

**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS,
THORNE ON TUESDAY 17TH APRIL 2007 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.**

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

Cllrs. P.Best, A. Brookes, C. Dallas, F.Dallas, J. Martland, M.Oldknow, R.Walker, C.Williams and M.Williams.

1188. APOLOGIES

Apologies were declared as follows:

Cllr. J.Cresswell - personal

Cllr. P.Richardson - personal

Cllr. C. Taylor-Hatem - work commitment.

Cllr. N. Walsh – personal.

RESOLVED: That these apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

1189. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. M.Holt-Taylor - personal interest in the Moorends Community Centre item, one of her Assenters for the forthcoming election being connected with one of the tenderers. She would not speak and would relinquish the chair for this item.

RESOLVED: That the declaration and proposed action be accepted.

1190. 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.

1191. STAFFING

During the consultation process in connection with the proposed changes in the contract of employment for staff number A034 as a result of a significant reduction in the number of bookings the Council had received a request for redundancy on statutory terms. Advice had been sought from DMBC Human Resources who had referred the Council to the DTI website which indicated that a redundancy payment of £3271.20 would be appropriate.

RESOLVED: That, subject to legal and employment consultation, an offer could be made to the employee of a severance payment not exceeding £3271.20 without additional payment in lieu of notice.

1192. MOORENDS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillors considered a report on the funding for the above project and it was noted that the original offer of grant aid from the Rural Target Fund (RTF) of £31000 with £20539 of authorised match funding from the Town Council was based on an estimated contract value. Analysis of the tenders received indicated the one from J.O'Neill and Sons represented best value and minimum financial risk. In view of the fact that the price exceeded the original estimated contract value, the Council proposed to split the project into two phases with phase 1

requiring £37000 from YRCC and £26277 from the Council.

YRCC considered this request at their meeting on 30th March 2007 and decided that they would prefer to get the whole project completed in one go. To this end they are now offering £52480.52 with a contribution of £30004 from the Town Council plus an in-kind contribution of £13796 by doing the decorating in house.

RESOLVED: That, on receipt of confirmation of RTF funding of £53480.52, an order be placed with J.O'Neill and Sons in the sum of £82484.52 with the Council contributing £30004.00 and carrying out the internal decorations valued at £13796.00 using its own resources.

End of meeting.