

MINUTES of the MEETING of the
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
held at Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote
on 5th April 2012
at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Stanton (Chairman), Councillor Bale (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Atkin, Mrs. Brown, Ford, Mrs. Hall, Harrison, Hewlett, Mrs. Hood, Jones, Lemmon, Murray, Mrs. Patten, Roberts, Smith, Mrs. Watson, Watson and Wheeler.

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick, Bell, Chahal, Dunn, Frost, Mrs. Heath, Mrs. Mead, Mulgrew, Pearson, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd, Southerd, Stuart, Taylor and Wilkins.

CL/103. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Mrs. Plenderleith (Conservative Group) and Councillor Tilley (Labour Group).

CL/104. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 27th February 2012 (Minutes Nos. CL88 - CL/100) were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

(Minute No. CL/93 – A Member felt that this Minute was incorrect and that the matter in question would be submitted to the Housing and Community Services Committee. The Leader of the Council responded that he had sent information on this matter to all Members of the Council.)

(Minute No. CL/95 – There was criticism of the recent licensing training provided. It was confirmed that further in-house Member development was planned.)

CL/105. **PRESENTATION FROM THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP**

The Chairman welcomed Jo Smith to the Meeting. A presentation was provided by Councillor Wheeler and Jo Smith, who were Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the South Derbyshire Partnership (SDP) on the 2011/12 year end report.

Initially, Councillor Wheeler explained the structure of the SDP, the current five themed groups and the proposal to move to three groups in the future for Sustainable Development, Health and Wellbeing and Safer Communities. He spoke about the Partnership's sub-structure, highlighting the positive activities

delivered in partnership for young people, together with South Derbyshire Sport and the volunteering partnership. Sustainable Development was highlighted and examples were given of the range of events organised to assist the development and growth of the voluntary sector, together with a careers and job fayre and pre-employment training sessions. Other aspects were tree planting, green audits of business and an employment challenge. He then spoke about Safer Communities initiatives, highlighting a number of the projects.

Jo Smith referred to the Healthier Communities initiatives including Nordic Walking instruction, Get Active in the Forest participations and the next Healthier South Derbyshire event. She also highlighted projects under the vibrant communities theme, including the Village Games and a special edition of the “What’s On Guide” to promote Olympic events. Also referred to were the People’s Trust initiatives aimed at attracting young people and reducing anti-social behaviour. Details of the investment through core funding, the posts funded or seconded, grants and significant commitments made by partner organisations were reported. The presentation concluded with details of the planned work for 2012/13, including Olympic legacy work, the second South Derbyshire Day, refurbishment of the Swadlincote Skate Park and promotion of hub services.

A Member praised the Shout Out Group (Learning Disability Forum) referring to a recent event at Rosliston. There was discussion about future funding implications from the health sector when the Primary Care Trust was replaced. Further issues raised were the recent County consultation on service changes for children and young people and it was reported that the local churches were keen to become involved in certain of the Partnership’s projects, which in turn might enable access to additional funding streams. On behalf of all Members, the Chairman recorded thanks for the presentation.

CL/106. **CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members were advised of the deaths of Captain Rupert Bowers of the 2nd Battalion, The Mercian Regiment and the former Chairman of the Council, Roy Nutt. A minute’s silence was observed in their memory. The Chairman reminded of the annual golf competition and publicised a spring concert to be held on 18th May 2012 at Repton School. Proceeds from both events would be donated to his charity appeal. Finally, the Chairman referred to a Sport Relief event held at Swadlincote Woodlands.

CL/107. **LEADER’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Leader of the Council congratulated officers on the achievement of the RoSPA Occupational Health and Safety Gold Award. He referred to the recent “Shout Out” event by the South Derbyshire Learning Disability Forum and spoke about the activities delivered, recognising the work of volunteers. The Leader also praised Councillor Stuart on his charity fundraising activity and he congratulated Councillor Murray who had recently been recognised by the Scouts for service to the organisation. Finally, he informed Members that Councillors Bale and Lemmon would soon have completed 25 years service to the Authority.

CL/108. **HEAD OF PAID SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chief Executive confirmed that a further national brand had been sited on the Pipeworks development as Costa Coffee had taken up a vacant unit next to the Odeon Cinema.

CL/109. **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, 21st February 2012 (Minutes Nos. LA/16 – LA/17)

Planning Committee, 28th February 2012 (Minutes Nos. PL/122 – PL/128)

Environmental and Development Services Committee, 1st March 2012 (Minutes No. EDS/63 – EDS/70)

Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee, 8th March 2012 (Minutes Nos. LAS/19 – LAS/20)

(It was corrected that Councillor Rhind and not Councillor Southerd had been present at this Sub-Committee Meeting.)

Standards Sub-Committee (Consideration), 8th March 2012 (Minute No. SC/10)

Housing and Community Services Committee, 8th March 2012 (Minutes Nos. HCS/61 – HCS/68)

(Minute No. HCS/64 – Reference was made to a recent Government announcement and the potential impact on Council financing. The Chairman of the Committee publicised two planned seminars for all Members to be held at 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday 9th and Monday 28th May 2012. In response to a question about self-financing and the sale of Council property, further information was duly provided on the financial implications.)

Environmental and Development Services Committee (Special), 15th March 2012 (Minutes Nos. EDS/74 – EDS/77)

(It was corrected that Councillor Ford had been present at this Committee Meeting.)

(Minute No. EDS/76 – A Member was critical that the County Council had not consulted this Authority earlier in the process and asked that representations be made. The Chairman responded confirming that

representatives of the County Council had attended a Meeting immediately prior to this Special Committee Meeting.)

Finance and Management Committee, 15th March 2012 (Minutes Nos. FM/97 – FM/103)

(Minute No. FM/101 – clarification was sought and duly provided on the second paragraph of this Minute suggesting it be altered in the first line to read “during the beginning of 2012”.)

Planning Committee, 20th March 2012, (Minutes Nos. PL/131 – PL/140)

(Minute No. PL/138 – a question was submitted about the potential for a Tree Preservation Order to be overridden by a Forestry Commission Felling Licence and a response was duly provided. It was requested that this issue be covered in the Member Planning training due to be held in May.)

Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 21st March 2012, (Minutes Nos. OS/32 – OS/36)

CL/110. **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/111. **COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PANELS**

There were no amendments to the compositions of Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Panels.

CL/112. **COMPOSITION OF SUBSTITUTE PANELS**

There were no amendments to the composition of Substitute Panels.

CL/113. **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Mrs. Plenderleith be appointed as the Council’s representative on the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel.

CL/114. **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 27th February 2012, were duly received and approved.

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M. STANTON

CHAIRMAN