

MINUTES of the MEETING of the
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
held at the Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote
on Monday 9th February 2015
at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Murray (Chairman), Councillor Atkin (Vice Chairman) together with Councillors Mrs Brown, Ford, Mrs Hall, Harrison, Hewlett, Jones, Lemmon Mrs Patten, Mrs Plenderleith, Roberts, Smith, Stanton, Watson, Wheeler.

Labour Group

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

CL/104 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bale, Mrs Hood, Mrs Watson and Mrs Mead.

CL/105 **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL**

The Open Minutes of the Council meeting held on 22nd January 2015 (Minute Nos. CL/85- CL/99) were approved as a true record.

CL/106 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

CL/107 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN, LEADER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Chairman of the Council informed Council he had been very busy since the last Council meeting. He advised the Vice Chairman was very supportive to his role.

The Chief Executive confirmed a new Director of Housing and Environmental Services had been appointed and thanked the Members of the Finance and Management Sub-Committee that had been involved in the recruitment process. The Chief Executive informed Council Swadlincote Market had won a place in the national finals of the BBC Food and Farming Awards. The Chief Executive expressed his thanks to Gail Archer, the Council's Tourist Information Centre Manager.

CL/108 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

Council were informed no questions had been received.

CL/109 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

Council were informed that no questions had been received.

CL/110 **NOTICE OF MOTION**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 12, Councillor Ford had given notice of the following motion:

“I bring to Council’s attention the health and safety dangers to both people, property and livestock of the increasing use of Chinese Lanterns. The motion I am proposing, which I wish adopting by members is to ban the launch of these lanterns from SDDC owned land and to make a similar recommendation to all Parish Councils, at the same time, requesting the local Chamber of Trade to discourage its Members from offering them for public sale”.

Members debated the motion, and an amendment was proposed and seconded for the motion to read, as follows;

“I bring to Council’s attention the health and safety dangers to both people, property and livestock of the increasing use of Chinese Lanterns. The motion I am proposing, which I wish adopting by members is to ban the launch of these lanterns from SDDC owned land, which has open public access, and to make a similar recommendation to all Parish Councils, at the same time, requesting the local Chamber of Trade to discourage its Members from offering them for public sale”.

The amendment was debated.

The amendment, and the motion was then put to a vote.

RESOLVED:-

That the motion, as amended, be carried.

CL/111 **DERBY & DERBYSHIRE (D2) COMBINED AUTHORITY**

The Chief Executive presented a report prepared by Derbyshire County Council which was being considered by local authorities in Derbyshire. Members were asked to consider the report and decide if they wish to resolve in principle to support the establishment of a Derby and Derbyshire (D2) Combined Authority. Members were advised there were no financial implications for the District Council beyond the transfer of the Council’s current contribution to the Derbyshire Economic Partnership to the proposed Derby & Derbyshire (D2) Combined Authority. In 2014/15 this contribution was £15,000.

Leaders of both Groups expressed their support of the recommendation set out in the report.

RESOLVED:-

That Members agree in principle to support the establishment of a Derby & Derbyshire (D2) Combined Authority.

CL/112 **OPEN REPORTS**

Council received and considered the open minutes of its committees.

RESOLVED:-

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

Planning Committee 18.11.2014 (PL104-PL/119)

Licensing & Appeals Sub-Committee 02.12.14 (LAS/76-LAS/78)

Planning Committee 16.12.2014 (PL120-PL/137)

Area Forums

Linton 02.09.14 (LA/13-LA/21)

Repton 03.09.14 (RA/13 – RA/21)

Etwall 11.09.14 (EA/13-EA/22)

Melbourne 18.09.14 (MA/13-MA/21)

Swadlincote 23.09.14 (SA/13-SA/23)

Newhall 30.09.14 (NA/13 –NA/21)

CL/113 **THE COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING PANELS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Council were informed no changes had been made to the composition of Committees, Sub-Committees and working panels for the municipal year.

CL/114 **COMPOSITION OF SUBSTITUTE PANELS**

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

CL/115 **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Council were informed that no changes had been made to the Council's representation on outside bodies since its last meeting.

CL/116 **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.

CL/117 **EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL**

The Exempt Minutes of the Council, held on 22nd January 2015, (Minute Nos. CL/100-CL/103) were approved as a true record.

CL/118 **EXEMPT QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NUMBER 11**

Council were informed that no questions had been received.

CL/119 **TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE EXEMPT REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES**

Council received and considered the Exempt Minutes of its committees.

RESOLVED:-

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

Planning Committee 18.12.14 (PL118-PL/119)

Licensing & Appeals Sub Committee 02.12.14 (LAS/79-LAS/80)

Licensing & Appeals Sub Committee 17.12.14 (LAS/84-LAS/85)

The meeting terminated at 6:50pm

P. MURRAY

CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL