

MINUTES of the MEETING of the
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
held at Civic Offices, Civic Way,
Swadlincote on 30th June 2005
at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Labour Group

Councillor Jones (Chair) and Councillors Bambrick, Bell, Carroll, Dunn, Isham, Lane, Mrs. Mead, Pabla, Richards, Shepherd, Southerd, Southern, Stone, Taylor and Wilkins.

Conservative Group

Councillors Atkin, Bale, Ford, Mrs. Hall, Harrison, Mrs. Hood, Hood, Lemmon, Mrs. Littlejohn, Nalty, Mrs. Renwick, Shaw and Mrs. Wheeler.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Lauro (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Harrington, Mulgrew, Murphy and Whyman, M.B.E. (Labour Group), Councillor Bladen (Conservative Group) and Councillor Mrs. Walton (Independent Member).

CL/32. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 19th May 2005 (Minutes Nos. CL/1 – CL/19), of the Civic Council Meeting held on 26th May 2005 (Minutes Nos. CC/1 – CC/5) and of the Special Meetings of the Council held on 2nd June (Minutes Nos. CL/22 – CL/23), 16th June (Minutes Nos. CL/24 – CL/29) and 21st June 2005 (Minutes Nos. CL/24 – CL/29) and 21st June 2005 (Minute No. CL/31) were taken as read, approved as true records and signed by the Chair.

CL/33. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs. Mead declared a personal interest in the presentation by the Phoenix After School and Holiday Club (Minute No. CL/36), as a member of the Club's Management Committee.

CL/34. **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair reminded Members that the Civic Service would be held on Sunday, 17th July 2005. A Charity Last Night at the Proms Concert would be held on 21st October 2005 at Gresley Old Hall and the Civic Dinner and Dance would be held on 25th March 2006 at the Bretby Conference Centre. The Chair informed Members that he had attended an enjoyable concert by the South Derbyshire Music Centre on 25th June 2005.

CL/35. **COUNCILLOR MRS. WHEELER**

Councillor Mrs. Wheeler apologised unreservedly to Councillor Carroll in respect of an inappropriate remark made at the Annual Council Meeting held on 19th May 2005. This was accepted by Councillor Carroll.

CL/36. **PRESENTATION BY PHOENIX AFTER SCHOOL AND HOLIDAY CLUB**

Mr. L. Gothard, M.B.E. (Chair/Treasurer) and Mrs. J. Rushton (Chief Executive) attended the Meeting and made a presentation to Members on the Club's activities. Issues covered included the present position, services provided, the growth of the services, employees, next steps, key benefits and achieving national targets.

Members took the opportunity to ask several questions and thanked Mr. Gothard and Mrs. Rushton for the informative presentation.

CL/37. **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:-

Development Control Committee, 31st May 2005 (Minutes Nos. DC/1 - DC/10)

Environmental and Development Services Committee, 2nd June 2005 (Minutes Nos. EDS/1 - EDS/8)

Standards Committee, 9th June 2005 (Minutes Nos. SC/1 - SC/5)

Housing and Community Services Committee, 9th June 2005 (Minutes Nos. HCS/1 - HCS/18)

(Minute No. HCS/6, Review of Support to the Voluntary and Community Sector – It was agreed that Councillors Richards, Southern and Whyman M.B.E. together with two Members of the Conservative Group be nominated to the Review Team.

Minute No. HCS/18, Option Appraisal Study on the Future of Willoughby House, Swadlincote – Councillor Lane requested the involvement of the Swadlincote Ward Members in this appraisal process.)

Community Scrutiny Committee, 13th June 2005 (Minutes Nos. CYS/1 - CYS/4)

Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee, 14th June 2005 (Minutes Nos. LA/1 - LA/2)

Finance and Management Committee, 16th June 2005 (Minutes Nos. FM/1 - FM/10)

Corporate Scrutiny Committee, 20th June 2005 (Minutes Nos. COS/1 - COS/5)

Development Control Committee, 21st June 2005 (Minutes Nos. DC/13 – DC/22)
(Minute No. DC/14(c), Proposed Visit to Power Station – It was reported that the visit on 13th July 2009 had now been postponed and would be re-arranged in due course).

