

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE COULMAN PAVILION, COULMAN ROAD on 8TH June 2021 at 7pm.

Present: Cllr. Craig Ellis (Chair), Cllr. Susan Durant, Cllr. Shane Sweeting, Cllr. Keith Fox, Cllr. Ron Powell, Cllr. Nicola Etherington (arrived at 7.05pm), Cllr. Allan Cuttell (arrived at 7.20pm and left after agenda item 15).

Also present: Matthew Gleadell (Clerk), 1 member of the press

3673 APOLOGIES

Apologies noted from Cllrs Carol Blackham, Joe Blackham, Janet Phillips, Gwyn Ap Harri

RESOLVED to accept the apologies.

3674. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Susan Durant declared that she is Chair of Planning at Doncaster Council.

3675. MINUTES

RESOLVED to accept as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2021 save for an amendment to state that apologies were noted but not accepted.

3676. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

There were no matters raised by the members of the public present.

3677. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk gave members a detailed overview of the following financial reports. The Clerk made additional effort to advise Councillors to help the new Councillors get a better understanding of how it all works.

1. Balance Sheet
2. Monthly Payment Schedule
3. Budget Report
4. Bank Reconciliation

A number of questions were raised by Councillors regarding the monthly payment schedule.

3678. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered application number 21/01199/LBC which was the only application for consideration.

RESOLVED to respond to the application as follows:

Thorne Moorends Town Council is opposed to the application to reduce the height of the boundary wall at Thorne Hall under application number 21/01199/LBC. The Council considers the wall to represent an important part of the town's built heritage and should be preserved. National Planning Policy Framework encourages the preservation of the historic environment (chapter 16) and where as in this case there are reasonable means of preserving the wall the loss of part of it should not be permitted.

3679. POLICY REVIEW

Members considered Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. The Clerk gave members an overview of their content and reminded members of changes made last time the policy was reviewed in 2020.

RESOLVED to re-adopt Standing Orders and Financial Regulations without amendment.

3680. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN ('AGAR')

The Clerk gave members a detailed explanation of the contents of the AGAR return and its context within the Councils audit processes. Noted that the financial statements are based on the end of year accounts approved by the Council at its annual meeting. Members acknowledged receipt of the auditors guide to the Limited Assurance Regime which the Clerk had sent to members prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED to complete the AGAR Governance Statement and Accounting Statement in accordance with the Clerks recommendations and set the date for exercise of public rights in line with the Clerks recommendations.

3681. STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS

The Mayor outlined his ambition to undertake a review of the Councils buildings, assets and user groups.

RESOLVED that the task of undertaking a review be undertaken by the future planning working group.

3682. VANDALISM AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Members discussed and reviewed recent incidents of vandalism across council sites. Members discussed ideas and options for helping to tackle the problem but equally recognised that stopping it completely would be an impossible task.

RESOLVED to:

1. Clerk to continue his discussions with DMBC regarding enhanced CCTV.
2. Clerk to make contact with Trinity Academy to see where they may be able to assist with regards their involvement with students and local youths.
3. Installation of additional CCTV signs around all sites.
4. Ensure CCTV cameras in situ are all pointing in direction of problem areas.

3683. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude press and public due to the confidential nature of the remaining agenda items.

3684. FIRE ALARMS

Members considered quotes received for upgraded fire alarms at the Assembly Rooms and Moorends Community Centre.

RESOLVED to appoint OHEAP Fire & Security to undertake fire alarm upgrades at Assembly Rooms and Moorends Community Centre.

3685. DEVELOPMENT APPRAISAL OF LAND AND BUILDINGS ON BROWNS LANE

Members considered the quotes received for carrying out a development appraisal of land and buildings at Browns Lane Thorne.

RESOLVED that the matter should be placed on hold due to other priorities.

3686. DEBT RECOVERY

Members considered the Clerks report and noted the position in relation to outstanding rent owed by a previous Council tenant. It was noted that the tenant was a limited company who have been struck off the register.

RESOLVED to write off the debt due to the extremely unlikely prospects of recovering the debt and disproportionate cost of pursuing it.

3687. WINNING POST OFFICES

Members noted an enquiry for renting office space at the Winning Post.

RESOLVED not to make offices available for let at the moment to allow for a wider review of Council assets and on the basis that the premises are primarily for community use and not private business.

3688. WEBSITE

Members reviewed the additional quotes for a new website obtained by the Clerk.

Members stated that they would welcome companies giving a presentation of their proposals at a meeting.

RESOLVED to invite companies to give a presentation of their website proposals at a future meeting.

3689. LEASE OF FOOTBALL GROUND AT MOORENDS RECREATION GROUND

The Mayor expressed concern at the time the work is taking. The Clerk suggested that the concern may not be the Lease as the club is already in occupation and can pursue its activity but the consent for the club to undertake various works. The Clerk suggested that the consent could theoretically be done independently of the Lease and that the solicitors involved may be able to expedite that part of the work.

RESOLVED that the Clerk contact the solicitors and ask that the consent for works be expedited independently of the Lease if possible.

End of meeting.