

## **RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING HELD AT 6.30 PM ON MONDAY 04 DECEMBER 2017 IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, TOWN HALL, RICHMOND**

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

**In attendance:** Councillors Lord and Harris  
Mrs C. Ord, Assistant Town Clerk  
Mr. G. Lloyd – Richmond Cycling Club  
Mr. S. Savage – Richmond Round Table

**C.01.12.17 Apologies:**  
Councillors Spencer  
Mrs. J. Chaudhri – Westfields Allotments

**Absent:**  
Councillor Hadden

**C.02.12.17 Public Open Session:**

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

Councillor Lord reported that due to recent news announcing the closure of the Nat West Bank in Richmond which he feels will be a great loss to the community a letter should be sent from the Town Council to the bank asking that they reconsider their plans. Councillor Parsons stated that as there will not be a full council meeting until the New Year he requested that the Town Clerk email all Councillors to seek their approval on the matter prior to the letter being sent.

**C.03.12.17 Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**C.04.12.17 Christmas Lights:**

Councillor Preece gave an update on the switch on of the festive lighting and informed members that it had been an 85% success due to the failure of two lighting poles in Kings Street. The problem has been reported. The overall event had been well attended and very successful. The bucket collection had raised £270.66. He felt that the footfall through the Market Hall

was slightly less than the previous year. However, he stated there were only a few mince pies and shortbread left over this year and the same order should be repeated next year. Members felt that the Duck Club display in Friary Gardens had been much improved this year and enjoyed by all.

Councillor Preece stated that it is proposed to have a rolling programme for conversion of lampposts and installation of lighting poles where necessary to illuminate Finkle Street, King Street (market place end) , Rosemary Lane, Newbiggin, Victoria Road to Station Road keeping the blue and white lighting theme. It was agreed that disused lighting frames be offered for sale and potentially any unsold re useable items be offered to the Duck Club. Members thanked Richmond Round Table for providing the Christmas Tree.

**C.05.12.17 Floral Decorations:**

The Chair informed Councillors that planting of bulbs had taken place at the boundary sign at East Ward entrance to Richmond. Another planting session will take place at 10.00 a.m. tomorrow morning near the approach to Robinson allotments.

The Chair informed members that the Tour de Yorkshire floral decorations and expenditure will be dealt with from a separate budget.

**C.06.12.17 Allotments:**

Discussion took place regarding an accessible allotment for Garget Walker House residents (as an example). Although there is no allotment currently available to suit their needs it was agreed that they be offered the next suitable allotment. The lead Councillors will assess each allotment when it becomes available to see if it will be suitable.

It was agreed that annual hedge cutting should be removed from the allotments budget along with planting of a hedgerow to screen the Robinson allotments. Costs to be obtained for the planting of the hedgerow and cutting of various hedges to be budgeted for in the precept along with grass cutting etc.

Councillors wished to convey their thanks and also those of allotment holders to Catherine Wood for all her hard work in dealing with the allotment issues and administration.

**C07.12.17 Precept Bids:**

Christmas Lights	- £15,000
Christmas Lights Infrastructure	- £10,000
Floral Decorations	- £ 7,500
Fireworks	- £ 8,750
Allotments	- £ 2,000

Continued:

Hedgerow planting & cutting - £ costs to be confirmed  
RTC Community Newsletter - £ costs to be confirmed  
Celebration of Remembrance from - Community Project Fund £10,000

**C08.12.17 Civic Events:**

The Mayor stated that the Town Clerk has already had talks with various organisations regarding Tour de Yorkshire. Councillor Bryant asked whether extra WC facilities will be in place and was informed that all arrangements will be made by Richmondshire District Council.

Councillor Harris requested that to Town Clerk investigate the costs for printing and distribution of a Richmond Town Council community newsletter ready for the Precept meeting.

Various suggestions for the Celebration of Remembrance Event were discussed including a buffet lunch in the Town Hall after the parade and an afternoon tea for relations of those lost during the war.

A number of members stated that they had not received an email regarding an invitation to join the Duck Club in the Black Lion.

**C09.12.17 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.**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Richmond Town Carol Concert – St Mary’s Parish Church.  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - Freedom of Richmond  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - Freedom of Richmond  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August - Boundary Riding

**C10.12.17 Date of next meeting: Monday 19 February 2018 at 6.30a.m.**