

**C BRB Minutes of meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Books)
1445-1835**

Historical Background: The borough was created by royal charter in 1299. It was governed by a warden appointed by the crown until 1331 when he was replaced by a mayor and four bailiffs chosen by the burgesses from among themselves. The bailiffs were replaced by a bench of twelve aldermen in 1440 and they, with the mayor, remained the governing body of the town until the corporation was reformed under the Municipal Corporations Act of 1835 (5 & 6 Will. IV c. 76)

Description: Minutes 1445-1835 (10 vols); draft minutes 1672-1835 (15 vols); individual committee minutes 1789-1841 (5 vols), additional miscellaneous documents 1682-1833
See also C CQA/1 and C BRE/1 and C BRE/2

Related material: Some microfilms and transcriptions of these records are available. Please see individual descriptions of items for details

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

C BRB/1- C BRB/10	Minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book) 10 volumes	1445-1835
C BRB/1	Minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book) Formerly known as Bench Book 1 or I. See C CQA/1 In the 1440's all the corporations' business, including the sessions of the peace were minuted in a continuous record for each year. This item is only available to view on microfilm. 1 volume	1445-1552
C BRB/2	Minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book) Formerly known as Bench Book 4 or IV. Includes register of licences to buy and export agricultural produce (chiefly beans, barley and malt) sold by royal patentees (giving names, quantities, prices and ships). Transcriptions available at U DX/28/7 and C SRL/T/1-5 1 volume	30 Sep 1555- 6 Jul 1609

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C BRB/3	<p>Minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book) Formerly known as Bench Book 5 or V. Includes register of leases of corporation property 1609-1643 Transcription available at U DX/5/8 1 volume</p>	<p>18 Oct 1609- 22 Nov 1650</p>
C BRB/4	<p>Minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book) Formerly known as Bench Book 6 or VI. Includes list of mayors, aldermen, sherrifs and chamberlains 1650-1664 also a part index entitled 'a table of the most remarkable things contained in this book' up to p.28. Transcription available at U DX/5/9 1 volume</p>	<p>31 Oct 1650- 18 Oct 1667</p>
C BRB/5	<p>Minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book) Formerly known as Bench Book 7 or VII. Includes a table of the principal orders and chief business about the common wealth of town contained in this book up to p. 423. Transcription available at U DX/5/10 1 volume</p>	<p>27 Oct 1664- 5 Oct 1682</p>
C BRB/6	<p>Minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book) Includes oaths of allegiance and declarations against transubstantiation taken by the officers and aldermen 1702-1744 and agreements to pay rents to the corporation for varous new buildings 1740-1750 1 volume</p>	<p>18 Oct 1682- 18 Oct 1741</p>
C BRB/7	<p>Minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book) Includes oaths of allegiance and declarations against transubstantiation taken by the officers and aldermen 1745-1786 1 volume</p>	<p>10 Nov 1741- 18 Oct 1785</p>
C BRB/8	<p>Minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book) Includes oaths of allegiance and declarations against transubstantiation taken by the officers and aldermen 1786-1823 1 volume</p>	<p>25 Oct 1785- 4 Aug 1812</p>

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C BRB/9	<p>Minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book)</p> <p>Includes oaths of allegiance and declarations against transubstantiation taken by the officers and aldermen 1824-1835</p> <p>1 volume</p>	<p>15 Aug 1812- 2 Jul 1830</p>
C BRB/10	<p>Minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book)</p> <p>Includes account of real property belonging to the Corporation (description, occupier and rent) and inventory of furniture, plate, linen, china and glass in the Mansion House.</p> <p>1 volume</p>	<p>6 Jul 1830- 15 Dec 1835</p>
C BRB/11- C BRB/15	<p>Draft minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Books)</p> <p>Some draft minutes for the period 1820-1831 can be found in the Town Clerks letter bundles in C BRL</p> <p>For other documents relating to the draft bench books 1631-1650 see C DMT/3</p> <p>15 volumes</p>	<p>27 Feb 1672- 24 Dec 1835</p>
C BRB/11	<p>Draft minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book)</p> <p>Includes oaths of Searchers of Companies, Water Porter, Packer of Fish, Viewer of Fish, and Triers of Tanned Leather</p> <p>1 volume</p>	<p>27 Feb 1672- 21 Oct 1674</p>
C BRB/12	<p>Draft minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book)</p> <p>Includes oaths of Searchers of Companies, Water Porter, Packer of Fish, Viewer of Fish, and Triers of Tanned Leather</p> <p>1 volume</p>	<p>30 Sep 1676- 22 Aug 1678</p>
C BRB/13	<p>Draft minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book)</p> <p>Includes oaths of Searchers of Companies, Water Porter, Packer of Fish, Viewer of Fish, and Triers of Tanned Leather and ganger.</p> <p>1 volume</p>	<p>25 Oct 1680- 5 Oct 1682</p>
C BRB/14	<p>Draft minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book)</p> <p>1 volume</p>	<p>18 Oct 1682- 22 Sep 1688</p>

