

REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE POLICY, DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE & STAFFING COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER 2009 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. C.Williams (Chair)

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

1548. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from:

Cllr. P.Best – Personal

Cllr. C. Taylor-Hatem – Personal

Cllr. J. Walker – Personal

RESOLVED: That all the apologies be accepted.

1549. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs. C.Williams, M.Williams and R.Walker declared a personal interest in the Joint Charter as members of DMBC.

RESOLVED: That the declarations be noted.

1550. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing Committee meeting held on Tuesday 14th July 2009.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1551. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to the Statement of Accounts Payable to 30th September 2009, Vouchers 145 to 168.

RESOLVED: That the accounts payable be approved.

1552. FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Consideration was given to the arrangements for 5th November. A quotation had been received of £3500 for a large display set to music. Regarding the location it was noted that the event had been held successfully at the Moorends Welfare Ground the previous year and that an equivalent location in Thorne large enough for the display with good access would be Wyke Gate Road Recreation Ground. Community Radio would also be able provide the entertainment as before and small children's rides and a food van could be provided. The Scouts had asked to make a

collection, however Councillors did not want this as it would be unfair to other youth organisations.

RESOLVED:

- i) To place an order with Fuse Fireworks.
- ii) To locate the event at Wyke Gate Road with a view to alternating with the Welfare Ground in the future if the event was successful.
- iii) To book Community Radio and make a donation of £50.
- iv) To organise an operator to provide small rides and a food van – Council would receive a fee for this.

1553. MOORENDS WELFARE GROUND – COMMEMORATIVE PIT WHEEL PROJECT

Councillors heard a progress report:

- Half pit wheel to be provided by UK Coal at a nominal cost.
- Planning permission applied for.
- Discussions were being held with a contractor with appropriate specialist expertise.

RESOLVED: That a budget of £5000 be allocated with a view to completing the project by the end of 2009.

1554. JOINT CHARTER

Consideration was given to the Joint Charter between Parish Councils and Doncaster MBC which gave the opportunity for certain Functions to be delegated by DMBC to Parish Councils if they wished it.

RESOLVED: That the Charter be noted.

1555. VENDING REQUEST – THORNE PARK

Consideration was given to a letter for a specialist coffee van operator who wished to attend some events in Thorne Park. It was noted that the biggest events, the Summer Festival was organised by an independent committee that also organised the Yuletide Fayre.

RESOLVED: That the operator be provided with details of the organisers of the Summer Festival/Yuletide Fayre and that he also be made aware of the opportunity to stand on Thorne Market Place. Councillors did not wish to grant concessions in the park at other times.

1556. STANDING ORDER 58

Consideration was given to adding the following clauses to the Council's Standing Orders:

1556.1 CONTRACTS. All contracts shall be authorised by resolution of the Council or Committee and signed by two members and countersigned by the Clerk.

1556.2 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS. If a member fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his last attendance to attend any meeting of the Council he shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the Council before the expiry of that period, cease to be a member of the Council. (Local Government Act, 1972, 84A). To apply from the date of this meeting.

RESOLVED: That these additional clauses be added.

End of meeting.