

MINUTES of the MEETING of the
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
held at Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote
on 11th November 2010
at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Atkin (Chairman), Councillor Stanton (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Bale, Bladen, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Coyle, Mrs. Farrington, Ford, Harrison, Hewlett, Mrs. Hood, Jones, Lemmon, Murray, Mrs. Patten, Mrs. Plenderleith, Roberts, Timms, Watson, Mrs. Wheeler M.P., and Wheeler.

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick, Dunn, Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Lane, Lane, Mrs. Mead, Rhind, Shepherd, Southerd, Taylor, Tilley and Wilkins.

Independent / Non-Grouped Member

Councillor Pabla.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Grant (Conservative Group) and Councillor Richards (Labour Group).

CL/61. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 30th September 2010 (Minutes Nos. CL/44 – CL/57) were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. With regard to Minute No. CL/52, a question was submitted and response provided to give further clarification on the funding used for a feasibility study related to the Swarkestone Causeway.

CL/62. **PRESENTATION – SHARPE'S POTTERY**

Tony Hurrell provided a presentation to Members on the Sharpe's Pottery Museum. He gave an outline of developments from 1997 to date, confirming the facilities the centre had to offer. He reminded Members of the Museum's Mission Statement and the strategic review of the centre's operation that had taken place in 2008, together with outcomes from that exercise. A financial overview was provided, showing key reasons for the current £18,000 deficit. Mr. Hurrell then explained the approach to secure the centre's future, highlighting measures achieved already. He stressed the commitment of Sharpe's to protect this valuable heritage site.

There was recognition of the level of volunteer work at the centre. Thanks were recorded to Mr. Hurrell for his work and to all those at the Centre for the achievements made to date.

CL/63. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had circulated extracts from his diary, giving details of the recent events attended. In future, this information would be circulated electronically. The Chairman referred to fundraising efforts for his nominated charities through the sale of Christmas cards. He would be judging the best decorated Christmas shop window and attending a charity valentine's concert at Repton Church, in aid of the charities. He provided details of the civic dinner, which would be held on Saturday 19th March 2011 at the Pavilion, Branston Golf and Country Club. The Chairman welcomed Councillor Bale back to the Chamber following his recent surgery and he responded, thanking Members for their kind wishes. A certificate had been presented to the Council in recognition of its commitment to be a supportive employer of the armed forces reserves. The Council had also received the Association for Public Service Excellence Award. This was for the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership's Alert Box Project and was presented to Councillor Wheeler, as Chairman of the Partnership.

CL/64. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader congratulated the Leisure Services Team on the excellent rating received in their recent peer challenge and it was agreed to pass on thanks to all the staff involved. He also referred to an economic development meeting held at the Dove Valley Park earlier in the day, thanking Officers and commenting that visitors were impressed with the business presentations received.

CL/65. HEAD OF PAID SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chief Executive referred to the Boundary Committee review of South Derbyshire and advised that he had received a copy of the final maps showing ward boundaries. Copies would be circulated to Members. He also referred to a commitment given via the staff intranet "blog" regarding Remembrance Day and asked those present to observe a minute's silence.

CL/66. 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:-

Environmental and Development Services Committee, 7th October 2010 (Minutes Nos. EDS/18 - EDS/21)

(Minute No. EDS/20 – It was questioned whether consideration could be given to the Swadlincote Market remaining in the High Street, for which there was broad support. Officers explained how this suggestion was being pursued.)

Planning Committee, 12th October 2010 (Minutes Nos. PL/55- PL/64)

***Housing and Community Services Committee, 14th October 2010
(Minutes Nos. HCS/25 – HCS/28)***

***Finance and Management Committee, 21st October 2010 (Minutes Nos.
FM/38 - FM/44)***

***Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 27th October 2010 (Minutes Nos.
OS/14 – OS/18)***

Planning Committee, 2nd November 2010 (Minutes Nos. PL/66 – PL/75)

CL/67. **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/68. **COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PANELS**

It was reported that Councillor Bladen was stepping down as Chairman of the Environmental and Development Services Committee and tributes were paid for his service in that role.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That Councillor Watson replaces Councillor Bladen as Chairman of the Environmental and Development Services Committee.***
- (2) That Councillor Roberts be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Environmental and Development Services Committee.***

CL/69. **COMPOSITION OF SUBSTITUTE PANELS**

There were no amendments to the compositions of Substitute Panels.

CL/70. **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Watson replaces Councillor Bladen as the Council’s representative on the following bodies:-

***Ashby Woulds Regeneration Forum
Local Government Association (Derbyshire)
Local Government Association (London)(Urban Commission)
Woodville Woodlands Liaison Committee***

CL/71. HEALTH AND SAFETY CHAMPION**RESOLVED:-**

That Councillor Watson be appointed as the Council's Health and Safety Champion.

CL/72. THREE YEAR REVIEW OF LICENSING POLICY

A report was presented recommending the adoption of the Statement of Licensing Policy and approval to minor changes to the policy. Legislation required the Council to produce and consult on its Statement of Licensing Policy, which had to be approved by the Council every three years. Details were given of the consultation undertaken and no comments had been received. Should any major amendment be required in the next three years, this would be submitted to Council for consideration. Any changes to the Policy had to be in line with regulations and guidance issued. Delegated authority was sought to allow minor changes to the Policy to be authorised by the Director of Community Services.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That Members approve the South Derbyshire District Council revised Statement of Licensing Policy.***
- (2) That minor amendments to the Policy are undertaken with the delegated approval of the Director of Community Services, without reference back to the Council.***

CL/73. 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 30th September 2010 were duly received and approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Exempt reports of the following Committees were received and noted and any recommendations contained therein, approved and adopted:-

Planning Committee, 12th October 2010

Finance and Management Committee, 21st October 2010

Planning Committee, 2nd November 2010

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE TENDER PROCEDURE (Paragraph 3)

Approval was given to the proposals submitted for administering the tender process for grounds maintenance.

N. ATKIN

CHAIRMAN