

MINUTES of the MEETING of the  
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
held at Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote  
on 19th January 2012  
at 6.00 p.m.

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

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

**Labour Group**

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

**APOLOGIES**

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

CL/73. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10th November 2011 (Minutes Nos. CL/57 - CL/70) were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

CL/74. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Ford, Harrison, Jones, Murray and Mrs. Patten declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Item No. 10, concerning Minute No. EDS/48 of the Environmental and Development Services Committee, as Members of Derbyshire County Council.

CL/75. **PRESENTATION OF RAM MAJOR'S SASH TO THE MERCIAN REGIMENT**

The Chairman welcomed representatives of the Mercian Regiment to the meeting. He invited Councillor Atkin to make a presentation of a ram major's sash to the Regiment, as a gift from the Council and to mark his year in Office as Chairman. Lieutenant Colonel Turner received the sash and addressed Members, explaining the history of the ram and its significance to the Regiment. He spoke about the Mercian's predecessor regiments, gave examples of the calibre of the servicemen and urged the Council's support where possible, for those leaving the Regiment.

**CL/76. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members were advised of the death of Ivor Smith over the Christmas/New Year period and observed a minute's silence in memory of this former District and Parish Councillor. The Chairman confirmed the revised date for the Civic Council Meeting, which would now be held on Tuesday, 29th May 2012 at the Town Hall, Swadlincote. He also publicised the Civic Dinner, which this year would be held on 10th March at The Pavilion, Branston Golf Club. Finally, the Chairman urged Members to support a raffle in aid of his charity.

**CL/77. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Leader of the Council reported on the significant investment in the Nestlé factory at Hatton, which would create a further 125 jobs at the factory. He gave thanks to the Chief Executive for his assistance and congratulated the company, explaining the scale of investment by Nestlé in the area over recent years.

**CL/78. HEAD OF PAID SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chief Executive echoed the sentiments of the Leader, confirming also the jobs safeguarded as a result of this investment. He then explained plans for the Council to engage with the community in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This would include beacons, identifying the availability of small grants for street parties, information on the Council's website and a relaxation of certain street naming arrangements. He also referred to plans for a "picnic in the park", the Liberation Day, which would have a Jubilee theme this year and road traffic island planting.

Note: At 6.20p.m. the fire alarm sounded and the Meeting was adjourned whilst the premises were evacuated. The Meeting reconvened at 6.30 p.m.

**CL/79. 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, 1st November 2011 (Minute No. LAS/6)***

***Environmental and Development Services Committee, 17th November 2011 (Minutes Nos. EDS/41 – EDS/50)***

***(Minute No. EDS/48. A Member asked about the right of way on the raised area adjacent to the Rink Drive Car Park. There was disappointment that no changes to the car park could be made and the Chairman of the Committee agreed to pursue this with officers and to monitor the situation. Difficulties were being experienced with parking capacity at peak times. This would be considered at a future meeting of***

*the Committee and the Chief Executive referred to plans for additional parking in the former Market Hall premises.*

*Housing and Community Services Committee, 24th November 2011 (Minutes Nos. HCS/35 – HCS/47)*

*Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee, 29th November 2011 (Minute No. LAS/10)*

*Finance and Management Committee, 1st December 2011 (Minutes Nos. FM/61 – FM/71)*

*Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 7th December 2011 (Minutes Nos. OS/15 – OS/21)*

*Planning Committee, 13th December 2011 (Minutes Nos. PL/90 – PL/99)*

*Finance and Management Committee (Special), 20th December 2011 (Minute No. FM/75)*

**Area Forums**

*Newhall, 19th October 2011 (Minutes Nos. NA/11 – NA/19)*

*Melbourne, 27th October 2011 (Minutes Nos. MA/9 – MA/15)*

*Etwall, 2nd November 2011 (Minutes Nos. EA/12 – EA/17)*

*Linton, 3rd November 2011 (Minutes Nos. LA/9 – LA/15)*

*Repton, 8th November 2011 (Minutes Nos. RA/11 – RA/17)*

*Swadlincote, 9th November 2011 (Minutes Nos. SA/11 – SA/17)*

*(Minute No. SA/12 – Gratitude was expressed for the way that the Police and the Council had assisted with the Remembrance Day Parade in Church Gresley)*

CL/80. **COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PANELS**

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

CL/81. **COMPOSITION OF SUBSTITUTE PANELS**

There were no amendments to the composition of Substitute Panels.

CL/82. **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

There were no amendments to the schedule of Council representatives on Outside Bodies.

CL/83. **PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

Members were asked to approve an extension to the current scheme of parking enforcement. Background was provided on the introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) through Derbyshire County Council and a formal

Off Street Parking Places Order. All Council car parks were listed within the Order, with enforcement initially taking place at 4 car parks in Swadlincote. It was proposed to add additional car parks to the CPE scheme at High Street, Melbourne, Alexandra Road, Swadlincote, Rink Drive, Swadlincote and Hill Street, Swadlincote. This would necessitate additional hours for enforcement and it was proposed that these be increased to 12 hours per week.

The detail of the report provided further information about each of the car parks it was proposed to commence enforcement on. Appended to the report were details of the financial implications, including those for signage, for which a ring-fenced budget existed. The increased enforcement activity would generate additional costs, which would in turn be offset by an estimated increase in the number of parking notices issued.

Arising from the consideration of this item, Members reported concerns about the access to and egress from the Rink Drive car park in Swadlincote. This concerned the raised walkway to the new cinema and highway safety issues for pedestrians. Ideas were being pursued to improve safety at this location. A Member also asked about the reasoning for the time restrictions imposed on the Melbourne Car Park.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That Council approves the introduction of parking enforcement as set out in the report, at the off-street car parks listed below:***

- ***High Street, Melbourne***
- ***Alexandra Road, Swadlincote***
- ***Rink Drive, Swadlincote***
- ***Hill Street, Swadlincote (by Church)***

CL/84. **CYCLE OF MEETINGS 2012/13**

The Council was asked to consider the cycle of meetings for 2012/13. Reference was made to the recess in August other than for regulatory meetings and it was requested that officers did not arrange training events during this period.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the cycle of meetings for 2012/13, a copy of which is attached at Annexe "A" to these Minutes, be approved.***

CL/85. **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 10th November 2011, 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, 1st November 2011*

*Housing and Community Services Committee, 24th November 2011*

*Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee, 29th November 2011*

*Finance and Management Committee, 1st December 2011*

*Planning Committee, 13th December 2011*

M. STANTON

CHAIRMAN