

MINUTES of the MEETING of the
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
held at Civic Offices, Civic Way,
Swadlincote on 9th August 2001
at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Labour Group

Councillor Mrs. Mead (Vice-Chair in the Chair) and Councillors Bambrick, Bell, Brooks, Carroll, Dunn, Evens, Ford, Harrington, Lauro, Pabla, Richards, Mrs. Rose, Routledge, Shepherd, Sherratt, Southerd, Southern, Stone and Taylor.

Conservative Group

Councillors Bale, Harrison, Hood, Lemmon, Mrs. Robbins, Mrs. Walton and Mrs. Wheeler.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Rose (Chair), Councillors Whyman and Wilkins (Labour Group) and Councillors Bladen and Douglas (Conservative Group).

CL/40. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 17th May 2001 (Minutes Nos. CL/1 - CL/14), of the Civic Meeting of the Council held on 24th May 2001 (Minutes Nos. CL/18 - CL/22) and of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 21st June 2001 (Minutes Nos. CL/23 - CL/35) were taken as read, approved as true records and signed by the Chair.

With reference to Minute No. CL/29 of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 21st June 2001, it was noted that Councillor Southern had replaced Councillor Routledge on the Etwall Leisure Centre Joint Management Committee.

CL/41. **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members were advised that the Chair of the Council was currently indisposed due to illness and accordingly, they expressed their best wishes to him for a speedy recovery.

On 23rd August 2001, the Chair would be attending the formal launch of the Bombay Spice Restaurant at High Street, Woodville as part of his Directors' Diary initiative during his year of office. It was his intention to meet Directors and proprietors of both large and small organisations within South Derbyshire to encourage closer links with the Council and the services it provided to the community.

Members were reminded that the Chair's Charity Revival night would be held on Saturday, 15th September at Gresley Old Hall. It had been hoped that Robin Gray from People Express could make a presentation today on the

organisation's tea-toast-technology exhibition but unfortunately, he was unavailable so it was therefore hoped to arrange this at the next Council Meeting.

Members had recently received a copy of the Community Health Council's Annual Report and Councillor Lemmon addressed Members on this issue.

CL/42. **ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE LEADER**

The Deputy Leader provided Members with an updated report on the consultation process relating to the Sheltered Housing service.

CL/43. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

RESOLVED:-

That the Open reports of the following Committees on delegated matters be received and noted, subject to any matters annotated:-

Development Control Sub-Committee, 26th June 2001 (Minutes Nos. DC/184 - DC/191)

Development Services Committee, 5th July 2001 (Minutes Nos. DS/1 - DS/5)

Community Services Committee, 12th July 2001 (Minutes Nos. CS/1 - CS/13)

Finance and Management Committee, 19th July 2001 (Minutes Nos. FM/1 - FM/12)

Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 23rd July 2001 (Minutes Nos. CYS/1 - CYS/4)

Development Control Committee, 24th July 2001 (Minutes Nos. DC/1 - DC/14)

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 30th July 2001 (Minutes Nos. COS/1 - COS/4)

Overview Committee, 31st July 2001, (Minutes Nos. OV/1 – OV/5)

CL/44. **ANNUAL MEETING OF AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES, INVERNESS – 14TH-16TH JUNE 2001**

Members received a report from Councillor Whyman on his attendance at this Meeting in his capacity as Chairman of East Midlands Airport Consultative Forum. The Meeting enabled an exchange of views between the Chairs and Secretaries of consultative bodies from almost all of the major commercial airports in the country on matters of common interest, and provided a channel through which common representation could be made to Government departments, if appropriate. The business of the meeting included DETR consultation – the future of aviation, the role of Airport Consultative Committees and the EEC proposals relating to environmental

noise. Other items were also outlined and the meeting concluded with a visit to the new terminal at Inverness Airport.

RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted.

CL/45. **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/46. **CONSTITUTION**

Further to Minute No. CL/26 of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 21st June 2001, it was reported that since that Meeting, Officers had reviewed the documentation for drafting and referencing errors. Existing documents relating to Financial Regulations and Contracts Standing Orders had also been reviewed and updated in respect of titles of Officers, changing legislation, administrative procedures and style. An amended constitution had now been circulated to Members in a ring binder to enable pages to be easily updated. The constitution would be revised further during the year but at the present time, it was considered essential that as many of these documents as possible were incorporated into the constitution for clarification purposes for both Members and Officers. Further inserts would be circulated as amendments were made or when further documentation, including the Scheme of Delegation, was finalised and approved by Members.

Members received a presentation from Councillor Bell on the overview and scrutiny function.

With regard to the Members' Allowances Scheme, it was noted that the level of basic allowance in the sum of £2,700 had been omitted and Councillor Mrs. Wheeler enquired as to the imposition of any clawback scheme. In this regard, it was reported that this would be a matter for consideration by the Independent Remuneration Panel in due course but at the present time, it was unclear as to whether such a scheme would be legally acceptable.

RESOLVED:-

That the amended constitution, as circulated, be approved and adopted.

CL/47. **APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

RESOLVED:-

That the Groups' nominations of substitute Members to serve on Committees when necessary for the ensuing year, as set out at Annexe 'A' to these Minutes, be received and noted.

CL/48. **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Members were reminded that three District Councillors were required to serve on this Committee. It was noted that the Chair of the Council would Chair the Committee and accordingly, one further Member from each political group was required.

RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Mrs. Mead (Labour Group) and Councillor Bale (Conservative Group) be appointed to serve on the Standards Committee with the Chair of the Council.

CL/49. **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 Annual Meeting of the Council held on 17th May 2001 and of the Special Meeting held on 21st June 2001 were duly received and approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Exempt reports of the following Committees on delegated matters were received and noted:-

Community Services Committee, 12th July 2001.

Finance and Management Committee, 19th July 2001.

Development Control Committee, 24th July 2001.

C..H. ROSE

CHAIR