

RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2016

Present: Councillors World (Mayor)
Lord
Harris
Preece
Parsons
White
Hodgson
Pearson
Spencer
Blease
Cooke

In attendance: Ms. H. Lawler, Town Clerk
Mrs C. Ord, Assistant Town Clerk

01.04.16 Apologies: Councillors Heap, Steggles and Rev'd J. Chambers

The Mayor stated that he would have liked to thank Rev'd Chambers personally for all his hard work during his two years of office. He asked that his thanks be recorded.

02.04.16 Public Open Session:

No members of the public were present.

03.04.16 Richmondshire District Council:

The Mayor welcomed the representative from the Senior Management Team, Sian Moore.

Members were informed that significant savings are needed and stated that all options to achieve this are being explored. Ms Moore then went on to explain how the precept system works and how the Council tax is set. After delivering a comprehensive report, Councillors were invited to ask questions. The Mayor thanked Ms Moore for attending the meeting.

Councillor Parsons joined the meeting at this point.

04.04.16 Richmondshire District Council - CCTV:

The Chair of Scrutiny, Councillor Richard Blowes was welcomed to the meeting. He reported that the committee are seeking the Town Council's views on the reintroduction of CCTV. Information on location of cameras, operational costs, involvement of the Business Association, and policing were also discussed.

Proposed: Councillor World Seconded: Councillor White

RESOLVED: that the principle of the Town Council providing money in the future to CCTV be approved.

17.04.16 Co-option:

This item was taken out of sequence.

Each of the three candidates: Mr. M. Bryant, Mr. I. Croasdell and Miss Louise Dickens were welcomed to the meeting and asked to give a brief presentation.

The Mayor thanked them for attending and informed them that they would be informed as promptly as possible whether or not they had been successful.

05.04.16 County Councillor:

County Councillor Parsons apologised for his late arrival. He gave an update on the new town bus, street lights and refurbishment of traffic lights.

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk be requested to contact the Community Safety Partnership to request a speed measurement survey be carried out on Dundas Street.

This decision was unanimous.

06.04.16 District Councillors

There were no questions.

07.04.16 Declarations of Interest:

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

08.04.16 Minutes:

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Cooke

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 21 March 2016 be accepted as a true record.

09.04.16 Updates:

No updates to report

10.04.16 Town Clerk's Report:

Defibrillator

The Town Clerk reported that the defibrillator has arrived and awaits confirmation of listed building consent.

Traffic Survey

Members were informed that NYCC would not fund a traffic surveyor. However, they provided the names of two companies who would be able to provide the service and quotations will be obtained from both companies.

Committees and Outside Bodies 2016/17:

Were confirmed as per attached schedule.

Internal Auditors

The Town Clerk informed members that the Internal Auditors would be attending the offices on Monday 9th May.

11.04.16 Communications:

The correspondence was noted.

12.04.16 Accounts:

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Cooke

RESOLVED: that the accounts for March 2016 be accepted.

13.04.16 Committees:

Planning 16 March 2016
 30 March 2016
 13 April 2016

Minutes of the above Planning Meetings were noted.

The Chair of Planning informed members that an emergency meeting of the Planning Committee had taken place to discuss the development at Whashton Road. The Committee's decision to oppose the development will be delivered by hand to Richmondshire District Council Planning Department first thing in the morning.

Resources 11 April 2016

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the above Resources Meeting be accepted as a true record.

Community 18 April 2016

Proposed: Councillor White Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the above Community Meeting be accepted as a true record, subject to addition of the following.

CO.11.04.16 – Allotments enquiry from Carnagill Community Primary School.

14.04.16 Outside Bodies:

Councillor Pearson reported that she had attended a meeting of the Walking & Book Festival.

Councillor Lord informed Members that he attended the AGM of the Sports Association at Mercury House.

15.04.16 Richmondshire District Council – WC's

Proposed: Councillor Harris Seconded: Councillor Hodgson

RESOLVED: that the Town Council object to the proposal to charge members of the public 20p for the use of the public toilet facilities in Nuns Close.

Councillor Blease abstained from the vote.

Proposed: Councillor World Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that

- a) **the Town Council continues to provide free WC facilities in the Market Hall.**
- b) **that advertisements be placed in the notice board in Nuns Close informing the public that free WC facilities are available in the Market Hall.**

16.04.16 Virements:

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor White

RESOLVED: that the following virements be approved

- a) **5070 Salaries £ 8,000.00**
- b) **6550 Floral Decorations 2,200.00**
- c) **5590 Allotments 1,240.00**
- d) **6001 Outdoor Market Exp 1,800.00**
- e) **6100 Town Hall Repairs 6,000.00**

This decision was unanimous.

17.04.16 This item was moved out of sequence.

18.04.16 Resolution to Move into Private Session
Proposed: Councillor World Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: to move into Private Session

Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: to move out of Private Session and return to Public Open Session

R10.04.16 Market Rents:

Discussion took place regarding indoor and outdoor Market rents.

Proposed: Councillor World Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that

- a) **there will be no increase for Indoor and Outdoor Market rents for 2016/17**
- b) **traders who are not full time to pay rent when absent, unless exceptional circumstances apply.**

19.04.16 Co-Option

Following a discussion a ballot was taken and the following resolution was passed.

Proposed: Councillor White Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: that Mr M. Bryant and Mr. I. Croasdell be appointed as Town Councillors.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.