

**REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE POLICY, DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE & STAFFING COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.**

**Present:** Cllr. J. Walker (Vice Chair)

Cllrs. D.Barton, A.Brookes, B.M.Chowings, M.Green, K.Redmile, P.Richardson, A.Want, M.Williams and A.Wilson.

**1735. APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from:

Cllr. R.Walker – work commitment  
Cllr. C.Williams – personal.

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

**1736. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**1737. MINUTES**

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing Committee meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

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

**1738. TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION**

The Council heard a presentation by representatives of the "Thorne Needs You" campaign, the main points raised being:

- Concern about the deterioration of the Town Centre.
- Wish to encourage businesses and tourism.
- Particular concern over 1 – 2 Market Place.

It was pointed out that the Council and many individual Councillors had been working hard to secure the regeneration of the Town Centre, with particular reference to derelict buildings and onerous planning restrictions and that the aims of the group were essentially the same as those of the Council. It was thought that a decision from the Housing Community Agency in respect of 1 and 2 Market Place was expected soon.

**RESOLVED: That the representatives of "Thorne Needs You" be thanked for their presentation and that the Council supports the Campaign and would assist in any way possible. Also that the Council would write to DMBC in support of the aims of the group.**

**1739. DOUBLE TAXATION GRANT**

Councillors noted with regret the correspondence from Doncaster MBC stating that the Double Taxation Grant would no longer be paid which represented £10908 to the Council. In order to maintain services it was agreed that the precept, which the Council had hoped to keep as the previous year would now have to be increased.

**RESOLVED: That an increase in precept to cover the shortfall be brought to the following Full Council for approval where the precept would be fixed.**

**1740. GRASSCUTTING**

Correspondence from CISWO indicated that the Mayor of Doncaster wished to charge for the grasscutting of CISWO grounds which had always been carried out free of charge by Doncaster MBC. However, no correspondence had been received from DMBC.

Consideration was also given to going out to tender for the grasscutting contract for Coulman Recreation Ground, Wyke Gate Road Recreation Ground and the Toll Bar Ground.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the grasscutting contracts be put out to tender with a provisional item for the Moorends Welfare Ground. Also that costs for carrying out the grasscutting in-house be brought to the next meeting.**

**End of meeting.**