

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Council held at the Town Hall, Rye, on Monday 11 July 2011

PRESENT Councillors Lord Ampthill, Granville Bantick, Gemma Blumire, John Breeds (Mayor), Mike Eve, Bernardine Fiddimore, Heidi Foster, Sonia Holmes, Nigel Jennings, Ian Potter, Shaun Rogers (Deputy Mayor), Adam Smith, Mary Smith, Sam Souster

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; 3 members of the public

The meeting commenced at 6.31.

39 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence – and the reasons logged with the Clerk – were accepted from Cllrs Jonathan Breeds and Jo Kirkham.

40 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cllr Lord Ampthill	<i>personal</i>	item 43	<i>(in the event that there is any detailed discussion on items relevant to RDC) RDC Member</i>
Cllr Heidi Foster	<i>personal</i>	item 43	Rye Allotment holder
Cllr Sonia Holmes	<i>personal</i>	item 43	Rye Allotment holder
Cllr Nigel Jennings	<i>personal</i>	item 43	Rye Allotment holder
Cllr Shaun Rogers	<i>personal</i>	item 43	Rye Allotment holder
Cllr Adam Smith	<i>personal</i>	item 43	Rye Allotment holder
Cllr Mary Smith	<i>personal</i>	item 43	Allotment holder and Rye Allotments Association member
Cllr Sam Souster	<i>personal</i>	item 43	<i>(in the event that there is any detailed discussion on items relevant to RDC) RDC Member</i>

41 COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED To adopt the Minutes of the Council meetings held on 20 June 2011 (C3) and 27 June 2011 (C4).

42 COMMITTEE MINUTES

a) Planning & Townscape

RESOLVED Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2011 (PT02).

43 PRIORITY SETTING

Members were invited to consider the outcome of the Informal Priority Setting Session held on 27 June 2011 - and to determine a way forward.

RESOLVED To suspend Standing Order 28(j) (not speaking more than once).

The Clerk observed that there were a large number of 'High Priorities' and that 'adverse weather response' did not appear at all. The Council had resolved originally to consider the outcome of the informal session with a view to appointing a working group to look into the priorities in more detail. He suggested that, if the High Priorities were to be refined it should, ideally, be done on the basis of need.

RESOLVED 1 To take no action in relation to the current/existing Priorities (marked C on the Priorities List).

RESOLVED 2 In relation to the High and Medium proposed new activities (marked S) and Local Action Plan Lead Stakeholder 'actions' (marked LAP): to allocate a Member to each, charged with (seeking assistance where necessary) determining the resources/conditions required to take them forward.

Note See Appendix, final column for 'Champion' or agreed action.

44 URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items to consider.

The meeting ended at 7.40.

Date Chairman

H12 Rye Skate Park - maintenance	C	Licence with RDC to occupy the land	N/A
H13 Recruitment of a Town Hall Keeper	S	The present incumbent retires on 31.1.12. Other organisations/venues in the town requiring a caretaker have struggled to attract candidates.	To be overseen by the HR Working Group
H14 Rye Relief in Need - administration	C	RTC is the sole corporate trustee	N/A
H15 Devolved services	C	Negotiations stalled	N/A
H16 Allotments – return of the freeholds	C		N/A
H17 Local currency - introduction	S		<i>Adam Smith</i>
H18 Local Action Plan - implementation		Encouraging other stakeholders to take forward their 'actions'. (A meeting of stakeholders was arranged in early 2010.)	
H19 LAP 1 – Provision of youth recreational facilities/spaces (<i>ongoing</i>)	LAP	Non lead stakeholder	
H20 LAP 2 – Work with young people to assess their priorities/needs (<i>ongoing</i>)	LAP	Non lead stakeholder	
H21 LAP 7 – Support the regeneration of Crownfields & Station Approach (<i>1-2 years</i>)	LAP	Lead stakeholder	(RTC policy)
H22 Town Plan	S	<i>Links with H26</i>	<i>Eve & Foster</i>
H23 Ancient Monuments - maintenance	S		<i>Souster</i>
H24 LAP 12 – Continue to support Rye festivals (<i>ongoing</i>)	LAP	Not a stakeholder	
H25 Golden Jubilee – celebrating	S	Parishioners will have a reasonable expectation that RTC will mark the celebration in some way. Most activities are likely to take place 2-5 June 2012. It is likely that the RTC will be invited to support any	ACTION Find out what others are doing and offer support. <i>John Breeds & Potter</i>

		Confederation initiatives	
H26 Economic development/ regeneration	S	<i>Links with H22</i>	<i>Eve & Foster</i>
H27 Transition Town status	S	Community-led response to climate change and fossil fuel depletion	<i>Jennings & Adam Smith</i>
H28 <i>LAP 16</i> – Investigate increasing the range of recycling opportunities – eg batteries, cardboard, solvents & electrical goods (<i>1 year</i>)	LAP	Not a stakeholder	
H29 <i>LAP 17</i> – Introduce a regular 'bring to' facility (<i>1-2 years</i>)	LAP	Lead stakeholder	<i>Mary Smith</i>
H30 <i>LAP 18</i> – Encourage the development of 'green' projects involving all members of the community (<i>ongoing</i>)	LAP	Not a stakeholder	
H31 <i>LAP 19</i> – Review the location and suitability of litter bins (<i>1 year</i>)	LAP	Lead stakeholder	ACTION: Place on P+T agenda
H32 <i>LAP 20</i> – Resurrect Pride in Rye (<i>1 year</i>)	LAP	Not a stakeholder	
H33 <i>LAP 21</i> – Maintain the high standard of parks and open spaces (<i>ongoing</i>)	LAP	Non lead stakeholder	
H34 <i>LAP 22</i> – Continue and support the Rye in Bloom competition (<i>ongoing</i>)	LAP	Joint lead stakeholder	
H35 <i>LAP 23</i> – Improve the maintenance of the cobbled streets (<i>ongoing</i>)	LAP	Non lead stakeholder	
H36 <i>LAP 25</i> – Improve the appearance of the railway corridor (<i>1 year</i>)	LAP	Lead stakeholder	(Ongoing)
H37 <i>LAP 26</i> – Lobby relevant agencies on access to medical services issues (<i>ongoing</i>)	LAP	Not a stakeholder	
H38 <i>LAP 27</i> – Encourage appropriate affordable housing (<i>5 years</i>)	LAP	Lead stakeholder	(RTC policy)
H39 <i>LAP 28</i> – Support the development of town design statements for distinct areas	LAP	Non lead stakeholder	

(2 years)			
H40 LAP 32 – Encourage more Sunday opening for the provision of groceries (1 year)	LAP	Non lead stakeholder	
H41 Car Club/Sharing scheme	S		<i>Potter</i>
H42 LAP 35 – Secure rail improvements (5 years)	LAP	Not a stakeholder	
H43 Traffic Management Plan	S	Including pedestrianisation	<i>Bantick & Fiddimore</i>
H44 LAP 34 – Encourage further development and promotion of community transport schemes (1 year)	LAP	Lead stakeholder	(RTC policy)
H45 Parking - decriminalisation	S		<i>Mary Smith</i>
H46 LAP 36 – Complete the national cycle network between Tillingham Sluice & Monkbretton Bridge (5 years)	LAP	Not a stakeholder	
H47 LAP 37 – Introduce more cycle parking (1-2 years)	LAP	Not a stakeholder	

