

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 13th APRIL 2009 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. A. Brookes (Chair)

Cllrs. D.Barton, P.Best, B.M.Chowings, C.Dallas, P.Richardson, J.Walker, R.Walker, A.Want and C.Williams.

1624. APOLOGIES

Apologies were declared as follows:

Cllr. M. Williams – Personal

Cllr. G. Garth – Work commitment (via Cllr. Dallas)

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted.

1625. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following interests were declared:

Cllr. J. Walker - personal interest in the planning item.

Cllr. R. Walker - personal interest in the Capitol Park presentation and in the planning item as a member of DMBC.

Cllr. P. Best - prejudicial interest in the planning item – could not vote on this item.

RESOLVED: That the declarations be accepted.

1626. ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor granted Cllr. Best leave to announce that the bi-annual football match with the Ghurkha regiment would take place on Saturday 5th June 2010, kicking off at 12 noon. The Mayor confirmed that he had already authorised free use of the ground.

1927. PRESENTATION RE: CAPITOL PARK

Representatives of Henry Boot Developments addressed the Council regarding their plans for the development of the former Dixons site on Capitol Park which included a major business to occupy the main building as their administration HQ. They were also considering small to medium sized industrial units, a hotel and leisure/retail.

RESOLVED: That Councillors welcomed the potential development proposal; particularly the jobs to be created and community links, and wished to be kept informed of progress on the project.

1628. MINUTES

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th January 2010, pages 3867 - 3869.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1629. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Consideration was given to the following reports:

1629.1 Planning, Environmental, Amenities and Leisure - 9th February 2010.
Pages 3870 to 3872.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1629.2 Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing – 9th March 2010.
Pages 3873 to 3874.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1630. PLANNING

i) 10/00574/WCC

Continued use of wind turbines without compliance with Condition 24 of application 04/0314/P (turbines shall not be used for power generation at wind speeds below 4m/s at a height of 10 metres) at Tween Bridge Wind Farm, Access Off Church Balk, Thorne for Mr A Gauntt.

RESOLVED: Object on the basis that no new evidence had been submitted and the inspector had carefully considered this item before making the condition.

It was also noted that an application had been received in respect of the discharge of all planning conditions.

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred to the next Council meeting.

1631. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to the Statement of Accounts Payable to 31st March 2010, Vouchers 330 to 377.

RESOLVED: That the Accounts Payable be approved.

1632. YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS

The following Councillors were nominated for the South Yorkshire Branch of the above organisation:

RESOLVED: That the following nominations be submitted:

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| i) Branch Chairman | Cllr. M. Williams |
| ii) Branch Vice-Chairman | Cllr. C. Williams |
| iii) Representative on JEC | Cllr. P. Best |

1633. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented the financial report for months 9 to 11 which showed that income from the Cemetery and Market continued to be below budget. On the expenditure side costs for the sports grounds were above budget, largely as a result of energy costs for the buildings and the allocation of staff costs, and from the Delves/Canal due to a pollution incident not covered by insurance. It was hoped that given the stringent spending controls that had been put in place, the deficit would be met from Contingency reserves.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1634. STANDING ORDER 58

Consideration was given to excluding the press and public from the meeting in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

RESOLVED: That Standing Order 58 be implemented and the press and public be asked to leave.

1635. STAFFING AND FINANCE WORKING GROUP

Consideration was given to the following confidential documents:

- i) Record of a meeting held at 10.30am on 15th March 2010.
- ii) Email dated 16th March 2010.
- iii) Working Group meeting held on 22nd March 2010.
- iv) Working Group meeting held on 12th April 2010.

RESOLVED: That based on legal advice, the mutually agreed termination should be proceeded with.

End of meeting.