

**RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING of the COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
Held 7.00 p.m. 19th September 2011 in the Mayor's Parlour, Richmond Town Hall**

PRESENT: Councillors:

C. World (Chair)
O. Blease (Mayor)
R. White (Vice-Chair)
J. Robinson
D. Kilvington-Mason
A. Adams
F. Cunningham

In attendance: Assistant Town Clerk – Carol Ord
Mrs L. Gunning (Yorkshire Building Society)
Mr. F. Wood (Civic Society)
Mr. F. Stockton (Duck Club)
Mr. M. Hall (Round Table)
Ms F. Cunningham (Richmond – Meet)
Mrs S. Reckert (TRY)
Rev. K. Hall
Mr. G. Lloyd (Richmond Cycling Club)

C.01.09.11 Apologies:

Councillor McGarry

C.02.09.11 Public Open Session:

There were no members of the public present

C.03.09.11 Declarations of Interest:

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

C.04.09.11 Town Clerk's Update:

There was no update

C.05.09.11 Publicity:

Councillor White had not received notification of any forthcoming events and asked all those present to contact him should they wish to gain some publicity for events they are organising.

C.06.09.11 Working for our Community:

The Chair welcomed Mrs Liz Gunning, Manager of the Yorkshire Building Society who had been invited to address the meeting having previously written to the Town Clerk regarding charity and local community projects.

Mrs Gunning informed members that as the second largest Building Society in the country they did not just simply focus on financial services but were also committed to supporting thousands of charities and local community projects through the Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation. Building upon that foundation the team at the Richmond branch are very keen to show their commitment to the local community by applying for funding and offering support with community projects. Mrs Gunning stated that she would welcome any ideas that members may have to enable them to progress an application through their community fund.

Discussion took place and various projects were suggested as follows: Planting an area in Friary gardens, children's garden workshop, Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, refurbishment of the Victoria Fountain, planting of round-a-bouts, assisting with Fireworks costs. The Chair asked that any other suggestions be given to the Town Clerk.

C.07.09.11 Fireworks Update:

Discussion took place on the cost of holding the event, these included the price increases for the hire of the castle and fireworks display. Members were informed that the number of tickets permitted could not exceed 2,000. An increase to the ticket price was discussed, however, Councillors felt that at a time when all households are having to make economies the increase ticket prices would hit families most of all.

Mrs Gunning suggested that an application to the Yorkshire Building Society Community fund for £250.00 may go somewhere to making up the shortfall and avoid an increase in ticket prices. Members agreed that this would be very beneficial to the local community. Mrs Gunning was informed that the Town Clerk would contact her with regard to other proposals.

Councillor White volunteered his services as designated First Aid officer at the fireworks event.

Proposed: Councillor Cunningham Seconded: Councillor Robinson

RESOLVED: that the ticket price remain at £3 and children under 5 free.

C. 08.09.11 Christmas Lights:

Councillor Adams informed members that she had been in discussion with two local supermarkets regarding the donation of mince pies for the Christmas lights switch on and the response had been positive. Various other issues were discussed and it was agreed that the Pipe Band be asked to attend at the switch on ceremony.

Councillor Adams stated that she would be arranging a meeting with Mr. Stockton (Duck Club) regarding the Duck Club's involvement with the event.

Mr Hall who has taken over as representative for Richmond Round Table stated that he understood a request had previously been made for a donation towards new Christmas Tree lighting. He also asked whether permission could be given for the use of the Town Hall for a Santa's Grotto on 17th December. Issues relating to the electricity point connection for Christmas tree lighting and gritting of the curtilage were also discussed.

The Assistant Town Clerk informed Mr. Hall that she would investigate the issues raised and contact him.

Councillor White was asked to liaise with Councillor Adams regarding publicity for the shop window competition, which needs to go out well in advance of the event on Friday 2nd December.

C.09.09.11 Allotments:

Councillor Robinson informed members that he had received a quotation for trimming overgrown hedges along the Reeth Road site and a contractor had now been appointed to carry out the work required. He also asked the Assistant Town Clerk to progress the work relating to fencing on Westfields site.

Mrs Reckert asked whether any progress had been made with regard to the Coffin Field and also informed members of an allotment project involving Richmond School and asked whether the Town Council could enquire about the proposals and any funding that may be available.

The Assistant Town Clerk informed the committee that the plans for acquiring the Coffin Field for allotments was progressing with Richmondshire District Council.

Proposed: Councillor Robinson Seconded: Councillor White

RESOLVED: that

(a) all allotment rents be increased by £1.00

(b) a letter be sent to allotment holders informing them of the increase

C.09a.09.11 Floral Decorations Update:

There were no updates

C.10.09.11 Civic Events:

Remembrance Sunday

Councillor White gave an update of the forthcoming event and asked that those organisations wishing to order wreaths contact Mr. David Johnson who is the Poppy Appeal organiser. He also informed members that the small metal poppy badges would be on sale again this year and asked that booking of the curtilage on behalf of the RBL be confirmed. Councillor White asked Rev. Hall if he could provide the PA system in Friary Gardens and this was agreed.

Town Carol Concert

The date for the Carol Concert was confirmed as Wednesday 7th December at 7.00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church.

C.11.09.11 Community Events and Activities:

Cycling Club

Mr. Lloyd informed the committee that the two major events held recently proved to be extremely successful. The National Mountain Bike Championship had attracted over 450 applicants. He thanked the Mayor for attending the Grand Prix and stated that the race had attracted the best quality field in the history of the event and was delighted that no major issues were reported. He also stated that there are difficulties in finding a slot to stage events in 2012 due to the all the resources being channelled into the Olympics.

The National Grass Track event would be taking place over the Queen's Diamond Jubilee which has been confirmed as the Richmond Meet week end.

Duck Club

Mr Stockton confirmed arrangements had been made to hold the Duck Club Halloween Party and Disco in the Town Hall on 30th October .

Fashion Show – Mayoral Charities

The Mayor informed members that a fashion show would be taking place at the Cricket Club on Friday 7th October in aid of Mayoral Charities. He also stated

that he would be most grateful for any raffle prizes for the Mayor's Coffee Morning to be held on Thursday (22nd September)

Rev K. Hall

Rev Hall informed the committee that he had been given a large wooden Nativity Scene and asked for any suggestions as to where the scene could be displayed.

TRY

Members were informed that Try is organising a Cider Making Workshop on Sunday 16th October in the Market Hall.

The Chairman asked that any dates for events in 2012 be submitted to the Office as soon as possible.

At the next meeting the Committee will start looking at precept issues.

The next Meeting of the Community Committee will be held on 17th October 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting finished at 7.55p.m.