MEDIUM PRIORITIES

Activity	Type	Notes	Champion
M1 Bookkeeping/Data entry (TH and HC)	C	Links with H9	N/A
M2 Town Hall Cottage - maintenance	C	Tenancy agreement with Alex & Katie Clarke	N/A
M3 Town Hall - maintenance	C		N/A
M4 Black and silver finger posts - maintenance	C		N/A
M5 Red telephone kiosk, Udimore Road - maintenance	C		N/A
M6 Mayoralty (incl Mayor Making), Confederation and civic functions – secretarial & admin	C	In 2002 the Clerk established that RTC spent 13% of its precept on this (ref: <i>Paying for the Past?</i>)	N/A
M7 Servicing working groups	C		N/A
M8 Representation on outside bodies	C		N/A

M9 LAP 3 – Increase awareness of existing facilities/organisations (<i>ongoing</i>)	LAP	Lead stakeholder	ACTION: Add contacts to RTC web site
M10 LAP 8 – Address concerns in the Fear of Crime Survey (<i>ongoing</i>)	LAP	Non lead stakeholder - as part of the (defunct) Local Action Team	
M11 LAP 10 – Research the need for improved street lighting in high fear of crime areas (<i>ongoing</i>)	LAP	Lead stakeholder	<i>Adam Smith</i>
M12 LAP 11 – Increase awareness of existing education & leisure facilities (<i>ongoing</i>)	LAP	Lead stakeholder	ACTION: Add contacts to RTC web site
M13 LAP 14 – Encourage the development of new and existing arts & cultural initiatives (<i>ongoing</i>)	LAP	Lead stakeholder	(RTC policy)
M14 LAP 24 – Increase the provision of dog waste bins (<i>ongoing</i>)	LAP	Lead stakeholder	ACTION: Survey <i>Fiddimore</i>
M15 Town Marketing – greater support for	S	The formation of the successor to the Rye Marketing Group appears to be floundering and RDC has substantially reduced funding. The visitor economy is important to the parish.	<i>Eve</i>
M16 LAP 29 – Promote the attraction of shopping in Rye (1-2 years)	LAP	Lead stakeholder	ACTION: Refer to Chamber of Commerce
M17 Civic ceremony/Mayoralty - promotion	S		<i>Fiddimore</i>
M18 LAP 30 – Attract extra provision in the town particularly for food, clothing and everyday goods (1-2 years)	LAP	Lead stakeholder	ACTION: Refer to Chamber of Commerce
M19 Tram – Rye to Camber	S		<i>Jonathan Breeds (prov) & Potter</i>
M20 Parking - additional	S		<i>Potter & Rogers</i>
M21 Strand Car park – pedestrianisation (partial and seasonal)	C	Proposal: That a form of a plaza be created and (removable) street furniture be installed	N/A

		during the main visitor season. Awaiting a costing – RDC would expect to be compensated for lost parking revenue	
M22 Homeless people – support for	S		
M23 Services to the community - recognition	S		

LOW PRIORITIES

Activity	Type	Notes
L1 Freda Gardham Playing Field	C	Very long lease from ESSC. 25–year Underlease with Rye Rugby FC expires 2029.
L2 Street collection permits – issuing Low-Med Priority	C	Partially 'devolved' from RDC
L3 <i>LAP 4</i> – Encourage principal authorities to extend concessionary travel times and provide later/additional services (<i>1 year</i>)	LAP	Non lead stakeholder
L4 <i>LAP 9</i> – Facilitate inter-generational projects (<i>ongoing</i>)	LAP	Not a stakeholder
L5 <i>LAP 13</i> – Work with Rye Library in increase lending and meet the needs of all age groups (<i>ongoing</i>)	LAP	Not a stakeholder
L6 <i>LAP 15</i> – Explore how to achieve the provision of greater diversity in arts & culture events (<i>1 year</i>)	LAP	Lead stakeholder
L7 <i>LAP 31</i> – Promote Rye as the market town for surrounding villages (<i>ongoing</i>)	LAP	Non lead stakeholder
L8 <i>LAP 33</i> – Improve signage for drivers and pedestrians to and from Gibbets Marsh and other car parks (<i>1-2 years</i>)	LAP	Non lead stakeholder
L9 Ferry service – Rye to France	S	