

REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE POLICY, DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE AND STAFFING COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2012 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. M.Houlbrook (Chair)

Cllrs. K Abell, J Blackham, A Brookes, G Derx, R S Durant, S J Durant, A Farrand.

There was five members of the public present.

1902. APOLOGIES

Apologies were declared as follows:

Cllr. B M Chowings – Illness

Cllr. K. Redmile – Illness

Cllr. M. Williams – Work commitment

1903. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

1904. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing Committee meeting held on Tuesday 11th October 2011.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1905. FULL COUNCIL MEETING

The Chair requested that the next Full Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 17th January 2012 be re-scheduled to Wednesday 18th January 2012 due to prior commitments of a number of Councillors present. A vote was taken and all were in agreement to this amendment.

RESOLVED: That the next Full Council Meeting be held on Wednesday 18th January 2012.

1906. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

It was agreed to discuss item 13 - Primary Schools PE at this point as the PE Co-ordinator for Thorne and Moorends Primary Schools, Kate Gardner, was present and wished to address the Council.

Ms. Gardner answered Councillor's questions by explaining that DMBC will not offer to fund the football coaching in Thorne because if they did so then it would have to be offered to all DMBC primary schools and that the contribution received from Thorne-Moorends Town Council, which is offered to all girls and boys in years 5 & 6, enables

training for the five primary schools in this ward. With regards to coaching, this is provided by the community side of Doncaster Rovers FC who do not receive funding from DMBC and therefore charge £20 per hour for the coaching. Ms. Gardner informed the Council that the charge for hiring the sports hall is £26 per hour with no subsidy being offered by DMBC.

Ms. Gardner was asked why Trinity Academy's sports hall wasn't used for this training, and whether sixth formers could assist with training. Ms Gardner said that she would make enquiries at the Academy.

Councillors also asked how many children attended the sessions and was advised that they usually have 40 children at the beginning which tails off to about 30. She explained that a record and register of children attending is kept and that a good selection from all the schools attend.

RESOLVED: That Ms. Gardner be asked to provide the Council with further information regarding the use of Trinity Academy's Sports Hall and the matter would be further discussed at the next Council meeting.

1907. QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Chairman of the Festival Committee, Peter Best, addressed the Council on the Committee's proposals for celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. He said that it was proposed that the event be held on Monday 4th June 2012 in Thorne Memorial Park between the hours on 10.00am and 4.00pm and would be centred around the Bandstand where entertainments such as a Brass Bands, singers could perform. Refreshments would be available from the Park Cafe.

Various ideas were suggested by Councillors who agreed that they supported the event in principal. It was proposed that a meeting be arranged with various interested parties to progress the event.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange a meeting be arranged between interested parties.

1908. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

i) 11/03285/OUT

Outline planning application for the erection of residential development on approx. 0.62 ha of land for Thorne Coronation Club, King Edward Road, Thorne for Mr P. Hollins.

RESOLVED: That an objection be raised on the grounds of over development.

ii) 11/03483/FULFT

Erection of pitched roof single storey extension to front of semi-detached house (being resubmission of 11/028811/FULFT refused on 21.11.11) at 96 Lime Tree Grove, Thorne for Mr M. Dudley.

RESOLVED: No observations.

iii) 11/03414/OUT

Outline application for the erection of one dwelling on approx. 0.03ha of land (approval being sought for access) on Land adjacent Lock House, Union Road, Thorne for British Waterways.

RESOLVED: No observations.

1909. BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2012-13

The Town Clerk gave a verbal report on his proposals for the precept for 2012-2013.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the proposed budget for 2012-2013 and a precept of £365,746 for 2012-2013 be approved.**
- ii) That the Clerk is authorised to vire between budget heads, providing that the virement is no more than 10% of the approved budget allocation.**

1910. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to the Accounts Payable to 31st January 2012, Vouchers 237 to 265.

Councillors asked about the Council's position on the condition surveys for the Council properties. The Clerk said they were nearing completion and that the findings would be brought to the Council.

A question was asked about the contract services for all boilers in Council properties. The Clerk reported that we had certificates for all boilers and that the only potential problem is the boiler at Moorends Community Centre but was safe when tested.

RESOLVED: That the accounts payable be approved.

1911. FINANCIAL REPORT

Consideration was given to the financial report for month 8 of the current financial year.

The Clerk reported that he had met with a representative from the National Westminster Bank.

RESOLVED: That the financial report be accepted.

1912. MOORENDS WELFARE GROUND – RUGBY PITCH FENCE

The Clerk reported that Moorends Marauders had provided a quotation for the erection of a fence around the rugby pitch which gave a total cost of £13617.50 plus VAT, (on the basis of this quotation a 50% contribution from the Council would be £6808.75). and that they were currently seeking additional quotations to ensure best value.

RESOLVED: That a contribution of 50% of the cost up to £6808.75 be made towards the Moorends Welfare Rugby Fence, subject to the receipt of additional quotations.

1913. NEIGHBOURHOOD CHARTER CONSULTATION

The Clerk reported on consultation which had been received from Doncaster MBC.

Councillors thought that to assist the public it should be made clearer who the contacts are.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk submit a response to DMBC based on the comments made.

1914. DONCASTER ELEEMOSYNARY CHARITIES

The Clerk reported that there was a small residual amount remaining in the above account and that the terms of the Trust are that 2 trustees should be appointed by the Parish Council of Thorne to distribute the funds prior to closing it.

Nominations were invited and Cllrs. A.Farrand and R.Durants were proposed.

RESOLVED: That Cllrs. A. Farrand and R.Durant be appointed to the Doncaster Eleemosynary Charity and that the balance of funds be distributed and the account wound up.

1915. 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 Standing Order 58 be invoked and that press and public be asked to leave.

1916. LAND ADJACENT TO ASSEMBLY ROOMS, FIELD SIDE, THORNE

The Clerk reported that he had been in discussion with the owner of the former Cinema, currently being redeveloped as a 4 bedroom house, with regard to the sale of 2 small plots of Council owned land situated on Fieldside (26m² between the Assembly Rooms and the Cinema building) and on Queen Street (22m² between the parking area fronting the Council's garage and the cinema). The cinema owner has reported that he would use these plots as amenity space associated with the dwelling if he acquired them. He proposes to demolish the wall adjacent to the Fieldside site, and construct a new wall.

The Clerk reported that the plots had been valued by the District Valuer at a total cost of £4075 and that the cinema had been advised of these valuations and has responded with an offer approximately 50% less than the District Valuer's Valuation but says that he would pay all legal, demolition and building costs.

The Clerk reported that he was in further discussions with the District Valuer.

RESOLVED: That the disposal of the 2 plots at Fieldside and Queen Street be agreed in principle on the basis of the submission received, and the Clerk hold further discussions with the District Valuer to ensure that the best value is being achieved.

1917. STAFFING ISSUES

It was reported that the Clerk had successfully completed his 6 month probation period and had requested that the Council authorise his application to join the South Yorkshire Pension Scheme.

Cllr. Houlbrook confirmed that a review of the Clerk's position had been carried out by Cllrs. J.Blackham, S.Durant .

End of meeting