Overview Committee, 27th June 2005 (Minutes Nos. OV/1 – OV/3)

CL/38. **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/39. **COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PANELS**

There were no amendments to the compositions of Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Panels.

CL/40. **SUBSTITUTE PANELS**

There were no amendments to the compositions of Substitute Panels.

CL/41. **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

There were no amendments to the Council's representation on outside bodies.

CL/42. **CHAIRS OF AREA MEETINGS**

RESOLVED:-

That Chairs be appointed to the following Area Meetings, as indicated:-

Etwall – Councillor Whyman, M.B.E.

Linton – Councillor Southern

Melbourne – Councillor Carroll

Newhall – Councillor Richards

Repton – Councillor Taylor

Swadlincote – Councillor Stone

CL/43. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES 2004/05**

Members considered the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees for 2004/05.

Councillor Southern expressed his gratitude to the Community Scrutiny Committee for its recent work relating to the scrutiny of the Housing Service and Councillor Carroll thanked all Scrutiny Members for their work across the Authority as a whole.

RESOLVED:-

That the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees for 2004/05 be received and noted.

CL/44. SOUTH DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

Members were reminded that the Local Government Act 2000 gave the Council new powers to promote or improve the economic, social or environmental well being of the District. This was linked to the duty to prepare a Community Strategy with a Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and to involve local people fully in the process. The South Derbyshire LSP Board had approved a draft Community Strategy for consultation in August 2004 and this had been considered by the Council on 2nd December 2004 (Minute No. CL/100 refers) when several comments were made, as outlined in the report. The majority of these comments had been included in the final Strategy or the first year's Action Plan.

Following extensive public consultation, the content of the final strategy had been approved by the Board on 17th March 2005. A media consultant was engaged to prepare a plain English draft and an Action Plan for the first year was subsequently prepared by the Chairs of the Thematic Working Groups. These were circulated to the Board at its Meeting on 19th May 2005, when the design of the documents was approved. Copies of the Strategy, Action Plan and Summary Leaflet had been circulated to Members and the official launch of the Strategy would be at the next Forum to be held at the Mickleover Court Hotel on Thursday, 28th July 2005.

Members welcomed the Strategy and thanked all those who had been involved in its preparation. It was also hoped that members of the public would become engaged in the project.

RESOLVED:-

That the South Derbyshire Community Strategy 2005-2010 and the Action Plan 2005-06 be endorsed.

CL/45. ON TRENT ACTION PROGRAMME

It was reported that in August 2001, the Finance and Management Committee had agreed to support the Vision Statement for the On Trent Initiative, which was a partnership involving a wide range of public, statutory, voluntary and commercial organisations working to conserve and enhance the natural and historic environment of the Trent Valley. The initiative was based upon the principle that the partner organisations would undertake work and implement projects in line with the On Trent objectives. An Action Programme had been circulated to Members and the Council's endorsement of the Programme was now sought.

It was considered appropriate to refer to the On Trent Initiative in new Local Development Framework documents in due course but without further details, it was not possible at the current time to indicate accurately the implications for the Council of the actions listed. Accordingly, it was considered appropriate to endorse the Programme subject to a proviso. The

financial implications were not yet known and any requests for funding from the partnership must be subjected to the Council's Financial Procedures.

In welcoming the report, Councillor Harrison expressed his disappointment that there had been no opportunity to discuss the programme with local communities. Councillor Taylor referred to the current pressures in the Planning Service and considered that the Programme was beneficial to a wide area within South Derbyshire.

RESOLVED:-

That the On Trent Action Programme be endorsed, subject to the evaluation of any detailed proposals in due course.

CL/46. **PLANNING POLICY POSITION STATEMENT**

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

CL/47. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT 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 19th May 2005 and of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 16th June 2005 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:-

Development Control Committee, 31st May 2005

Environmental and Development Services Committee, 2nd June 2005

Housing and Community Services Committee, 9th June 2005

Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee, 14th June 2005

Finance and Management Committee, 16th June 2005

Development Control Committee, 21st June 2005

R. JONES

CHAIR