

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 19th JANUARY 2009 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllrs. P.Best, B.M.Chowings, K.Redmile, P.Richardson, J.Walker, A.Want, C.Williams and M.Williams.

1594. APOLOGIES

Apologies were declared as follows:

Cllr. D. Barton – Illness

Cllr. M. Green – Work commitment

Cllr. R. Walker – Work commitment

In the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor the Council voted Cllr. C. Williams to take the Chair. The Mayor, Cllr. A. Brookes, who had been delayed on business, arrived at about 7.08pm and asked Cllr. Williams continued in the Chair.

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted.

1595. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

1596. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the following minutes:

1596.1 Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th November 2009, pages 3855 – 3858.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1596.2 Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th December 2009, pages 3862 – 3863. It was noted that there were three abstentions including Cllr. A. Want.

RESOLVED: That subject to this amendment the minutes be signed.

1597. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Consideration was given to the following reports:

1597.1 Planning, Environmental, Amenities and Leisure - 8th December 2009. Pages 3859 to 3861.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1597.2 Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing – 12th January 2010. Pages 3864 to 3866. It was noted that Cllr. Best did not attend the meeting.

RESOLVED: That subject to this amendment the report be approved.

1598. POLICING IN THORNE AND MOORENDS

Sgt. Rowse reported that the crime statistics for the period September to November 2009 were down 22% compared to 14% for South Yorkshire as a whole. The current PACT priorities were:

- Anti-social behaviour – Stonegate.
- Anti-social behaviour – Miller Close.
- Anti-social use of vehicles at Thorne North Station.

There had also been an alcohol test purchase operation and three outlets had been fined.

A "Community Crime Fighters" committee was being set up and the Mayor was invited to attend on behalf of the Council.

Councillors raised the following issues:

- Parking on pavements outside the shops on Field Road, Thorne.
- Anti-social behaviour – Bullring, Moorends.
- Section 30 Orders.

RESOLVED: That the Police be thanked for their attendance.

1599. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr J. Sprakes of 23 Walnut Road, Thorne raised the following issues:

- Dog fouling on the canalside path at Dunstan Drive, Thorne.
- Locked gate at the Mooredges end of the public footpath to Limberlost.
- Litter on grass verges, especially the dyke on Coulman Street.

RESOLVED: That the appropriate action be taken on these points.

1600. PRECEPT 2010-11

It was agreed that the budget should be based on the predicted out-turn for 2009-10 at mid year with an increase in costs for 2010-11 of 2%, and charges of 1.5% and a contingency fund of £31571. This would result in a precept increase of 1.5%.

RESOLVED: That the precept for 2010-11 be £335939.

1601. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented the financial report for months 7 & 8 which showed that income and expenditure to be essentially on budget with the exception of the Cemetery income which continued to be well below budget and was giving serious cause for concern.

RESOLVED: That the report be accepted and that the cemetery income and all expenditure would be closely monitored by the Staffing and Finance Working Group.

1602. STANDING ORDER 58

Consideration was given to excluding the press and public from the meeting in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

RESOLVED: That Standing Order 58 be implemented and the press and public be asked to leave.

1603. OVERTIME

Consideration was given to the overtime summary to 10.01.10.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved and that strenuous efforts would continue to be made to keep overtime to a minimum.

1604. OFFER FOR LAND

Consideration was given to an unsolicited offer for a small piece of land to the rear of No. 4 King Street, Thorne owned by the Council.

RESOLVED: That the Council did not wish to sell the land at the present time.

End of meeting.