 p.m.

C11.04.16 Allotments:

Judging of Allotments

The date is scheduled for Thursday 14th July.

The "Robinson Allotments"

The date for the official opening of the "Robinson Allotments" is Saturday 16th July at 1.00 p.m. subject to the agreement of Mrs Robinson.

Signs for The "Robinson Allotments"

That quotations for the following be obtained:

- a) sign approximately 2'x18" on 2 No. 3x3 posts
"Robinson Allotments" which will be concreted into the ground on the left hand side of the entrance gate.
- b) Car Park – Permit Holders Only

The Car Parking permits will be distributed once the signs are in place.

Tenancy Agreement

Proposed: Councillor Harris Seconded: Councillor Spencer

RESOLVED: that whilst the tenancy agreement is under review no new buildings or works to be permitted.

Mapping of all Allotment sites

Proposed: Councillor Harris Seconded: Councillor Spencer

RESOLVED: that

- a) **Councillor Spencer investigate the use of google maps to map the site.**
- b) **the previous decision on mapping the site, be held in abeyance until alternative methods are investigated.**

Enquiry from School

An enquiry had been received from a local resident with connections to a school in Bedale asking whether his group of children could assist with any projects that the Town Council may have i.e. clearing paths etc. He stated that the youngsters will be well supervised and have all the necessary equipment.

Proposed: Councillor Spencer Seconded: Councillor Harris

RESOLVED: that

- a) **Councillors Pearson and Spencer make contact with the person to ask whether assisting with clearing waste on the Robinson Allotments will be a suitable project.**
- b) **to check on the relevant H & S and risk assessment is in place prior to access to the site.**

Proposed: Councillor Spencer Seconded: Councillor White

RESOLVED: that the Town Council supply a skip for the waste.

Dog Fouling

That allotment holders be reminded no dogs should be permitted on the allotments without a lead and any dog fouling must be removed.

C.10.04.16 Date of Next Meetings - Monday 18 April 2016 at 6.30 pm
Monday 16 May 2016 at 6.30 pm

C.11.04.16 Proposed: Councillor White Seconded: Councillor Cooke

RESOLVED: that the meeting move into Private Session