

RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING HELD AT 6.30 PM ON MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2017 IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, TOWN HALL, RICHMOND

PRESENT: Councillors: White (Chair)
World (Vice Chair)
Parsons
Hodgson
Preece
Bryant

In attendance: Mrs C. Ord, Assistant Town Clerk
Mr. G. Lloyd – Richmond Cycling Club
Mr. G. Barber – Robinson Allotments
Mr. S. Savage – Richmond Round Table

C.01.11.17 Apologies:
Councillors Spencer and Lord
Mrs M. McLuckie (RLSBA)
Mrs. J. Chaudhri – Westfields Allotments
Mr. F. Stockton – Richmond Duck Club

Absent:
Councillor Hadden

C.02.11.17 Public Open Session:

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

C.03.11.17 Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

C.04.11.17 Christmas Lights:

Lights

Councillor Preece gave an update on the erection of festive lighting and informed members of an additional spend of £247.50 over and above the initial £3,000 already allocated.

Mince pies and mulled wine

Councillor Preece reported that wine, mince pies and butter shortbread had been ordered from local suppliers. The order has been reduced by 30% this year and the cost of the mince pies and shortbread is £150. All wine and children's refreshments are on a sale or return basis.

Volunteers

All volunteers are asked to meet at the Indoor Market at 6.00 p.m. Friday 1st of December.

Members congratulated Councillor Hodgson on her recent appointment as President of Richmond Meet.

C.05.11.17 Floral Decorations – Tour de Yorkshire:

The Mayor gave a brief update on the Town Clerk’s meeting with Ravensworth Nurseries to discuss the Tour de Yorkshire event.

The Mayor requested that all members give full consideration to precept bids prior to discussion at the Community Meeting on Monday 4th December.

Community Project Fund

Proposed Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: that the Resources Committee consider and recommend to full council that any remaining money in the Community Project Fund at the end of the financial year be assigned to 2018 “Tour de Yorkshire” budget.

C.06.11.17 Floral Decorations:

Spring bulbs

Discussion took place regarding planting of bulbs at two sites in the centre of the town and volunteers were requested to help plant on Tuesday 28th November. Volunteers to meet at 10.00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Further discussion ensued.

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor World

RESOLVED: that the location of planting be changed to the following two sites:

- a) **Richmond East Ward entrance to Richmond both sides of boundary sign.**
- b) **entrance to Richmond along Reeth Road.**
- c) **permission be sought from NYCC Highways.**

C07.11.17 Fireworks:

The Chair informed the meeting that the Fireworks Display was a successful well attended event with much positive feedback from the public. The collection raised £886.25 which was well down on previous years. However, a number of other events had taken place on the same evening. There were no recorded medical emergencies and nothing to report from the school regarding parking issues, traffic congestion or behavioural problems within the school grounds.

The Mayor requested that an official letter of thanks be sent to Mr. A. Robinson for supplying a vehicle and helping to distribute and collect cones. An official letter of thanks be sent to members of Richmond Round Table whose help was invaluable. A formal letter of thanks be sent to the Head of Richmond School and acknowledging help of ground staff in the clear up operation. The letter to include a formal request asking that they consider allowing an event on Monday 5 November 2018.

It was suggested that the Town Council should consider making a donation to the school children's local charities.

C08.11.17 Allotments:

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: that

- a) **a quotation for £243 plus VAT for hedge cutting at Westfields allotments be approved.**
- b) **a quotation for £729 plus VAT for hedge cutting at Reeth Road allotments be approved.**
- c) **any shortfall in the allotment budget be taken to full council for approval**

The Mayor requested that the following be considered at Precept:
Planting trees/hedging at Reeth Road to screen Robinson allotments.

C09.11.17 Civic Events:

The Chair gave a Remembrance Sunday update.

C10.11.17 Forthcoming Events 2017:

The Mayor requested that all members post any events they are organising at "Richmond Online". He also asked that members liaise with Councillor Heap if they wish the events to appear in the Darlington & Stockton Times.

Saturday 25th November - WAGS Choir with Mrs Gedye – Town Hall
Friday 1 December - Switch on of Christmas Lights
Sunday 3 December - Richmond Town Christmas Market
Wednesday 6th December - Richmond Town Carol Concert – St Mary's Parish Church.

C11.11.17 Date of next meeting: Monday 4 December 2017 at 6.30a.m.