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C BRB/15	Draft minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book) 1 volume	6 Nov 1688- 30 Sep 1694
C BRB/16	Draft minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book). Includes some loose papers bound inside the end of the volume. 1 volume	18 Oct 1694- 2 Nov 1705
C BRB/17	Draft minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book). Includes account of money received for fee farm rents sold by the town to the several persons named 1713-1769 1 volume	2 Nov 1705- 18 Oct 1838
C BRB/18	Draft minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book) 1 volume	16 Nov 1738- 18 Oct 1756
C BRB/19	Draft minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book) 1 volume	2 Dec 1756- 18 Oct 1778
C BRB/20	Draft minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book) 1 volume	27 Oct 1778- 14 Mar 1788
C BRB/21	Draft minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book) 1 volume	28 Mar 1788- 18 Oct 1794
C BRB/22	Draft minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book) 1 volume	5 Nov 1794- 7 Aug 1804
C BRB/23	Draft minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book) 1 volume	30 Sep 1804- 2 May 1817
C BRB/24	Draft minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book) 1 volume	13 Jun 1817- 2 May 1826
C BRB/25	Draft minutes of the formal meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen (Bench Book) Includes account of real property belonging to the Corporation (description, occupier and rent) and inventory of furniture, plate, linen, china and glass in the Mansion House 1 volume	23 May 1826- 24 Dec 1835

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C BRB/26-	Individual Committee Minutes	12 Mar 1789-
C BRB/30	5 items	28 Jul 1841
C BRB/26	A Committee to consider a plan for establishing a chapel of ease in the parish of Holy Trinity 1 item	12 Mar 1789- 2 May 1794
C BRB/27	Minutes of a committee for putting the 1801 Improvement Act into effect Includes a copy of the Improvement Act, 1801, copies of outward letters 4 Nov 1801-4 Mar 1802, papers relating to the Garrison Ground Committee and a joint committee of the corporation and the Trinity House 1 item	7 Jul 1801- 20 Apr 1813
C BRB/28	Minutes of a committee for putting the 1802 Dock Act into effect Includes copies of outward letters 2 Sep 1802-26 Mar 1818 1 item	2 Sep 1802- 25 Jun 1819
C BRB/29	Minutes of a committee for putting the 1802 Dock Act into effect 1 item	16 Sep 1819- 28 Jul 1841
C BRB/30	Proceedings in the establishment of an office for the better conducting of the meeting of corn and seed 1 item	17 Dec 1824- 10 Dec 1825
C BRB/31-	Additional miscellaneous documents	1682-1833
C BRB/42	20 items	
C BRB/31	Minutes of a meeting between representatives of the Corporation and the Office of Woods and Forests concerning the Humber Ferry 1 item	14 Oct 1833
C BRB/32	Minutes of the committee for making improvements on the vacant ground on the east side of Queen Street 1 item	May 1806
C BRB/33	Reports to the Bench 2 items	1791-1812

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C BRB/33/1	Report to the bench from Alderman Darling and Alderman Osborne relating to corporation property on the road to St. John's church 1 item	Dec 1791
C BRB/33/2	Report to the bench by the committee on corporation finance 1 item	1812
C BRB/34	Draft bench minutes 1 item	23 Oct 1682
C BRB/35	Notes about what was done when mayors died in office 1 item	1733-1813
C BRB/36	Notes relating to the payment of pensions to former aldermen and their dependents 1 item	1775-1814
C BRB/37	Copy resolutions 3 items	1742-1821
C BRB/37/1	Copy resolution regarding survey of the land between South End Jetty and Long Jetty 1 item	7 Dec 1742
C BRB/37/2	Copy resolution reporting on land between the haven entrance and the town 1 item	1 Jul 1777
C BRB/37/3	Copy resolution regarding a delegation to the Board of Ordnance 1 item	23 May 1821
C BRB/38	Minutes showing the swearing in of the Mayor etc., on St. Luke's day 1 item	1754-1759
C BRB/39	Document relating to the extension of the custom house 1 item	16 Apr 1782
C BRB/40	Document relating to the proclamation of George III 1 item	31 Oct 1760
C BRB/41	Document relating to the subscription to a bill for the extension of the dock 1 item	5 Mar 1793

C BRB/42 Hull History Centre: Minutes of meetings of the Mayor and Aldermen
Document relating to the proclamation of George IV and draft 4 Feb 1820
1 item