

REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE POLICY, DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE AND STAFFING COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2011 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. J.Blackham (Chair)

Cllrs. K Abell, A Brookes, B M Chowings, G Derx, R S Durant, S J Durant, A Farrand, M Houlbrook, K Redmile, R Walker, M Williams and A J Wilson.

There was one member of the public present.

1856. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies were received.

1857. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors K.Redmile and M.Chowings declared a **prejudicial** interest in agenda item 14, Thorne Park Cafe and agreed to leave the room whilst this item was discussed.

RESOLVED: That the declarations be accepted and that Cllrs. Chowings and Redmile would leave the room for agenda item 14.

1858. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing Committee meeting held on Tuesday 17th July 2011.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1859. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

None were raised.

1860. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to the Accounts Payable to 31st October 2011, Vouchers 155 to 177.

Clarification was sought on:

Vchr. 156 regarding a clutch and repairs to the van, the Clerk was asked to investigate.

Vchr. 158 regarding grass cutting on the Toll Bar ground, Cllr. Chowings advised that he had spoken to representatives of the team currently using the ground who had indicated that they were willing to tend to it themselves in future but asked if the Council would re-site the container. It was debated whether the club should be permitted free use or a reduction in charges for looking after the ground themselves. Concern was raised at this suggestion as Thorne Colliery F.C currently look after the pitch they use and pay full-price. The Town Clerk was asked to obtain a price for

moving the container and the costs involve should the club be allowed free/reduced rent for use of the Toll Bar ground.

RESOLVED: That the accounts payable be approved.

1861. FINANCIAL REPORT

Consideration was given to the financial report for month 5 of the current financial year.

The Clerk advised that he would produce a more comprehensive report for the next meeting giving an indication of the financial position at the 6 month stage.

RESOLVED: That the financial report be accepted.

1862. COUNCIL HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY – THORNE AND MOORENDS

The Clerk reported on a meeting he had with a representative of St. Leger Homes who had said that they were aware of the problems currently experienced and that a representative would be willing to speak to the Council at the next meeting.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and a representative from St. Leger Homes be invited to attend the next Council meeting.

1863. REVIEW ON PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES

Correspondence received from the Boundary Commission was discussed. Councillors were of the opinion that the wards of Thorne and Moorends should be re-united and asked the Clerk to write to the Boundary Commission to express the Council's opinion.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Boundary Commission.

1864. BUILDING CONDITION SURVEY

The Clerk reported that a Building Surveyor had been commissioned to carry out a condition survey of all Council owned buildings. He explained that the survey would enable the Council to develop a planned maintenance programme for the future and to help assess whether the assets are being used effectively. He informed the Council that it is intended that this work will be substantially completed by the next Council meeting and an initial report be made on its assessments.

The Clerk reported that essential roofing repair work had commenced at both the Winning Post and Assembly Rooms. Cllr. Williams asked how much the survey and repairs were costing the Council. The Clerk said that he didn't have the exact figures to hand but they were available in his office.

RESOLVED: That the report be accepted.

1865. MOORENDS WELFARE GROUND

At the Planning, Environmental, Amenities and Leisure Committee meeting held on 13th September it was agreed to establish a sub-group of upto 5 members to develop proposals for Moorends Welfare Ground. Councillors were asked to indicate whether they wished to be part of this group. Expressions of interest were received from Cllrs. M.Houlbrook, S.Durant, R.Durant, A.Farrand and G.Derx.

RESOLVED: That the sub-group consist of Cllrs. M.Houlbrook, S.Durant, R.Durant, A.Farrand and G.Derx. It was further agreed that the sub-group should hold their first meeting as soon as possible.

1866. ANNUAL AUDIT 2010-11

The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit had been completed and that the information in the return was in accordance with proper practices, and no matter gave cause for concern that the relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met.

Cllr. M.Williams requested that it be minuted that this Audit covered the period when the Council was in the leadership of the Community Group.

RESOLVED: That the Council approve and accept the Annual Return for 2010-11.

1867. POLICY 13

Council discussed the letter received from the Mayor of Doncaster, Peter Davies and requested that the Clerk write again to Doncaster MBC to ascertain how far along Thorne and Moorends are with regards to the settlement of travellers.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted and that the Clerk be asked write to Doncaster MBC to determine the information requested by Councillors with regard to the settlement of travellers.

1868. 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.

1868. EMPLOYEE NUMBER C013

Consideration was given to the remuneration of employee C013 in view of additional responsibilities and proposed training.

A vote was recorded on the recommendation that employee be regraded to pt 21 from 1st November 2011. The result was 5 in favour and 5 against the motion.

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A further vote on the motion that the employee be regraded to pt. 20 was taken with a majority of 7 in favour and 6 against.

RESOLVED:

End of meeting