

REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE POLICY, DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE & STAFFING COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2005 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. R. Walker (Chair)

Cllrs. P.Best, A.Brookes, J.Cresswell, I.Edwards, M.Holt-Taylor, J.Martland, M.Oldknow, P.Richardson and N.Walsh.

671. APOLOGIES

There were apologies from:

Cllr. F. Dallas – Illness

Cllr. C. Williams – Personal

Cllr. M. Williams – Personal

Cllr. V. Fellowes – Personal

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

672. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

673. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th January 2005.

Re: Item 656.3, concern was expressed regarding the level of charges for rooms, in particular the Band Room.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed subject to reference back of room charges for further consideration by the Committee.

674. ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN

Groundworks Dearne Valley gave a presentation on their proposals to provide a multi use games facility in Thorne Memorial Park. Several possible locations in the park were considered bearing in mind that such an area could not be located within 30m of housing. Councillors felt that the general peaceful atmosphere of the park would be adversely affected by such a facility and that it would be difficult to close the park at dusk whilst still leaving the facility open (under floodlights) until 9 or 10pm. It was felt that other locations were not suitable, e.g. Toll Bar Ground and Wyke Gate Road Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED: That the permission to locate the facility in Thorne Memorial Park be refused and that Groundworks Dearne Valley be invited to prepare proposals for an alternative location.

(It was noted that the Council had agreed to a similar facility to be located at the Moorends Welfare Ground and Groundworks Dearne Valley confirmed that this was at the design stage though a firm start date could not be given until all the funding was in place.)

675. COUNCIL VACANCY

It was noted that a written resignation form Moorends Councillor David Martin had been received on 31st January 2005. The procedure was for a notice of vacancy to be posted after which a poll could be claimed by 10 electors within 14 working days. Any resulting poll would have to be carried out within 60 days of the notice being posted.

RESOLVED: That notice of vacancy would be posted.

676. VE DAY ANNIVERSARY

The Mayor reported that the proposals for marking the VE Day anniversary in May would be as follows:

Saturday 7th May. Gala evening concert at Thorne Grammar School in aid of the Ghurkha Benevolent Trust. The Armthorpe Elmfield Band (Juniors and Seniors) had agreed to play free of charge, as had an entertaining speaker for the interval.

Sunday 8th May. 11.00am Service at St. Nicholas Church followed by a parade to the War Memorial being organised by the British Legion. The Armthorpe Elmfield Brass Band would march with the parade and then provide a concert from the bandstand during the afternoon. The Sea Cadets would be asked to provide a lunch for the veterans. The Model Engineers would operate the steam railway during the afternoon.

RESOLVED: That the plans be approved and that the appropriate expenditure and infrastructure support be authorised (LGA 1972, S.137).

End of meeting