

REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE POLICY, DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE & STAFFING COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 17th JANUARY 2006 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. R.Walker (Chair)

Cllrs. M.Ball, P.Best, A.Brookes, J.Cresswell, F.Dallas, I.Edwards, M.Holt-Taylor, P.Richardson, N.Walsh, C.Williams and M.Williams.

910. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from:

Cllr. J.Martland - illness

Cllr. M.Oldknow – personal reasons

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

911. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Cresswell declared a prejudicial interest in the staffing item since a family member is a Council employee.

RESOLVED: That this declaration be accepted and that the member would leave the room for this item.

912. MOTION MOVED ON NOTICE

Councillor P. Best moved a motion of no confidence in the Leader of the Council. Following a discussion a recorded vote was asked for:

For the motion: Cllrs. M.Ball, P.Best, J.Cresswell and I.Edwards.

Against the motion: Cllrs. A.Brookes, F.Dallas, M.Holt-Taylor, C.Williams, M.Williams and R.Walker.

Abstentions: Cllrs. P.Richardson and N.Walsh.

890. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20th December 2005.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

914. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT – THE FUTURE

Consideration was given to the above discussion document.

RESOLVED: That the document be noted.

915. REQUEST TO HOLD A CIRCUS IN THORNE

A request had been received to hold the circus on Coulman Recreation Ground in October 2006. It was noted that the same request had been granted last year and that there had been no problems.

RESOLVED: That this request be granted and the fee be the same as last year.

916. HOTHOUSE ARTS FESTIVAL

A communication had been received from the Doncaster Arts Festival 2006 regarding a proposed performance at the Moorends Community Centre on Saturday 25th March 2006 of the play "The Glee Club" which a play set in Edlington in the 1960's about the lives of local miners.

RESOLVED: That the Council accept the booking on the basis of a 50/50 revenue split provided:

- i) There is no full frontal nudity.**
- ii) That the fact that the play is unsuitable for under 14's be clearly shown in all publicity.**

917. STANDING ORDER 58

Consideration was given to Standing Order 58 in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

RESOLVED: That Standing Order 58 be invoked to allow Councillors to consider confidential financial matters.

918. 2006-07 BUDGETS

918.1 Capital Programme – consideration was given to a paper detailing the proposed capital programme for 2006-07. It was noted that the majority of capital expenditure would again be from the capital reserve with some items depending on forthcoming capital receipts.

RESOLVED: That the capital programme be approved.

918.2 Charges

RESOLVED: That the Council's charges for 2006-07 be increased only in line with inflation (2.5% rounded to the nearest whole number) with the exception of Cemetery charges which would be increased by 5% to allow for improved maintenance and infrastructure provision.

918.3 Precept - It was noted that some information was still required from DMBC in order to finalise the precept recommendation.

RESOLVED: That the precept be brought before the Council on 31st January based on the revised charges as 918.2 above and costs at the predicted out turn for 2005-06 plus 2.5%.

919. STAFFING MATTERS

The Clerk reported that new contracts had been issued to certain staff in line with earlier discussions and that it was expected that the signed copies would be returned as soon as the agreement of the union had been obtained.

RESOLVED: That the report be accepted.

End of meeting.