



Appeals Committee

Venue: Swale Room, Mercury House, Station Road, Richmond,
DL10 4JX

Date/Time: Tuesday, 16 July 2019 at 6.30 pm

Agenda

1. **Election of Chairman**

To Committee to elect a Chairman (and if necessary a Vice-Chairman) for either the duration of the meeting or for the remainder of the 2019-2020 Civic Year.

2. **Chairman's Announcements**

3. **Apologies for Absence**

4. **Minutes - Appeals Committee**

To approve and sign the Minutes of the following historic meetings of the Appeals Committee as an accurate record: 5 - 14

- (a) 12 March 2015
- (b) 15 March 2016
- (c) 27 June 2016
- (d) 5 September 2016
- (e) 2 July 2018

5. **Declarations of Interest**

6. **Member Development - Appeals Committee Training**

The Chairman to close the meeting and invite Members to attend a training session covering the role and remit of the Appeals Committee.

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Membership

Councillors:

1. Councillor Richard Good

Nominated by:

Richmondshire Together

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| 2. Councillor Helen Grant | Richmondshire Together |
| 3. Councillor Richard Ormston | Conservative |
| 4. Councillor Angus Thompson | Conservative |
| 5. Councillor Philip Wicks | Richmondshire Together |

Total Membership: 5

(3 [Richmondshire Together], 2 [Conservative])

Quorum: 3

Notes

- (a) For further information concerning this meeting or should you require a large print agenda, please contact Paul Clark Tel: (01748) 901015, or democracy@richmondshire.gov.uk
- (b) Written notice of any public statements/questions must be received at Mercury House by 9.30 am on the day of this meeting. Details of the public speaking and question time procedure are available at <https://www.richmondshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/have-your-say/attend-council-meetings/>.
- (c) The venue for this meeting is wheelchair accessible and has an induction loop available for anyone who is hearing impaired.
- (d) If any Member requires advice in relation to a potential disclosable interest they may have on any matters listed above, he/she should contact the Monitoring Officer before the meeting.
- (e) Items marked with a ♦ require ratification by Full Council.
- (f) This meeting may be recorded or broadcast online by members of the press or public. If you do not wish to be recorded please inform the Democratic Services Officer prior to the start of the meeting.

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Agenda Item 4

At a Meeting of the Appeals Committee of the Richmondshire District Council held at Mercury House, Richmond, North Yorkshire on Thursday, 12 March 2015 at 6.30 pm.

Present: Councillors Rachel Allen, Paul Cullen and Mick Griffiths.

Officers: Brian Bottle (Revenues & Benefits Manager) and Paul Clark (Democratic Services Officer).

In

Attendance: The Appellant.

Apologies: Councillors John Blackie, Fleur Butler and Jill McMullon.

A1 Election of Chairman

Resolved: That Councillor Mick Griffiths be elected as Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

A2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

A3 Procedure

The Chairman explained the purpose of the meeting and the procedure to be followed in considering it.

A4 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved: That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

A5 Appeal - Discretionary Rate Relief

The Revenues and Benefits Manager presented a written report seeking consideration of an appeal against a decision to refuse Discretionary Rate Relief.

All relevant parties were given the opportunity to present their case.

Resolved: That 20% Discretionary Rate Relief be awarded for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, for the reasons outlined below:

- The applicant does provide a substantial benefit to the residents of Richmondshire; and
- The application, in its nature, is sufficiently unique as to mitigate any potential precedent for similar applications in future; and

- The amount awarded would not place a significant burden on the North Yorkshire NNDR Pool.

The meeting concluded at approximately 7.00 pm.

At a Meeting of the Appeals Committee of the Richmondshire District Council held at Mercury House, Station Road, Richmond, North Yorkshire on Tuesday, 15 March 2016 at 2.00 pm.

Present: Councillors Lawrence Grose, Angus Thompson, Russell Lord and Caroline Thornton-Berry.

Officers: Brian Bottle (Revenues & Benefits Manager) and Paul Clark (Democratic Services Officer).

In

Attendance: The Appellant.

Apologies: Councillors Paul Cullen, Linda Curran and Patricia Middlemiss.

