

REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, AMENITIES & LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 16th MAY 2006 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. C. Williams (Chair)

Cllrs. P.Best, A.Brookes, J.Cresswell, F.Dallas, M.Holt-Taylor, J.Martland, P.Richardson, C.Taylor-Hatem, M.Oldknow, R.Walker and M. Williams.

1012. APOLOGIES

There were apologies from:

Cllr. N. Walsh – personal

RESOLVED: That these apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

1013. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. C. Taylor-Hatem declared a possible prejudicial interest in the Town Centre site and said that she would leave the room for this item.

RESOLVED: That this be agreed.

1014. MOTORCYCLES

The Environmental Health Officer for DMBC gave a full report on how they are dealing with illegal motorcycles in conjunction with the Police.

Borough wide 150 machines had been seized, 880 notices served and 12 successful prosecutions had been carried out. Regular operations took place and all reports of illegal use would be investigated.

The Community Safety Wardens who were also present at the meeting confirmed that they were part of the reporting chain but had no current powers to deal with the problem directly.

The Officers then dealt with a number of questions from Councillors.

RESOLVED: That the officers be thanked for their obvious commitment to this problem and their informative report.

1015. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Planning, Environmental, and Amenities & Leisure Committee meeting held on Tuesday 4th April 2006.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1016. PROPOSED MULTI USE GAMES AREA WYKE GATE ROAD RECREATION GROUND

Following the questionnaire to householders when the project had been generally well received a public meeting was held on 2nd May 2006 to enable the concerns of residents to be addressed. Though residents emphasised that they were in favour of improved facilities for young people they were concerned about the following issues:

- *Antisocial behaviour/lack of policing.*
- *Inadequate maintenance of the site.*
- *Insufficient car parking.*

It was agreed that these would be addressed by:

- *Liaison with the police and community wardens.*
- *Discussions with Doncaster MBC regarding maintenance issues / boundary fence.*
- *Requesting a traffic study.*
- *Investigation of the feasibility of installing CCTV.*

Groundworks Dearne Valley then reported some revised proposals, which were intended to deal with some of the residents concerns. The Council was concerned about the appearance of the boundary fence to the skatepark and Groundwork Dearne Valley agreed to look at this.

RESOLVED: That the Council continue to support the project in principle and that further details be awaited from Groundworks Dearne Valley.

1017. 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 matters.

1018. TOWN CENTRE SITE

1018.1 *A letter had been received from the potential buyer regarding additional time to carry out certain investigations.*

RESOLVED: That the request be declined and that the original timescale should stand.

1018.2 *A further conditional offer had been received.*

RESOLVED: That the potential buyer be informed of the same conditions as the first buyer.

End of meeting