

**RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING of the COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE  
Held 7.00 p.m. 20th June 2011 in the Mayor's Parlour, Richmond Town Hall**

PRESENT: Councillors: O. Blease (Mayor)  
C. World (Chair)  
R. White (Vice-Chair)  
J. Robinson  
A. Adams  
S. Hedges

In attendance: Councillor R. Lord  
Assistant Town Clerk – Carol Ord  
Fred Wood (Civic Society)  
Paul Spencer (Round Table)  
Joyce Chaudhri (Allotments)  
Geoff Lloyd & James Hall (Cycling)  
Fiona Denning (Secretary - Richmond Meet)

**C.01.06.11 Apologies**

Councillor McGarry, Mr Frank Stockton(Duck Club), Rev Keith Hall(Kings Church)

**C.02.06.11 Public Open Session**

There were no members of the public present

**C.03.06.11 Declarations of Interest**

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

**C.04.06.11 Election of Chairman**

Proposed: Councillor Robinson                      Seconded: Councillor Adams

**RESOLVED: that Councillor World be elected as Chairman**

**C.05.06.11 Election of Vice Chairman**

Proposed: Councillor Robinson                      Seconded: Councillor World

**RESOLVED: that Councillor White be elected as Vice Chairman**

**C.06.06.11 Election of Lead Councillors**

The following were selected as Lead Councillors

- Allotments – Councillor Robinson
- Christmas Lights – Councillors Adams & Hedges
- Fireworks - McGarry
- Civic Events – The Mayor

Civic Events will be headed by The Mayor Councillor Blease and the following:- Deputy Mayor Councillor Steggle, the previous Mayor and Deputy Mayor and Chair of Community, Town Clerk/Assistant and Town Hall Keeper will also form part of this committee.

Two co-opted Councillors will be invited to serve on the Community Committee.

#### **C.07.06.11 Chairman’s Updates**

The Chairman welcomed new councillors Adams and Hedges to their first Communities meeting and stated that he was very pleased to welcomed back Mrs Choudhri.

Councillor World apologised to the Meet for the double booking of the curtilage that occurred during the Meet week-end. It had appears that Richmondshire District Council had also granted a licence for a street collection. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with Richmond District Council to discuss the process of allocation to avoid any future conflicts of interest.

#### **C.08.06.11 Town Clerk’s update**

Members were informed that a request had been received from the Swaledale Festival asking whether they could display the advertising banner for the Swaledale Festival, which will take place in the two weeks leading up to the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee, between 19<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2012.

The Chairman asked that this matter be deferred to enable consultation to take place with various organisations.

The Chairman informed that committee that the beacon would be lit during the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

The Chairman read a letter from an allotment holder in connection with overhanging tree on the Coronation allotments and requested that the Town Clerk refer this matter to Mr. Hudson at Richmondshire District Council.

#### **C.09.06.11 Lead Councillor’s Report:**

The Chair informed members that he had received information from the Town Clerk about an issued raised by an allotment holder relating to over population of rabbits on allotments. The main concern is that a large number are present and the

rabbit burrows and tunnels are causing the ground to be uneven and very unstable, which is particularly dangerous for the older allotment holders.

Members were informed that the provision of rabbit netting had previously been explored but discounted as it would be expensive and of limited use. It was suggested that Richmondshire District Council pest control may be able to assist with the problem and Councillor Robinson offered to make the necessary enquiries and report back to the committee.

Councillor World informed members that a list of dates would soon be available for the judging of allotments.

**C.10.06.11 Open Gardens:**

Richmond Open Gardens took place on Sunday June the 19<sup>th</sup> between 1.p.m. -6 p.m. and there were 23 gardens open to the public. Anna Jackson had been invited to attend the meeting.

**C.11.06.11 Cycling Events:**

Mr. Lloyd gave an update on the Meet cycling event which took place despite the poor windy weather conditions and late entries. The event attracted over 500 riders and overall proved to be very successful.

Mr Lloyd enquired about the funding agreed by the Council last year for the Grand Prix which is scheduled to take place in September. The Assistant Town Clerk informed the committee that the Precepted amount would be forwarded to Mr. Lloyd before the end of the week.

Members were informed that the National Mountain Bike Championship will take place at Aske and Mr Lloyd asked whether it would be possible to use the council's CAT wires for advertising banners and also place details on the website. Councillors agreed permission for the use of the CAT wires at two locations (The Channel and King Street). Approval for putting information on the website was granted in principle. The precise wording should be submitted to the Town Clerk for approval before inclusion on the Council's website.

**C.12.06.11 Charity Stalls on the curtilage:**

This matter was discussed earlier in the meeting and will be referred to the next Resources meeting for consideration.

**C.13.06.11 Dates 2011/12:**

Organisations were asked whether they would like to inform the committee of dates of events which may have been arranged for 2011/12. No dates were confirmed.

**C.14.06.11 Publicity:**

The Secretary of the Meet gave an update on the Meet week end which was very successful, however, the secretary explained the reason behind the drop in numbers for the floats and bands despite sending 70 letters of invitation to various organisations and individuals. It was suggested that Richmond Town Council may like to consider entering a float next year.

Councillor White stated that as he was now responsible for publicity he would be happy to receive