A1 Election of Chairman

Resolved: That Councillor Angus Thompson be elected as Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

A2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

A3 Procedure

The Chairman explained the purpose of the meeting and the procedure to be followed in considering it.

A4 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved: That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

A5 Appeal - Discretionary Rate Relief

The Revenues and Benefits Manager presented a written report seeking consideration of an appeal against a decision to refuse Discretionary Rate Relief under Sections 43, 47 & 48 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (as amended by Section 64 of the Local Government Finance Act 2003).

All relevant parties were given the opportunity to present their case.

Resolved: That the application for Discretionary Rate Relief be refused.

The meeting concluded at approximately 3.00 pm.

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At a Meeting of the Appeals Committee of the Richmondshire District Council held at Mercury House, Station Road, Richmond, North Yorkshire on Monday, 27 June 2016 at 2.30 pm.

Present: Councillors Russell Lord, Patricia Middlemiss, Caroline Thornton-Berry and Clive World.

Officers: Brian Bottle (Revenues & Benefits Manager) and Paul Clark (Democratic Services Officer).

In

Attendance: The Applicant.

Apologies: Councillors Linda Curran, Lawrence Grose and Angus Thompson

A1/16 Election of Chairman

Resolved: That Councillor Patricia Middlemiss be elected as Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

A2/16 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

A3/16 Procedure

The Chairman explained the purpose of the meeting and the procedure to be followed in considering it.

A4/16 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved: That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

A5/16 Appeal – Hardship Relief

The Revenues and Benefits Manager presented a written report seeking consideration of an application for Hardship Relief in respect of Non-Domestic Rates, pursuant to Section 49 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (with reference to Sections 43 or 45 of the same act).

All relevant parties were given the opportunity to present their case.

Resolved: That Hardship Relief of 75% be awarded.

The meeting concluded at approximately 3.15 pm.

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At a Meeting of the Appeals Committee of the Richmondshire District Council held at Mercury House, Station Road, Richmond, North Yorkshire on Monday, 5 September 2016 at 2.00 pm.

Present: Councillors Linda Curran, Lawrence Grose, Patricia Middlemiss, Angus Thompson and Clive World.

Officers: Brian Bottle (Revenues & Benefits Manager) and Paul Clark (Democratic Services Officer).

In

Attendance: The Applicant.

Apologies: Councillors Russell Lord and Caroline Thornton-Berry.

A6/16 Election of Chairman

Resolved: That Councillor Pat Middlemiss be elected as Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

A7/16 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

A8/16 Procedure

The Chairman explained the purpose of the meeting and the procedure to be followed in considering it.

A9/16 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved: That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

A10/16 Applications for relief to Non-Domestic Ratepayers under Sections 43, 47 & 48 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (as amended by Section 64 of the Local Government Finance Act 2003) – Discretionary Rate Relief.

The Revenues and Benefits Manager presented a written report seeking consideration of an appeal against a decision to refuse Discretionary Rate Relief.

All relevant parties were given the opportunity to present their case.

Resolved: That the decision to refuse discretionary rate relief be upheld and the appeal dismissed.

The meeting concluded at approximately 2.45 pm.

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At a Meeting of the Appeals Committee of the Richmondshire District Council held at Mercury House, Station Road, Richmond, North Yorkshire on Monday, 2 July 2018 at 2.00 pm.

Present: Councillors John Blackie, Lawrence Grose, Caroline Thornton-Berry, Clive World and Stephen Wyrill.

Officers: Brian Bottle (Revenues & Benefits Manager) and Paul Clark (Democratic Services Officer).

Apologies: Councillors Patricia Middlemiss and Angus Thompson.

A1/18 Election of Chairman

Resolved: That Councillor Clive World be elected as Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

A2/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

A3/18 Procedure

The Chairman explained the purpose of the meeting and the procedure to be followed in considering it.

A4/18 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved: That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

A5/18 Application for relief to Non-Domestic Ratepayers under Sections 49 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (with reference to Sections 43 or 45 of the same act) – Hardship Relief

The Revenues and Benefits Manager presented a written report seeking consideration of an application for Hardship Relief.

In accordance with the Appeals Committee Procedure, the Committee decided to consider the application in the applicant's absence.

Resolved: That Hardship Relief be granted.

The meeting concluded at approximately 2.45 pm.

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