



# Ripley Town Council

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## Minutes of Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at 5pm RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL POLICY & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Ripley Town Council office, Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3BT

In Attendance: Cllrs S Freeborn (Chair), R Emmas-Williams, T Holmes, M Wilson and P Lobley BEM.  
Also present: J Simpson - Town Clerk.

- 311024/1. **To receive apologies for absence** – None.
- 311024/2. **Variation of Order of Business** – None.
- 311024/3. **Declarations of Members Interests** – None.
- 311024/4. **Public Speaking** – None.
- 311024/5. **To determine which items if any part of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded**  
None.
- 311024/6. **Review of the Council's Action Plan (Vision).**

The Committee reviewed the Town Council's Vision 2024-2027 document. They were advised that the Deputy Clerk had drafted an Arts and Music Strategy which would be presented to the next meeting of the Events Committee.

Linking into the work currently being carried out by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust on the pond at Greenwich it was **Recommended to Council** this work is expanded to other areas of the Township; this subject will be developed through the Environment Committee.

It was also **Recommended to Council** to include the cost of expanding the Town Council's Christmas Light displays out into the Villages within the Township when this is put out to Tender in the early part of 2025.

It was further discussed that when the Vision is reviewed again, a public meeting is held, and local community groups are also invited. The idea of linking this to one of our Events was also discussed. **Noted.**

- 311024/7. **Discuss Community Payback Scheme.**  
Recent correspondence received from the community payback scheme was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange an informal meeting to be held in the Town Council office, when a date and time is confirmed committee members will be informed and those available will attend. **Noted.**
- 311024/8. **Discuss Ripley Town Council Committees 2025/2026.**  
Members were asked to consider the following when planning the committees for the upcoming Municipal year: - where appropriate merge committees to reduce the overall number, match the skill set and availability of Councillors to each Committee, lastly to change the name of the Events Committee to Community Engagement Committee and incorporate Events within the remit of that Committee. **Noted.**
- 311024/9. **Discuss appointing a representative from Ripley Town Council to attend the meeting regarding the proposed Chesterfield to Willington Line Extension, as part of the Great Grid Upgrade on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.30pm in South Wingfield.**

Cllr Steve Freeborn was nominated to attend the above mentioned meeting.

**311024/10. To consider any matters requiring an urgent response.**

A letter received from Alastair Ross Solicitor relating to the legal ownership of our Allotment Sites was discussed. The Clerk was asked to request from the Land Registry a copy of the register and title plan for each site to establish whether Ripley Town Council or Amber Valley Borough Council are the registered owner of each site. **Noted.**

**311024/11. Confirm date of next meeting – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 5pm.**

**311024/12. Meeting closed: 5.46pm**

**The next Ripley Town Council Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Ripley Town Hall.**

**Signed.....**

**Date.....**