

RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2016

Present: Councillors Lord - Mayor
Preece
Parsons
Hodgson
Pearson
Spencer
Harris
Heap
World
Bryant
White
Croasdell
Cooke

In attendance: Ms. H. Lawler, Town Clerk
Mrs C. Ord, Assistant Town Clerk
Rev Canon Chambers
Press Representative

01.10.16 Apologies: Councillors Steggles, Blease and Spencer

02.10.16 Public Open Session:
Three members of the public were present.

The Mayor informed the meeting that there would be an emergency item to follow.

02(a).10.16 Mr. Wicks was invited to address the meeting on behalf of Catterick, Richmond and Colburn Community Libraries (CRACCL) who are seeking funding to keep the libraries open. Members were already aware that the libraries will become volunteer run from April 2017 due to NYCC financial cuts. The organisation has carried out consultations in the locality which has identified approximately 50 volunteers to run the libraries. However, in excess of 100 volunteers will be needed to maintain the services at all three libraries and another recruitment drive is planned towards the end of the year to meet the target. Mr Wicks explained the role of the Volunteer Development Worker required on a short term contract and outlined the financial support required to progress the project.

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Councillor Harris

RESOLVED: that

- a) a minimum of £5,000 and up to a maximum of £7,500 be agreed to support the survival of the library services.
- b) the amount to be debited from the Town Council General Fund

This decision was unanimous

03.10.16 County Councillor:

Discussion took place relating to cobbling and road works in the market place, Frenchgate and Bargate. The subject of traffic lights, A1 road works, Station Bridge and lack of road markings on New Road were also debated.

04.10.16 Richmondshire District Council:

Members were informed that Friars Wynd had been power washed to remove the pigeon droppings which is a continual problem. The owner of the property in question has been approached to put up netting to deter the birds.

Councillor Bryant informed members that the Georgian Theatre Royal had recently upgraded all the notices along the Wynd and hoped that the area would be kept clean.

Councillor World highlighted the problem with birds removing food items from the open waste bins which in turn attracts more pests.

Proposed: Councillor World Seconded: Councillor Parsons

RESOLVED: that

- a) letter be sent to Richmondshire District Council asking that they review the type of waste bins provided and consider ones with lids to deter birds from removing waste food.
- b) letter be sent to (RDC) Pest control highlighting the problem of full litter bins on Saturday afternoons which attracts pests.

This decision was unanimous.

05.10.16 Declarations of Interest:

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

06.10.16 Minutes:

Proposed: Councillor White Seconded: Councillor Heap

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 26 September 2016 be accepted as a true record, subject to an agreed amendment.

07.10.16 Updates:

No updates.

08.10.16 Town Clerk's Report:

- a) Georgian Theatre Royal
The Town Council had been approached by the Theatre an advertising sign that they would like to fix to the side wall of the Market Hall, prior to approaching RD for necessary permissions they are seeking the Town Council's approval.

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor White
RESOLVED: that permission be granted.

- b) Defibrillator
The defibrillator is now fully installed, and operational. The ambulance service has been informed of its location.

- c) Freedom – Mrs Gedye
The Town Clerk informed members that all invitations are now out and asked Councillors to note that the date has been changed to Wednesday 30th November 2016

- d) Fireworks Event – Saturday 5th November
The Town Clerk gave details of the fireworks event and asked that volunteers report at 5.00 p.m. in The Avenue to help with the cones. The briefing would commence at 5.30 p.m. in the School Library. Help is also needed from 9.00am the following day, to pick up debris.

- e) Heritage Lottery - Citation
The Town Clerk informed members that this event will take place on Monday 19th December at 6.30 p.m. as part of Rising of the Council and Investors in Richmond.

- f) Christmas Lunch
The Town Clerk asked members whether the Town Hall is required to hold a Christmas Lunch, as in previous years. Councillor Parsons asked that the date be put in the diary and he will confirm details.

- g) Audit Coins
The Mayor asked that an order be placed for more audit coins.

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor Preece

RESOLVED: that

- a) an order be placed for 800 coins**
b) the sum be debited from the General Fund

- h) Request for Questionnaire
Councillor Hodgson has suggested that Councillors draw up a questionnaire to go to residents of Richmond requesting their feed-

back on any ideas as to where the Town Council budget should be spent. The questionnaire is to be distributed by Councillors in their respective Wards. Councillor Hodgson asked for interested Councillors to join her in compiling the questionnaire which when returned to the Town Hall will be collated by Councillors. Members of the group would then report its findings to full council.

Proposed: Councillor Hodgson Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that

- a) the project be approved
- b) a sum of up to £500 be agreed for costs

Councillors Bryant and White asked for their votes against the proposal to be recorded.

Proposed: Councillor Hodgson Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that Councillor Hodgson and group be given delegated authority to complete the work.

Councillors Bryant and White asked for their votes against this proposal to be recorded.

09.10.16 Communications:

The correspondence was noted.

10.10.16 Accounts:

Proposed: Councillor Preece Seconded: Councillor Heap

RESOLVED: that the accounts for September 2016 be accepted.

This decision was unanimous

11.10.16 Committees:

<u>Planning</u>	31 August 2016
	14 September 2016
	28 September 2016
	12 October 2016
	26 October 2016

Minutes of the above Planning Meetings were noted.
Councillor Harris asked that his apologies be recorded for all future Planning Meetings

<u>Community</u>	10 October 2016
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Proposed: Councillor White Seconded: Councillor World

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

Donations 19 October 2016

Proposed: Councillor Hodgson Seconded: Councillor Preece

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

12.10.16 Outside Bodies:

Councillor Heap reported that the sum of £303.20 had been raised for the Mayor's Charities from the Victorian Policeman tours.

Proposed: Councillor World Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's thanks be recorded to Councillor Heap for his fund raising efforts and also for broadcasting events in his role as Town Crier.

This resolution was unanimous.

Councillor World reported that he had attended an Area Committee meeting and informed members that it would be the last meeting that the Chief Inspector of North Yorkshire Police will be attending as he will be retiring in the near future.

Councillors Lord and World asked that the Town Council's thanks to Chief Inspector N. Hunter be recorded in the Minutes.

Councillor White reported that he had attended a Norwegian Twinning meeting.

13.10.16 Christmas Lights:

Councillor Preece raised the issue of installation of lighting poles. A quotation has been received from NYCC to have trojan units (7 No.) posts in Queens Road. This lighting will enhance the entrance of the town in the absence of lighting in King Street. Consideration will be given at Precept setting for a potential increase.

Proposed: Councillors Parsons Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: that the sum of £500 from General Fund to go towards Christmas Lights to cover the costs of the new works.

14.10.16 Provision of Seat outside Town Hall:

Councillor Harris reported that members of the public often sit on the Town Hall steps and asked Councillors to consider placing a seat on the cobbled area outside the Town Hall. He suggested that the funding for the seat could be considered when setting the precept.

15.10.16 Transfer of land – Trinity Church Square:

The Town Clerk informed members that the legal paperwork had been completed and the land transferred from Richmondshire District Council to the Town Council.

Proposed: Councillor Parsons Seconded: Councillor World

RESOLVED: that Councillors sanction the transfer of ownership.

16.10.16 Proposed: Councillor Lord Seconded: Councillor Peece

RESOLVED: to move into Private Session