

MINUTES of the MEETING of the
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
held at the Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote
on Thursday 21st September 2017
at 6.00pm

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Stanton (Chairman), Councillor Mrs Hall (Vice Chairman) and Councillors Atkin, Billings, Mrs Brown, Mrs Coe, Coe, Ford, Harrison, Hewlett, MacPherson, Muller, Murray, Mrs Patten, Mrs Plenderleith, Smith, Swann, Tipping, Watson, Wheeler and Mrs Wyatt

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick, Chahal, Dunn, Dr Pearson, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd, Mrs Stuart, Taylor, Tilley and Wilkins

CL/48 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Mrs Coyle, Grant, Roberts (Conservative Group) and Southerd (Labour Group)

CL/49 **PRESENTATION: CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT JIM ALLEN**

The Chief Superintendent presented an update on policing matters in the area, the return to a more traditional policing model, local crime rates, the introduction of a rural crime officer, the impact of growing or planned developments such as the Infinity Garden Village project, the placement of a new police premises, joint working with the Safer Neighbourhood teams and the use of Community Protection Orders, all contributing to making South Derbyshire a safe place with low crime rates.

Members raised queries relating to the usage of police offices, such as that in Hilton, the rapid growth in the area and the growing police officer to head of population ratio, police budgets and precept, the sharing of information, referencing in particular matters surrounding the recent conviction of an ex-employee, concerns regarding the 101 service, the deployment of Derbyshire police resources following terrorist incidents elsewhere in the country and police presence at local events, such as the October Wakes. The Chief Superintendent addressed each matter in turn, also providing assurances that Swadlincote Police station will remain operational.

CL/50 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 29th June 2017 (CL/28-CL/43) were approved as a true record.

CL/51 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

CL/52 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman of the Council outlined a summary of events attended since the last Council Meeting, including an event at Pennine Way Junior School, presentations to the 1211 ATC Squadron in the Chamber, the Junior Orchestra playing at the Riverside in Derby, the Magpie Makers Market and Ay Up Me Duck events in Swadlincote, an awards evening at the Pingle School, the opening of a play area in Findern, scarecrow judging, the opening of the Eureka Park outdoor gym equipment and the Last Night of the Proms at the Rosliston Glade Arena.

The Chairman also went on to nominate the 1211 (Swadlincote) Squadron Air Training Corps for the award of the Freedom of the District, recommending that the Chief Executive be authorised to present a report to the next meeting of the Council setting out this nomination. This proposal received the full support of all Members.

CL/53 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER

The Leader referred to recent events held throughout the District and thanked all officers for their contribution in making each a success.

CL/54 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

The Chief Executive raised the TUC Dying to Work Charter initiative, as originally referred by Councillor Richards, stating that following its recent meeting the Joint Negotiating Group had recommended that the Council sign up to the Charter and to commit to its objectives. This matter would be submitted to the next Council meeting for formal approval.

CL/55 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10

Council were informed that no questions had been received.

CL/56 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11

Council were informed that no questions had been received.

CL/57 SEALED DOCUMENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Seal</u>	<u>Nature of Document</u>
18.07.17	11761	Transfer – 11 Appleton Close, Newhall
26.07.17	11762	Transfer – 32 St John's Drive, Newhall
31.07.17	11783	Transfer – 22 Bailey Avenue, Overseal

RESOLVED:

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

CL/58 **ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17**

The Chief Executive presented the report to Council.

Members commended the report and its contents, one querying how it would be communicated to residents. The Chief Executive confirmed that all available methods of distribution would be employed, both in hard copy form and electronically.

RESOLVED:

Members approved the draft Annual Report 2016/17.

CL/59 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN – ANNUAL REVIEW LETTER 2017 AND UPDATE ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS TO THE OMBUDSMAN SERVICE**

The Chief Executive presented the report to Council.

Councillor Richards queried if copies of written responses were available to Members. The Chief Executive confirmed that they were, on request.

RESOLVED:

Members accepted the Local Government Ombudsman’s Annual Review Letter 2017.

CL/60 **REVIEW OF OUTSIDE BODIES LIST**

The Chief Executive presented the report to Council.

RESOLVED:

1.1 Members approved the removal of the inactive organisations from the Outside Bodies list, as detailed in the report.

1.2 Members approved the revised Outside Bodies List 2017/18, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report.

CL/61 **OPEN MINUTES**

Council received and considered the open minutes of its Committees.

RESOLVED:-

That the open minutes of the following Committees and Area Forum meetings were approved as a true record:-

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Minute No.'s</u>
Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee	14.06.17	LAS/1-LAS/4
Overview and Scrutiny	21.06.17	OS/1-OS/9
Finance and Management: Special	22.06.17	FM/22-FM/29
Planning	27.06.17	PL/12-PL/20
Planning	18.07.17	PL/21-PL/29
Finance and Management: Special	20.07.17	FM/32-FM/37
Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee	04.08.17	LAS/5-LAS/7
Planning	08.08.17	PL/32-PL/43
Environmental and Development Services	17.08.17	EDS/18-EDS/28
Housing and Community Services	24.08.17	HCS/16-HCS/26
Finance and Management	31.08.17	FM/40-FM/52
Planning	05.09.17	PL/44-PL/56
Overview and Scrutiny	06.09.17	OS/10-OS/18

<u>Area Forum</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Minute No.'s</u>
Etwall	12.06.17	EA/1-EA/10
Swadlincote	13.06.17	SA/1-SA/10
Melbourne	19.06.17	MA/1-MA/9
Newhall	20.06.17	NA/1-NA/9
Repton	26.06.17	RA/1-RA/9
Linton	28.06.17	LA/1-LA/9

CL/62 **THE COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING PANELS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR**

The Leader announced that Councillor Murray be replaced by Councillor Mrs Wyatt on the Swadlincote Townscape Heritage Lottery Fund Board.

CL/63 **COMPOSITION OF SUBSTITUTE PANELS**

The Leader announced that Councillor Smith be added to the substitute panel for the Planning Committee, replacing Councillor Mrs Coyle.

CL/64 **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Leader announced that Councillor Murray be replaced by Councillor Coe as the Member representative on the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel.

CL/65 **MEMBER CHAMPIONS**

The Leader announced that Councillor Mrs Coyle become the new Corporate Plan Member Champion and that Councillor Mrs Coyle be replaced by Councillor Mrs Patten as the Young People Member Champion.

The Chief Executive requested that Councillor Richards consider appointing a Corporate Plan Member Champion from within the Opposition Group.

CL/66 **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 THE COUNCIL

The Exempt Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 29th June 2017 (CL/44-CL/47) 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:-

Finance and Management: Special	22.06.17	FM/30-FM/31
Planning	18.07.17	PL/30-PL/31
Finance and Management: Special	20.07.17	FM/38-FM/39
Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee	04.08.17	LAS/8
Environmental and Development Services	17.08.17	EDS/29-EDS/30
Housing and Community Services	24.08.17	HCS/27-HCS/29
Finance and Management	31.08.17	FM/53-FM/57

The meeting terminated at 7.00pm.

COUNCILLOR M STANTON

CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL