

REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE POLICY, DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE & STAFFING COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 22ND JUNE 2004 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. R. Walker (Chair)

Cllrs. P.Best, A.Brookes, J.Cresswell, F.Dallas, V.Fellowes, M.Holt-Taylor, R.Lees, J.Martland, M.Oldknow C.Williams, M.Williams and N.Walsh.

483. APOLOGIES

There were apologies from:

Cllr. P. Richardson - Personal

Cllr. D.Martin – Work commitments

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

484. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

485. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20th April 2004.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

486. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to the Statement of Accounts Payable to 30th June 2004, Vouchers 73 to 108.

RESOLVED: That the accounts payable be approved, the item for waste disposal under Voucher 100 having been deleted pending checking.

487. INTERNAL AUDITOR

Consideration was given to the appointment of the internal auditor for 2004-05, two possible firms being considered: Slessor & Co. and RBS.

Resolved: That in the interests of best value Slessor and Co. be appointed for the ensuing year.

484. ALLOWANCES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS

Consideration was given to a letter dated 2nd June from Doncaster MBC inviting proposals in respect of allowances for Parish Councillors.

RESOLVED: That the Council did not wish to institute any allowances for Councillors.

485. CASSONS ROAD, THORNE

Consideration was given to the planning this item under Standing Order 58 due to the fact that financial matters might be discussed.

RESOLVED: That this item be considered under Standing Order 58.

486. MOORENDS WELFARE GROUND

Consideration was given to a request made through the Sports Development Officer to grant limited security of tenure to the users of the BMX and Horseriding areas at the proposed Moorends Welfare Ground to enable them to apply for funding.

RESOLVED: That a similar offer be made to these groups as that given to the Moorends Hornets Football Club on 24th March 2004, to include a request for insurance.

487. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council considered the financial report to the end of the financial year 31st March 2004 and for Month 1 of the current financial year. It was noted that in accordance with best practice the actual account sheets would be considered by the Council for 2004-05.

RESOLVED: That the year end summary report and the Summary Income and Expenditure Sheets for month 1 be approved.

488. STANDING ORDER 58

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

RESOLVED: That the press and public be asked to leave in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

489. SECURITY

The Council reviewed the current security arrangements in the light of best value. This included reports from the Community Safety Wardens and the Council's Security Contractor. It was noted that good communications with the Police were important to ensure effective security work.

RESOLVED: That the current arrangements should continue for the time being, but kept under regular review to ensure best value.

Also that the Community Safety Wardens would be invited to speak to the Council on a regular basis every two months. This would be in open Council.

490. CASSONS ROAD, THORNE

490.1 It was noted that a Section 106 offer towards a Community development had been received from the developers of Helios Park via Doncaster MBC and a draft letter seeking advice from NALC was discussed and approved.

RESOLVED: That as a non-routine transaction advice be sought from NALC.

490.2 An approach had been made from a property owner to see if the Council was interested in purchasing a derelict building to be restored in connection with 490.1 above.

RESOLVED: That the Council agree in principle to purchase, subject to satisfactory checking into legal, condition, planning and other issues and to agreeing a suitable price.

End of meeting