

MINUTES of the MEETING of the  
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
held at the Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote  
on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
at 6.00pm

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

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

**Labour Group**

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

CL/145 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Mrs Brown (Conservative Group).

CL/146 **MINUTES OF ANNUAL COUNCIL**

The Open Minutes of the Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 (Minute Nos. CL/124-CL/141) were approved as a true record.

Councillor Shepherd thanked the Chief Executive for the inclusion of detailed information relating to planning appeal costs in the Minutes.

CL/147 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Ford and Taylor declared a personal interest in relation to Item 18 Environmental Education Project Funding by virtue of being Rolls-Royce employees.

CL/148 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman of the Council outlined a summary of events attended since the last meeting, including the Swadlincote pancake races, the opening of a new fitness centre, the latest Men United charity bike ride, choir practice and the South Derbyshire Day in Derby.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Rhind back to the Chamber after his recent period of ill health. Councillor Rhind thanked all those who had sent messages of goodwill and the NHS for their care and professionalism.

CL/149 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader made reference to the recent announcement relating to the Woodville Regeneration Route, providing an update on its funding and the likely timing of its planning application process, thanking Officers, District and County Members for their achievements. The Leader also noted another successful Jobs Fair at the Greenbank Leisure Centre earlier in the day, acknowledging the work of the Economic Development Team.

CL/150 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

The Chief Executive also commended the Woodville Regeneration Route announcement, noting that South Derbyshire had been granted £6.4m of the £10.6m made available to the County on this occasion.

With regard to the County Council Elections on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and the Woodville By-Election on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017, the Chief Executive outlined the election / count process for both and reminded Members of their obligations during this pre-election period of purdah.

CL/151 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

Council were informed that no questions had been received.

CL/152 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

Council were informed that no questions had been received.

CL/153 **SEALED DOCUMENTS**

24.02.17 11654 Transfer – 3 Poplar Avenue, Midway  
24.02.17 11666 Transfer – 7 Dundee Road, Midway

**RESOLVED:**

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

Councillor Billings joined the Meeting at 6.15pm.

CL/154 **PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2017/18**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented the report to Council.

**RESOLVED:-**

***Members approved the publication of the Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2017/18.***

CL/155 **PLANNING APPLICATION FEES: THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFER**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented the report to Council.

Councillor Southerd acknowledged that a fee increase was inevitable after none for five years, but expressed some reservation as to whether the increase was ring-fenced for planning services and the potential for outside bodies to benefit. Councillor Richards also queried the further guidance referred to, in terms of whether it could materially alter what was currently being considered. Councillor MacPherson queried the planning application costs structure and Councillor Dr Pearson expressed concern relating to some detail and the potential for current planning powers to be eroded.

The Chief Executive and Director of Finance and Corporate Services addressed the points raised, stating that if further guidance was received it would likely only provide additional clarification regarding the type of expenditure.

**RESOLVED:-**

***1.1 Members accepted the Government's offer to increase fees for planning applications by 20% from July 2017 and to commit to investing the additional income in Planning Services.***

***1.2 Members granted approval to the Section 151 Officer, under Section 230 of the Local Government Act 1972, to commit and submit information of the 2017/18 budget that demonstrates the additional fee income being spent on planning services.***

CL/156 **CYCLE OF MEETINGS 2017/18**

Councillor Dunn acknowledged the rescheduling of some dates in order to accommodate those Members with County Council commitments.

**RESOLVED:-**

***Members approved the cycle of Meetings for 2017/18.***

CL/157 **OPEN MINUTES**

Council received and considered the open minutes of its Committees.

**RESOLVED:-**

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

***Planning***

***28.02.17 PL/178-PL/194***

***Environmental and Development Services 02.03.17 EDS/75-EDS/88***

Councillor Atkin stated that whilst the Minutes detailed him as being present at this Meeting as a Substitute for Councillor Mrs Patten, he did not in fact attend the Meeting. Councillor Mrs Patten had attended the Meeting as a Committee Member.

<b><i>Finance and Management</i></b>	<b><i>16.03.17</i></b>	<b><i>FM/131-FM/141</i></b>
<b><i>Planning</i></b>	<b><i>21.03.17</i></b>	<b><i>PL/195-PL/211</i></b>
<b><i>Overview and Scrutiny</i></b>	<b><i>22.03.17</i></b>	<b><i>OS/61-OS/69</i></b>
<b><i>Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee</i></b>	<b><i>23.03.17</i></b>	<b><i>LAS/38-LAS/40</i></b>

CL/158 **THE COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING PANELS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Council was informed that no changes had been made to the composition of the committees, sub-committees and working panels since its last meeting.

CL/159 **COMPOSITION OF SUBSTITUTE PANELS**

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

CL/160 **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Leader nominated Councillor Mrs Coe to replace Councillor Mrs Plenderleith as the Council's nominee to the Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Board of Governors.

CL/161 **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 Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 (Minute Nos. CL/142-CL/144) 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.***

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROJECT FUNDING**

**RESOLVED:-**

*Members approved the recommendations detailed in the Report.*

**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:-*

<i>Environmental and Development Services</i>	<i>02.03.17</i>	<i>EDS/89-EDS/91</i>
<i>Finance and Management</i>	<i>16.03.17</i>	<i>FM/142-FM/149</i>
<i>Planning</i>	<i>21.03.17</i>	<i>PL/212-PL/213</i>
<i>Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee</i>	<i>23.03.17</i>	<i>LAS/41-LAS/43</i>

The meeting terminated at 6.35pm.

COUNCILLOR P MURRAY

CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL