

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2008 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. C. Williams (Chair)

Cllrs. D. Barton, P. Best, A. Brookes, B. M. Chowings, C. Dallas, G. Garth, M. Green, P. Richardson, R. Walker, A. Want and M. Williams.

1307. APOLOGIES

Apologies were declared as follows:

Cllr. J. Walker – personal

Cllr. K. Redmile - illness

RESOLVED: That all the apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

1308. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. P. Best declared a possible prejudicial interest in items relating to the Police and the DMBC Local Development Framework due to the nature of his work and a personal interest in the staff overtime as Chair of the Yuletide Fayre Committee.

Cllrs. C. Williams, M. Williams and R. Walker declared a personal interest on the item on the Doncaster MBC Local Development Framework as members of the Authority.

RESOLVED: That these declarations be noted and that Cllr. Best would leave the room where a prejudicial interest had been declared.

1309. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Mr John Sprakes raised the following matters:

- Blocked gullies following last summer's floods
- Inadequate street cleaning
- Dog fouling

The Council Leader informed Mr Sprakes that as far as he was aware all gullies had been cleaned since the floods but he would pursue the matter if untreated gullies were reported to him.

Regarding street cleaning the Council were soon to be providing their mechanical sweeper for Doncaster MBC to use on a daily basis so the streets should be generally cleaner. Regarding dog fouling, he invited the public to provide evidence such as photographs of the dogs and bad areas, which would be passed to the Police.

Mr Sprakes also asked what was going to happen to the DMBC offices in Ellison Street (Thorne Hall). The Leader of the Council said that he was urging DMBC to look actively for a developer to take over the site rather than it being left empty.

1310. POLICING IN THORNE AND MOORENDS

The new Inspector for the Safer Neighbourhood team together with two officers attended the meeting. The Inspector made the following points:

- Partnership working was the way forward.
- Crime trends generally were 3% down in the area.
- Vehicle crime was currently a problem, which was being addressed.
- Antisocial behaviour in the Town Centre – there was frequently a police presence.
- Shift patterns had been rebalanced to favour the evening shifts.
- Motorcycle nuisance – there were continued regular operations against illegal motorcycles.

The Inspector then dealt with a number of questions and observations from Councillors including:

- That the police be asked to continue to pursue a ban on outside drinking in the Town Centre.
- That the police provide better feedback both to victims of crime and to the community generally.

RESOLVED:

- i) **That the officers be thanked for their attendance and that an invitation be extended to the police to attend all full Council meetings.**
- ii) **That the Council would provide space in its newsletter for a "crime report".**

1311. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 16th October 2007.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1312. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Consideration was given to approval of the following reports:

1312.1. Planning, Environmental, Amenities and Leisure – 27th November 2007

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1312.2 Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing – 18th December 2007.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1313. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to the Statement of Accounts Payable to 31st December 2007, Vouchers 273 to 307.

Voucher 301 from RBM was queried and it was subsequently confirmed that this tractor repair was due to a burnt out wiring loom, nothing to do with the operation of the tractor.

RESOLVED: That the accounts payable be approved.

1314. PRECEPT

Following the recommendation of the Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing Committee meeting on 18th December 2007.

RESOLVED: That the precept for 2008-09 be £306405.

Recorded Vote

For

Cllr. D.Barton
Cllr. A.Brookes
Cllr. B.M.Chowings
Cllr. M.Green
Cllr. P.Richardson,
Cllr. A.Want
Cllr. C. Williams
Cllr. M.Williams.

Against

Cllr. P.Best
Cllr. C.Dallas
Cllr. G.Garth
Cllr. R.Walker

1315. FINANCIAL REPORT

1315.1 Consideration was given to the financial reports for months 2 to 7 of the current financial year. It was noted that Market income was below budget but this was more than compensated by the income from Community Halls, which was well above budget.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1315.2 Risk Management Report

Consideration was given to the Council's Risk Management Report dated 17th December 2007.

RESOLVED: That the report including recommendations in Tables 1, 2 and 3 be approved.

1316. DONCASTER MBC LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

The Council had reviewed the following consultation documents in detail and had prepared a report of its recommendations.

- Housing, Transport, Retail, Employment and Local Waste:
Allocations and Detailed Policy Issues and Options.

- Environment and Minerals:
Allocations and Detailed Policy Issues and Options.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved and submitted to Doncaster MBC.

1317. STANDING ORDER58

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

RESOLVED: That the implementation of Standing Order 58 be invoked to allow Councillors to consider confidential matters.

1318. OVERTIME

Consideration was given to the overtime report to 5/1/08. it was noted that there had been worked in connection with some exceptional items:

- Firework display
- Remembrance Day
- Yuletide Fayre (rechargeable)
- Xmas patrols

RESOLVED: That the overtime be approved with the proviso that it continues to be kept under strict control in 2008.

1319. STAFFING MATTERS

It was noted that the Council wished to increase its involvement in staffing matters in the future.

RESOLVED:

- **That Cllr. M.Williams be elected a full member of the Staffing Committee.**
- **That the Staffing Committee would meet on a regular five-week cycle.**

End of meeting.