

REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE POLICY, DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE & STAFFING COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 8th MARCH 2005 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. R. Walker (Chair)

Cllrs. P.Best, J.Cresswell, I.Edwards, V.Fellowes, M.Holt-Taylor, J.Martland, M.Oldknow, P.Richardson and N.Walsh.

694. APOLOGIES

There were apologies from:

Cllr. M.Oldknow – Work commitment

Cllr. C. Williams – Personal

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RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

695. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of personal interest were as follows:

Cllr. J.Cresswell – agenda item relating to room charges.

Cllr. R.Walker – agenda item relating to the possible sale/rental of land.

RESOLVED: That the declarations be accepted.

696. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th February 2005.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed subject.

697. CHARGES FOR ROOM HIRE

The Council reconsidered the charges for room hire from 1st April 2005 on the following basis:

- *In the interests of fairness, similar organisations should pay the same charges.*
- *Overall, the room hire charges should be working towards a situation where basic costs e.g. salaries were covered.*
- *Costs to be low for voluntary groups and private individuals with higher charges for organisations operating as a business (as had always been the case but there were historical anomalies).*

RESOLVED: That from 1st April 2005 charges will be as follows for a 3 hour minimum hire, additional hours pro-rata.

A) DANCES, CONCERTS AND EVENTS WHERE ADMISSION IS CHARGED OR WHICH ARE OPERATED AS A BUSINESS

	WEEKDAYS	WEEKENDS	BANK HOLIDAYS. CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS EVE
Assembly Rooms	£35.00	£45.00	£60.00
Community Centre	£35.00	£45.00	£60.00
Winning Post – Main Hall	£35.00	£45.00	£60.00
Band Room	£30.00	£35.00	£45.00
Winning Post – Front Room	£30.00	£35.00	£45.00

B) CHILDREN’S PARTIES, WEDDINGS ETC. (AT ALL TIMES)

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Assembly Rooms	£22.00
Community Centre	£22.00
Winning Post – Main Hall	£22.00
Band Room	£18.00
Winning Post – Front Room	£18.00
Weddings etc. (12 hours)	£90.00

C) CLUB MEETINGS, DISCUSSION GROUPS, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS NOT RUN AS A BUSINESS

	WEEKDAYS	WEEKENDS
Assembly Rooms	£15.00	£25.00
Community Centre	£15.00	£25.00
Winning Post – Main Hall	£15.00	£25.00
Band Room	£12.00	£18.00
Winning Post – Front Room	£12.00	£18.00

D) OTHER BOOKINGS

i) Stage at Moorends Community Centre (extra per booking)

Stage only £27.00
 Stage plus lights £36.00

ii) Offices at Winning Post

1 hour minimum charge £6.00 per hour

698. FUNDED PROJECTS

Consideration was given to proposals for Council to place orders for the following items, costs to be fully reimbursed by DMBC Neighbourhood Management allocation.

- i) Multi-use games facility at Moorends Welfare Ground.

- ii) Improvements to the Winning Post Centre by Doncaster East PCT.
- iii) Provision of a Community Police Vehicle.

RESOLVED: That since the above proposals are on the Councils property and/or will become the property of the Council, there being no nett expenditure, the funding be approved (i,ii) MPA, Section 19, (iii) LGA 1977, Section 31).

699. PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Consideration was given to the agreement under Section 94 of the Highways Act 1980 whereby Doncaster MBC adopts the canal footbridge.

RESOLVED: That the agreement be signed by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

700. LAND NEAR THORNE LOCK

Consideration was given to a request from a local resident to rent/buy a piece of land owned by the Council.

RESOLVED: That the Council did not wish to sell the land which may be used for the development of Buntings Wood in the future but they would be prepared to rent it at a rate £5 per week on the following basis:

- Renewable annually by mutual consent. Rent payable every 6 months in advance.
- Person to be responsible for all fencing, draining, land improvements removal of muck etc.
- Person may construct a shelter or similar only with the permission of the Council and in compliance with planning laws.
- Person to arrange for the insurance to cover any damage or injury that might be caused by stock.

701. 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 and the press and public be asked to leave.

702. LAND PURCHASE

Consideration was given to purchasing the strip of land to the side of the Health Centre off Bridge Street, Thorne in order to secure the access to the Market Place site including the area to be returned by the Council.

RESOLVED: That the piece of land be purchased at the District Valuer's valuation on a "back to back" procedure with the sale of the Market Place site (LGA 1972, Section 124)

End of meeting