

MINUTES of the MEETING  
of the SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
held at Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote  
on 28th March 2013  
at 6.00 p.m.

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

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

**Labour Group**

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

CL/105. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Chahal and Pearson (Labour Group).

CL/106. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 4th March 2013 (Minutes Nos. CL/88 – CL/102) were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

CL/107. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reported the recent death of Mrs. Betty Oakey of Hartshorne, who had been Chairman of the Council in 1988/89. Members observed a minutes silence in her memory. The Chairman also gave a summary of events attended since the last Meeting, in particular a visit to the Chameleon School of Construction, the presentation of awards to the Girl Guides and the English Schools' Cross Country Championships at Catton. The Chairman referred to the 2020 Vision display on The Delph, the recent Civic Dinner and an event as part of tourism week, held at the Mercia Marina. Finally, he publicised forthcoming charity events.

CL/108. **LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Leader reported that Melbourne had been shortlisted for the Sunday Times 'Top Towns in Britain' award. He referred to a recent drug-related police operation and voiced appreciation to the local Constabulary. Finally, the Leader referred to World Autism Day.

CL/109. **HEAD OF PAID SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chief Executive referred to the monthly Farmers Market held in Swadlincote, which this month had taken place in the High Street, due to the photographic exhibition and this had been well received.

CL/110. **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:-***

***Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee, 28th February 2013 (Minute No. LAS/17).***

***Planning Committee, 5th March 2013 (Minutes Nos. PL/116 – PL/130).***

***Environmental and Development Services Committee, 7th March 2013 (Minutes Nos. EDS/56 – EDS/57).***

***Licensing and Appeals Sub Committee, 13th March 2013 (Minute No. LAS/21).***

***Housing and Community Services Committee, 14th March 2013 (Minutes Nos. HCS/59 – HCS/64).***

***(Minute No. HCS/62 – It was noted that Councillor Harrison had chaired this item).***

***Finance and Management Committee, 21st March 2013 (Minutes Nos. FM/97 – FM/106).***

CL/111. **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/112. **COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PANELS**

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

CL/113. **COMPOSITION OF SUBSTITUTE PANELS**

There were no amendments to the composition of Substitute Panels.

CL/114. **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

There were no amendments to the list of the Council's representatives on Outside Bodies.

CL/115. **LOCALISM ACT 2011 – PAY POLICY STATEMENT**

It was reported that the Localism Act 2011 required local authorities to publish an Annual Pay Policy Statement. The principle behind this requirement was to ensure transparency with regard to the pay of senior employees. The Act added to existing obligations to publish information in the interests of transparency. The report set out the process with regard to producing the Statement and the matters which must be included in the Statement. A further section of the report set out the changes from the document produced in 2012/13.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the Council approves for publication the Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2013/14.***

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.***

**MINUTES**

***The Exempt Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 4th March 2013 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:-***

***Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee, 28th February 2013***

***Planning Committee, 5th March 2013***

***Housing and Community Services Committee, 14th March 2013***

***Finance and Management Committee, 21st March 2013***

M.J.P. BALE

CHAIRMAN