

MINUTES of the MEETING of the
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
held at the Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote
on Thursday 30th June 2016
at 6.00pm

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Murray (Chairman), Councillor Stanton (Vice Chairman), Councillors Atkin, Billings, Mrs Coe, Coe, Mrs Coyle, Mrs Farrington, Ford, Grant, Mrs Hall, Harrison, Hewlett, MacPherson, Muller, Mrs Patten, Mrs Plenderleith, Roberts, Smith, Swann, Watson, Wheeler and Mrs Wyatt.

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick, Chahal, Dunn, Dr Pearson, Rhind, Shepherd, Southerd, Mrs Stuart and Taylor.

CL/36 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Richards, Tilley and Wilkins (Labour Group).

CL/37 **MINUTES OF ANNUAL COUNCIL**

The Open Minutes of the Annual Council held on 19th May 2016 (Minute Nos. CL/1-CL/23) were approved as a true record.

CL/38 **MINUTES OF CIVIC COUNCIL**

The Open Minutes of the Civic Council held on 26th May 2016 (Minute Nos. CC/1-CC/3) were approved as a true record.

CL/39 **MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL**

The Open Minutes of the Special Council held on 13th June 2016 (Minute Nos. CL/28-CL/35) were approved as a true record.

CL/40 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Atkin declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to Item 9 Community Governance Review, by virtue of his family owning farm land in the parished area of Barrow upon Trent, and informed Council that he would leave the Chamber whilst this item was discussed.

CL/41 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman of the Council outlined a summary of events attended since the last meeting, making particular reference to a recent visit to the Toyota factory,

attended by the Duke of Gloucester, and the debut of the Waste Less, Save More promotional vintage Peugeot van at that morning's Farmers' Market.

CL/42 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader referenced the successful Festival of Leisure and commended all involved.

The Leader also commented on the good relations between all sections of the local community, noting that there have not been any incidents of hate crime reported, unlike in other areas of the country. The Leader went on to condemn hate crime, whether based on ethnicity, religion, sexuality or anything else, committing both individuals and the Council to cracking down on it wherever it may occur and in working to maintain the good relations which are the only basis on which a civilised society works. All Members voiced their agreement.

CL/43 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

Council were informed that no questions had been received.

CL/44 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

Council were informed that no questions had been received.

CL/45 **SEALED DOCUMENTS**

04.04.16 11350 Transfer – 6 Weathernfield, Linton
15.04.16 11352 Transfer – 29 Salisbury Drive, Midway
14.06.16 11414 Transfer – 37 South Drive, Newhall

RESOLVED:

That the Sealed Documents listed, for which there is no specific authority, be duly authorised.

Councillor Atkin left the Chamber at 6.10pm.

CL/46 **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - BARROW UPON TRENT, TWYFORD & STENSON AND STENSON FIELDS: TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Monitoring Officer presented the report to Council.

Councillor Shepherd made reference to the growth in the areas concerned, as outlined in the Local Plan Part One, with opinion suggesting that the Community Governance Review process should proceed, a view echoed by Councillor Watson, who also noted that both Parish Council's concerned were fully in favour of the process being conducted.

RESOLVED:-

Members approved the Community Governance Review Terms of Reference, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the Report.

Councillor Atkin returned to the Chamber at 6.15pm.

CL/47 **OPEN MINUTES**

Council received and considered the open minutes of its Committees.

RESOLVED:-

That the open minutes of the following Committees were approved as a true record:-

<i>Planning</i>	<i>10.05.16</i>	<i>PL/213-PL/225</i>
<i>Environmental and Development Services</i>	<i>02.06.16</i>	<i>EDS/1-EDS/14</i>

Councillor Southerd drew attention to Minute No.EDS/8 *Service Plans 2016/17* and queried whether, given the workload, the assistance of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee should be called upon. Councillor Watson, as Chairman of the Committee, saw no reason to not accept any such offer, but determined to respond formally in due course.

<i>Housing and Community Services</i>	<i>09.06.16</i>	<i>HCS/1-HCS/15</i>
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Councillor Southerd made reference to Minute No.HCS/8 *Corporate Plan 2009-16: Performance Management Report* and again queried whether the Overview and Scrutiny Committee should offer its assistance in reviewing the issue of fly-tipping. Councillor Mrs Farrington, as Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, confirmed that the matter was already part of the Committee's work programme for 2016/17.

<i>Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee</i>	<i>15.06.16</i>	<i>LAS/1-LAS/4</i>
<i>Finance and Management</i>	<i>16.06.16</i>	<i>FM/1-FM/20</i>

Councillor Southerd remarked that Councillor Richards had highlighted the trips and falls figures quoted in the report at Minute No.FM/8 *Corporate Services Performance Monitoring Quarter 4 and Final Out-Turn 2015/16*, querying whether the Overview and Scrutiny Committee should look at this matter too. Councillor Harrison, as Chairman of the Committee, noted that whilst trips and falls figures had increased, primarily in relation to play-schemes, so had attendance. Although any number was a matter for concern, the Councillor undertook to discuss the matter further and make a formal response. Councillor Watson, as a Member on the Employee Health and Safety Committee, commented that the matter had been raised there and that at future meetings, an officer from the relevant department would be present to deal with such queries.

CL/48 **THE COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING PANELS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR**

The Leader confirmed the following changes in committee compositions:

- Environmental and Development Services Committee
Councillor Mrs Patten to replace Councillor MacPherson
- Housing and Community Services Committee
Councillor Swann to replace Councillor Ford
- Planning Committee
Councillor Mrs Coe to replace Councillor Mrs Farrington

CL/49 **COMPOSITION OF SUBSTITUTE PANELS**

The Leader confirmed the following changes in substitute panel compositions:

- Housing and Community Services Committee
Councillor Ford to replace Councillor Swann
- Planning Committee
Councillor Mrs Farrington to replace Councillor Mrs Coe
- Single Status Steering Group
Councillor Mrs Plenderleith to replace Councillor Muller

CL/50 **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Council were informed that no changes had been made to the composition of the substitute panels since its last meeting.

CL/51 **MEMBER CHAMPIONS**

The Leader informed Council that the Local Government Association had suggested that Local Authorities appoint an Armed Forces Covenant Champion. Given his interest in Armed Forces matters, including service charities, Councillor Atkin accepted this role.

Councillor Southerd queried whether this area could also have a Labour nominee that the Labour Group would consider the matter and report to Council.

CL/52 **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.

EXEMPT MINUTES OF ANNUAL COUNCIL

The Exempt Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 19th May 2016 (Minute Nos. CL/24-CL/27) were approved as a true record.

EXEMPT QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NUMBER 11

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

EXEMPT MINUTES

Council received and considered the Exempt Minutes of its committees.

RESOLVED:-

That the Exempt Minutes of the following Committees be approved as a true record:-

<i>Planning</i>	<i>10.05.16</i>	<i>PL/226-PL/227</i>
<i>Environmental and Development Services</i>	<i>02.06.16</i>	<i>EDS/15-EDS/16</i>
<i>Housing and Community Services</i>	<i>09.06.16</i>	<i>HCS/16-HCS/21</i>
<i>Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee</i>	<i>15.06.16</i>	<i>LAS/5-LAS/6</i>
<i>Finance and Management</i>	<i>16.06.16</i>	<i>FM/21-FM/25</i>

The meeting terminated at 6.30pm.

COUNCILLOR P MURRAY

CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL