

MINUTES of the MEETING of the  
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
held at Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote  
on 30th September 2010  
at 6.00 p.m.

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

Councillor Atkin (Chairman), Councillor Stanton (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Bale, Bladen, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Coyle, Ford, Grant, Harrison, Hewlett, Mrs. Hood, Jones, Lemmon, Murray, Mrs. Patten, Mrs. Plenderleith, Roberts, Timms, Watson, Mrs. Wheeler M.P., and Wheeler.

**Labour Group**

Councillors Bambrick, Dunn, Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Lane, Lane, Mrs. Mead, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd, Southerd, Taylor and Tilley.

**Independent / Non-Grouped Member**

Councillor Pabla.

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Mrs. Farrington (Conservative Group) and Wilkins (Labour Group).

CL/44. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8th July 2010 (Minutes Nos. CL/24 – CL/41) were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

CL/45. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Harrison, Jones and Murray declared a prejudicial interest in respect of the item on the Derbyshire County Council (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2010, due to their roles as Members of Derbyshire County Council. Councillor Ford declared a personal interest in respect of the same item as a Member of the County Council.

CL/46. **SPORTS PRESENTATIONS**

Presentations were made to a number of individuals to recognise their sporting achievements. The Chairman presented the awards of Community Coach to Natalie James, an award for Contribution to School Sports to Michelle Coates and an award for Service to Sport to Paul Lane.

**CL/47. PRESENTATIONS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

The Chairman made presentations on behalf of the South Derbyshire Partnership and the Council to representatives of voluntary groups. This was to recognise their contribution to life in South Derbyshire. Certificates were presented to the Scropton Riding Centre, Gresley Luncheon Club, the Asian Ladies' Group, Melbourne Community Centre, South Derbyshire Mental Health Association and the Burton Hospital League of Friends.

**CL/48. DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2010**

Note: At 6.15 p.m., Councillors Harrison, Jones and Murray left the Meeting.

It was reported that the County Council's Cabinet had considered a review of charges at countryside car parks. One of the recommendations approved was for consultation and other procedures for the making of off street parking places orders, to enable the enforcement of car parking charges and the management of car parks more effectively. This Council had been consulted as part of the process and details of the proposed order were submitted. It was noted that car parks at Elvaston and Willington were included within the proposed Order.

Note: At 6.20 p.m. the fire alarm sounded and the Meeting was adjourned. At 6.35 p.m., the Meeting reconvened.

Members voiced strong concerns at the proposed car parking charges in Willington, stating the potential impact for the nearby Willington train station, the problems that would result from on-street parking and potential anti-social behaviour if the car park was underused. The District Council had a policy of not charging for its car parks. Conflicting views were submitted about the proposals to charge for parking at Elvaston Castle. A suggested response to the consultation document was read to the Meeting.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That Council approves the proposed response to Derbyshire County Council, objecting strongly to the introduction of charges at the car park serving Willington Railway Station.***

Note: At 6.40 p.m. Councillors Harrison, Jones and Murray rejoined the Meeting.

**CL/49. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman had circulated extracts from his diary, giving details of recent events attended. He added that the Safer Neighbourhood Wardens had been recognised at the highest level for their work to combat fly tipping. He also highlighted a number of recent engagements.

CL/50. **LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Leader referred to recent achievements in improving the broadband service to South Derbyshire. He congratulated Councillor Mrs. Plenderleith, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Officers involved. Funding applications had been submitted to seek improvements to infrastructure for broadband services in the Overseal and Etwall areas. Subsequently, British Telecom had announced a planned infrastructure upgrade of the Etwall exchange, which would improve broadband services to Etwall, Hilton and the North-Western parishes. The Leader also congratulated Councillor Mrs. Farrington who had received a Beacon Award for her charity and voluntary work. Rosliston had received a gold award in the Village in Bloom competition and he thanked all those that had supported their endeavours. The Leader referred to the previous Council Meeting and the nomination of a Health and Safety Champion. It was intended to nominate Councillor Watson to this role and this would be undertaken formally at the next Council Meeting.

CL/51. **HEAD OF PAID SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chief Executive reported that Karen Blount was leaving the Toyota Motor Corporation to start a business abroad. He would write thanking Karen for her service to the South Derbyshire Partnership on behalf of both Members and Officers of the District Council.

