

REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, AMENITIES & LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2010 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. K.Redmile (Chair)

Cllrs. D.Barton, P.Best, A.Brookes, B.M.Chowings, C.Dallas, M.Green, P.Richardson, A.Want, J.Walker, R.Walker, A.Wilson.

1688. APOLOGIES

The following apologies were declared:

Cllr. C. Williams – personal

Cllr. M. Williams - personal

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted.

1689. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following personal interests were declared:

Cllr. J.Walker – personal interest in Xmas Lights item as a local business owner.

RESOLVED: That this declaration be noted.

1690. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Planning, Environmental, and Amenities & Leisure Committee meeting held on Tuesday 8th June 2010. It was noted that minute 1657, line 2 should read winter sports sessions.

RESOLVED: That subject to this amendment the minutes be signed.

1691. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to Statement of Accounts Payable to 31st August 2010, Vouchers 126 to 155. It was noted that these accounts included replacement of the tractor clutch and it was agreed that the line manager would brief the tractor driver on appropriate use of the clutch.

RESOLVED: That the accounts payable be approved.

1692. PLANNING ISSUES

1692.1 Local Development Strategy

Consideration was given to the consultation draft Local Development Strategy and the Addendum and it was

RESOLVED: To inform the planners:

- 1. Moorends to be changed from a Renewal Town to a Potential Growth Town with Thorne remaining as a Principal Town and with Thorne Centre classified as a Heritage and Conservation area at risk.**

2. **The Council supports the general idea of commercial development along the motorways as set out in the main report but it objects strongly to the marking of specific warehouse sites (such as Bradholme) on the map at the end of the addendum report and asks that these specific locations be deleted. TMTC are of the opinion that whilst job creation is to be welcomed, any large scale warehousing or industrial development should be in the vicinity of M18 Junction 6 to the north of Thorne.**
3. **Regarding Policy 3 the Council wants the whole area east of Doncaster to be a Green Belt not a Countryside Policy Area.**
4. **In respect of site provision for travellers the Council is of the opinion that Gibbons Lane, Stainforth should not be disposed of and that the provision in the area of both transit and permanent sites would then be adequate; there should be no further sites provided in Thorne and Moorends.**

1692.2 Hatfield Power Plant

It was reported that the Internal Drainage Board had said that the proposed extension of the pit tip at Stainforth to the other side of Kirton Lane would have no effect whatsoever on the flood risk at the Grampian Way estate in Thorne.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and that further information be obtained on the proposals at Stainforth Power Plant.

1693. THORNE PARK

Consideration was given to proposals to improve and extend the children's play area in Thorne Park. Safe surfaces would be provided for the existing swings and climbing frame and two large and six small additional pieces of equipment would be provided. The expected cost was £42992.00 plus 20% for any long term maintenance, making £51590.00 in all. Consideration was given to an alternative large ride but this was discounted on safety grounds.

RESOLVED:

1. **That the proposed scheme be approved.**
2. **That DMBC be requested to release the Section 106 Funds.**
3. **That three competitive tenders be obtained.**

1694. ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Consideration was given to the arrangements for 5th November which fell on a Friday. Last year's event had been carried out by Fuse Fireworks and had been held at Wyke Gate Road, Thorne.

RESOLVED:

- i) **To place an order with Fuse Fireworks based on a budget of £3500.**
- ii) **To locate the event at Moorends Welfare Ground in line with Council policy to alternate between Thorne and Moorends.**
- iii) **To book Community Radio and make a donation of £50.**
- iv) **To organise an operator to provide small rides and a food van/s (the Council would receive a fee for this).**
- v) **Large gates at Park Road to be cleared and opened and rugby lights used.**

vi) Car parking at Grange Road end to be advertised.

1695. XMAS LIGHTS

It was noted that this was the final year of a three year agreement with MK Illuminations for the Xmas lights.

RESOLVED: That a meeting be arranged as soon as possible with the contractor to discuss the arrangements. Timings to be:

Put up as soon as possible.

Switch on 19th November 2010.

Switch off 6th January 2011.

1696. STREET CLEANING

It was reported that reported representatives of the Council had been meeting with Doncaster MBC on a regular basis since the beginning of the year to try to improve the quality of street cleaning in Thorne and Moorends. This dialogue had resulted in a modest improvement and an understanding had been gained as to the level of service provided. One outcome of the meetings had been the proposed provision of a compact mechanical sweeper in addition to the hand sweepers in a number of Wards where the Doncaster members had made a contribution from their personal allocation to get the project started. It was understood that this would be coming in October.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

1697. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS TO 31ST MARCH 2010

It was noted that some queries had been received from the external auditors dated 23rd August 2010 which necessitated a reply and minor alterations to the annual return.

RESOLVED: That the letter and revisions to the annual return be approved.

End of meeting.