

**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS,  
THORNE ON TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2006 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.**

**Present:** Cllr. M.Holt-Taylor (Chair)

Cllrs. Cllrs. P.Best, C. Dallas, F.Dallas, C. Taylor-Hatem, M.Oldknow, P.Richardson, R.Walker, N.Walsh, C.Williams and M.Williams.

**1047. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were declared as follows:

Cllr. A. Brookes – work commitment

Cllr. J. Cresswell – personal

Cllr. J. Martland - personal

**RESOLVED: That these apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.**

**1048. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**RESOLVED: That the declarations be accepted.**

**1049. “LIFT” PROJECT UPDATE**

The project director reported that the Thorne project was ahead of schedule and would now be opening in mid October. Councillors expressed concern about the amount of car parking and the state of the old building at the front of the site.

It was reported that the plans for the Moorends building (to accommodate two doctors together with nurses and ancillary staff) were nearing completion, and planning permission would be sought in September at which time the project could be discussed with the Council in more detail.

**RESOLVED: That the project director be thanked for his predictions and invited to a meeting in September.**

**1050. WYKE GATE ROAD “MUGA”**

The project manager for Groundworks Dearne Valley reported that the plans had been revised in accordance with the Councils suggestions and those of the general public:

- Lighting to be provided to the access road.
- CCTV to be installed.
- Gaps beneath the skatepark jumps to be infilled.
- More tarmac road to the skatepark.
- Fencing round the skatepark and “MUGA”.
- Lighting to “MUGA” only – health and safety problem in lighting the skatepark.

A further public meeting would be held at the Youth Club at 6.00pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

**RESOLVED: That the revised plans be approved.**

### **1051. MINUTES**

Consideration was given to signing minutes of the Council meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2006, pages 3663 to 3665.

**RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.**

### **1052. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Consideration was given to the following report:

**(i) Planning, Environmental, Amenities & Leisure – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2006.**  
Pages 3667 to 3668.

**RESOLVED: That the report be approved.**

**(ii) Policy, Development, Finance & Staffing – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2006**  
Pages 3673 to 3675.

**RESOLVED: that the report be approved subject o the deletion of M. Williams' declaration of interests.**

### **1053. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

**Consideration was given to the** Additional Statement of Accounts Payable to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006, Vouchers 87 to 90 and Statement of Accounts Payable to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006, Vouchers 91 to 121.

**RESOLVED: That the accounts payable be approved.**

### **1054. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2005-06**

Consideration was given to the Councils accounts and annual return to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006. The Clerk highlighted the reserves as this had been questioned at an earlier meeting.

**RESOLVED: That the accounts and Sections 1 and 2 of the annual return be signed by the Mayor and the Clerk/RFO.**

### **1055. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Council considered the accounts for months 1 and 2 of the current financial year. It was noted that the income and expenditure were generally on budget.

**RESOLVED: That the financial report be approved.**

### **1056. AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS**

Consideration was given to a new standing order:

#### **POWER TO ACT DURING THE SUMMER RECESS**

*In exceptional circumstances where it is not possible to bring a matter before the Council, the power to act in an emergency shall be vested in the Mayor, appropriate Committee Chair and the Clerk or deputy officer to make such decisions which are to be brought before the Council as soon as practicable for ratification.*

**RESOLVED: That this be approved.**

### **1057. 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.**

### **1058. OVERTIME**

Consideration was given to the annual overtime report.

**RESOLVED: That the report be approved.**

### **1059. SECURITY**

**1059.1** It was noted that the security arrangements were changing from 24<sup>th</sup> July 2006.

**RESOLVED: That security continue to be kept under review.**

**1059.2** It was noted that the CCTV cameras in Moorends were proving useful in monitoring public safety and making arrests.

**RESOLVED: That a report be prepared on the CCTV schemes in both Moorends and Thorne.**

### **1060. STAFFING**

It was reported that the staffing working group had met on 17<sup>th</sup> June to discuss:

- Staff sickness.
- Safety review.
- Complaint by Cllr. M. Williams in respect of three Council employees which was being investigated in accordance with the Councils disciplinary procedures with legal advice being sought from an employment solicitor at each stage of the process.

**RESOLVED: That the report be approved.**

End of meeting.