CL/52. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****RESOLVED:-**

***That the Open reports of the following Committees be received and noted and any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted, subject to any matters annotated:-***

***Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee, 5th July 2010 (Minute No. LAS/5)***

***Planning Committee, 27th July 2010 (Minutes Nos. PL/13 - PL/16)***

***Planning Committee, 29th July 2010 (Minutes Nos. PL/17 - PL/28)***

***Planning Committee, 24th August 2010 (Minutes Nos. PL/29 - PL/40)***

***Environmental and Development Services Committee, 26th August 2010 (Minutes Nos. EDS/13 - EDS/17)***

***(Minute No. EDS/17(2) - A question was submitted about the future funding opportunities for progressing developments in Swadlincote Town Centre, following the demise of EMDA. A response was provided on the likely timescale involved and it was understood that the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Partnership could provide a source for such future funding. A related question concerned Council involvement and representation in the successor organisation. The Leader offered to keep Members informed as the position became clearer.***

*Questions were submitted about the completion of the town centre improvements and the need for maintenance budgets for the removal of e.g. chewing gum and tyre marks on the new pavings. It was noted that the works were due to be substantially complete before the switch-on of the Christmas Lights. The benefit of the market being placed further down the High Street was also reported.)*

*Housing and Community Services Committee, 2nd September 2010 (Minutes Nos. HCS/17 – HCS/22)  
(Minute No. HCS/19 – Further explanation was sought about the Designated Public Place Order for Eureka Park, Swadlincote, in order that Members could inform the public.)*

*Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee, 9th September 2010 (Minute No. LAS/6)*

*Finance and Management Committee, 9th September 2010 (Minutes Nos. FM/24 - FM/34)  
(Minute No. FM/27 - A response was sought to the question submitted at this Committee about the use of growth point monies for a feasibility study related to the Swarkestone Causeway. It was agreed that a response would be circulated to all Members of the Finance and Management Committee.)*

*Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 15th September 2010 (Minutes Nos. OS/9 – OS/13)*

*Planning Committee, 21st September 2010 (Minutes Nos. PL/42 – PL/54)*

*Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee, 24th September 2010 (Minute No. LAS/9)*

**Area Forums**

*Newhall, 13th July 2010 (Minutes Nos. NA/1 – NA/9)*

*Linton, 14th July 2010 (Minutes Nos. LA/1 – LA/9)*

*Swadlincote, 15th July 2010 (Minutes Nos. SA/1 – SA/8)*

*Repton, 20th July (Minutes Nos. RA/1 – RA/9)*

*Melbourne, 21st July 2010 (Minutes Nos. MA/1 - MA/9)*

*Etwall, 22nd July 2010 (Minutes Nos. EA/1 – EA/8)*

CL/53. **SEALING OF DOCUMENTS**

**RESOLVED:-**

*That the sealed documents listed at Annexe ‘SMB1’ to the Signed Minute Book, which have no specific authority, be duly authorised.*

CL/54. **COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PANELS**

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That Councillor Roberts replaces Councillor Stanton as a Member of the Environmental and Development Services Committee.***
- (2) That Councillor Stanton replaces Councillor Roberts as a Member of the Finance and Management Committee.***
- (3) That Councillors Harrison and Wheeler be appointed to the Corporate Services Strategic Partnership Forum.***

CL/55. **COMPOSITION OF SUBSTITUTE PANELS**

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That Councillor Stanton replaces Councillor Roberts as a substitute Member for the Environmental and Development Services Committee.***
- (2) That Councillor Roberts replaces Councillor Stanton as a substitute Member for the Finance and Management Committee.***

CL/56. **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

**RESOLVED:-**

***That Councillor Murray replaces Councillor Mrs. Farrington as a Council representative on the Community Arts Project (“People Express”) Management Committee.***

CL/57. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)**

**RESOLVED:-**

***That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as indicated in the reports of Committees.***

**MINUTES**

***The Exempt Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8th July 2010 were duly received and approved.***

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

***The Exempt reports of the following Committees were received and noted and any recommendations contained therein, approved and adopted:-***

***Planning Committee, 24th August 2010***

***Housing and Community Services Committee, 2nd September 2010***

***Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee, 9th September 2010***

***Finance and Management Committee, 9th September 2010***

***Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee, 24th September***

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CHAIRMAN