

RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING of the RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Held 7.00 p.m. 12th July 2010 in the Mayor's Parlour, Richmond Town Hall

PRESENT: Councillors: R. Lord (Chair)
B. Heap
J. Robinson
C. World
D. Gillson
M. McGarry
O. Blease

In attendance: Town Clerk: Miles Templeton

1 Apologies:

Councillor Steggles

2 Public Open Session:

There were no members of the public present

3 Declarations of Interest and Lobbying

As and when

4 Markets Update:

Councillor World stated that the Markets were well attended by traders at the moment although some new traders appeared to be staying on the market for only a short time before moving on elsewhere. Some of the traders who had been established for a number of weeks had found that they had recently had an excellent day and one of them in particular stated that they had had a 'bumper' day's takings last week. More residents of the town coming into the indoor market is desirable as currently it was mainly being supported by tourists and day trippers. Councillor World said that there may be the need to reconsider the stall hire for the antiques fairs and that this should be considered at the September meeting. The Town Clerk agreed to ensure that this item is included on the agenda for the next meeting. Some of the electric boxes need to be repaired on the outdoor market and the Town Clerk agreed to seek quotes for this. The new rules and regulations had been issued and were to be displayed in the Market Hall. A final warning had recently been issued to a trader who had behaved unacceptably.

5 Town Clerk's update on progress of Resolutions from June meeting.

The Town Clerk stated that all of the actions which he took in the June meeting had been progressed to conclusion, apart from the provision of a telephone line in the Market Hall, which was currently being progressed.

6 Health and Safety Manual

The Town Clerk stated that he had been contacted by a company offering to provide a Health and Safety manual and regular newsletters for a charge. He had asked to see the book and it was currently in his possession. He stated that the information it contained was probably available elsewhere, particularly from the YLCA. If he felt that the booklet was valuable, however, then a sub-committee should be formed to evaluate it.

Proposed: Councillor World

Seconded: Councillor Blease

RESOLVED: That the Health and Safety manual be evaluated by the Resources Committee Chairman, Deputy Chairman and the Town Clerk to consider if the Manual has merit.

7 Richmond Signpost

The recent theft of a signpost at the entrance to the town had been reported to the police and it was felt that there was nothing more that the Town Council could do to progress the matter to a successful conclusion.

Proposed: Councillor Lord

Seconded: Councillor Robinson

RESOLVED: That the Richmond signpost matter be considered closed

In Private

Proposed: Councillor Lord

Seconded: Councillor Robinson

RESOLVED: That the Meeting move into Private Session

8 Contracts and Invoices

The Town Clerk informed the meeting about one statement of accounts that he had received. It was agreed that these be put before the Donations Committee for approval.

The Town Clerk provided the meeting with information relating to contracts and invoices that needed consideration.

8.1 Proposed: Councillor Lord

Seconded: Councillor Robinson

RESOLVED: That a contract be awarded to carry out the asbestos repairs that were needed in the Council Chamber.

Councillor McGarry declared an interest in this matter and did not take part in the vote.

8.2 Proposed: Councillor McGarry

Seconded: Councillor Heap

RESOLVED: That a meeting be arranged between a company who were offering radio advertising, and the Town Council, to discuss the exact terms and conditions of the offer.

Proposed: Councillor Lord

Seconded: Councillor Robinson

RESOLVED: That the meeting move out of Private Session.

A discussion took place regarding the forthcoming Freedom Parades and it was agreed that a meeting be arranged to consider potential virements against the precept to ensure that there was sufficient funding available.

The Town Clerk agreed to arrange this for July 19th and to invite Councillors Lord, World, Heap, Robinson and Johnson to attend.

The meeting concluded at 19.58 pm.