

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL MEETING ON TUESDAY 19th MAY 2009 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. A.Brookes (Chair)

Cllrs. D.Barton, B.M.Chowings, C.Dallas, G.Garth, M.Green, K.Redmile, P.Richardson, C.Taylor-Hatem, J.P.Walker, A.Want C.Williams and M.Williams.

1515. APOLOGIES

Apologies were declared as follows:

Cllr. P.Best – Fundraising meeting for Ghurkhas.

Cllr. R.Walker – Work commitments.

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

1516. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs. C. and M. Williams declared a personal interest in the Local Development Framework item as members of DMBC.

Cllr. J.Walker declared personal interest in the King Street item as a local business person and in the Coulman item as a member of the Rugby Club.

Cllr. C.Taylor-Hatem declared a prejudicial interest in the King Street item as her family owned land nearby and stated that she would leave the room for this item.

RESOLVED: That this declaration be accepted.

1517. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the following minutes:

1517.1 Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 27th January 2009, pages 3823 – 3825.

1517.2 Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday 31st March 2009, page 3829A.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1518. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports were considered for approval:

1518.1 Planning, Environmental, Amenities and Leisure – 3rd March 2009. Pages 3826 to 3828.

The following corrections were required:

1485.1 Change to rugby club having connections with the football club and ruby club respectively.

1485.3 To be deleted.

RESOLVED: That subject to the amendments above the report be approved.

1518.2 Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing – 16th December 2008.

Pages 3829 to 3831.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1519. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

No questions were raised by the members of the public who were present.

1520. SUMMER FESTIVAL

Consideration was given to a request from the Summer Festival Committee to use Thorne Park for the event on 25th and 26th July 2009 and for financial assistance. Councillors wished to continue to support the event at the same level as previously so it was:

RESOLVED:

- 1) To allow free use of the Park. (LGA 1972, S.145)**
- 2) To make a grant of £2500. (LGA 1972, S.145)**
- 3) To ask the Council workforce to provide assistance as required, the costs being reimbursed to the Council.**

However, it was stipulated that it was a consideration of the grant that all dance routines would be appropriate both for the age of the dancers and the nature of the audience.

1521. SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Consideration was given to making a donation to the Doncaster Libraries Summer Activities Programme and supporting other activities. It was noted that the Moorends Hornets and Stingers were offering to provide free activities at Coulman for a week in the summer holidays and Thorne District Anglers Association would provide fishing activities one day per week, also during the holidays.

RESOLVED: To make a grant of up to £300 towards the events at Thorne and Moorends Libraries and also to provide free use and infrastructure support to other events for young people. (LGA 1971, S.145)

1522. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Doncaster MBC had asked the Council for its views on the Church Street-Bridge Street-Fieldside link road that was in the Unitary Development Plan dated 1998.

RESOLVED: That Doncaster MBC be appraised of the Council's view that the section of proposed link road between Church Street and Fieldside be deleted from the LDF.

1523. FINANCIAL REPORT

Consideration was given to the financial report for month 12 of the financial year to 31st March 2009. It was noted that overall expenditure and income were within the budget for the year.

RESOLVED: That the financial report be accepted.

1524. STANDING ORDER 58

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

RESOLVED: That the public and press be asked to leave.

1525. NEW COULMAN PAVILION

It was reported that the £200000 Section 106 grant that Doncaster MBC wished to contribute to the New Coulman Pavilion was on hold as a result of the call-in by a group of five DMBC Councillors. The Clerk and Leader had attended the Scrutiny Panel meeting on 20th May and been able to answer in full the questions put to them.

RESOLVED: That the Council deplores the call-in which appears to be based on personal issues and that Councillors wished to be informed at the earliest opportunity of the outcome of the call-in.

At this point Cllr. Taylor-Hatem left the room.

1526. KING STREET LAND

Councillors considered a financial risk assessment dated 19th May 2009.

RESOLVED: That the Council agree in principle to accept the revised offer from the original party with subsequent clarifications, subject to finalisation of outstanding details (principally relating to claw back) to the satisfaction of the Council, and acting in accordance with legal advice when received. The Councils Solicitor to be present at a Council meeting to advise the Council when all the information is available.

End of meeting.