

COUNCIL MEETING

1st August 2017

Present – The Chairman (Councillor Place) and Councillors, Barrett, Baxandall, Dawson, Foster, Graham, Heseltine, Hull, Jaquin, Lis, Madeley, Mason, Moorby, Morell, Mulligan, Myers, Pighills, Shuttleworth, Staveley, Sutcliffe, Thompson, Welch and Whitaker.

Officers – Chief Executive, Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer, Strategic Manager Financial Services (S151 Officer), Director of Services, Strategic Manager Planning and Regeneration and Member Services Manager.

Apologies: Brockbank, Brown Harbron, Ireton, Mercer, Rose, Solloway

Start: 7pm

Finish: 7.55pm

CL.975

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

Resolved – (1) That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on 23rd May 2017 are confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(2) Councillor Brown be appointed to fill the vacancy on Audit and Governance Committee.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A list of engagements attended by the Chairman since the last meeting of Council was included within the Agenda.

The Chairman reported that his good cause for the year would be 264 (Skipton) Squadron Air Cadets which provided a valuable service to young people in the district and support to local events and the community.

The Chairman invited Councillor Moorby to make a statement regarding his Chairman's charity 2016/17. Councillor Moorby reported that during his year of office as Chairman £2670.83 had been raised for Marie Curie Cancer Care. Councillor Mooby thanked the public, members and officers for their support.

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

Recommendations from meetings of Policy Committee held on 6th June and 18th July, Audit and Governance Committee held on 20th June, and Standards committee held on 15th March were submitted.

(Note: For each minute the motion was proposed and seconded "That the recommendations in the minutes are confirmed").

(a) POL.833 Capital Programme Outturn – 2016/2017

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute POL.833 are confirmed.

- (b) POL.834 Interim Outturn Revenue Budget Monitoring Report – Quarter 4 2016/17

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute POL.834 are confirmed.

- (c) POL.835 Review of Pilot Ward Member Grants Scheme

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute POL.835 are confirmed.

- (d) POL.836 Skipton Town Hall – Bar And Catering Provision

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute POL.836 are confirmed.

- (e) POL.837 Loan To Craven College For Four Years

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute POL.837 are confirmed.

- (f) POL.846 West Yorkshire Combined Authority - One Public Estate And Assets Delivery Plan

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute POL.846 are confirmed.

- (g) POL.847 Leeds Liverpool Canal – Improving Connectivity In The Southern Dales

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute POL.847 are confirmed.

- (h) POL.848 Non Statutory Food Hygiene Rating Re-Score Visits

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute POL.848 are confirmed.

- (i) POL.849 Non Statutory Advisory Food Safety Visits

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute POL.849 are confirmed.

- (j) \$POL.850 Shared Ownership Housing Development

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute POL.850 are confirmed.

- (k) \$POL.851 Joint Venture Company – Contract, Governance Arrangements and Incorporation

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute \$POL.851 are confirmed.

- (l) AC.293 Anti-Fraud And Corruption Policy Statement And Strategy

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute AC.293 are confirmed.

- (m) STN.321 Guidance For Councillors and Officers on Outside Bodies

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute STN.321 are confirmed.

CL.978 **APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

The Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer submitted a report on the outcome of a ballot of parish councils which had been held to select four parish councillors from five nominees to serve as parish council representatives on the Standards committee.

Resolved –That the four Parish Councillors receiving the highest number of votes in the ballot be appointed as non-voting members of the Council’s Standards Committee until the Annual Meeting of Council 2021, namely:

Michael Rooze (Grassington PC);
Richard Simpson (Carleton-in-Craven PC);
Veronicka Dancer (Bradleys Both PC); and
Robert Stead (Embsay with Eastby PC)

CL.979 **REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer submitted a report To appoint the Lead Member for Financial Resilience to the Strategic Partnering Board of Craven Barnfield Regeneration Limited.

Resolved- (1) The Lead Member for Financial Resilience be appointed to the Strategic Partnering Board of Craven Barnfield Regeneration Limited (until the Annual Meeting of Council 2018);

(2) The addition of this appointment to list of representatives on outside bodies maintained by the Member Services Manager be noted.

CL.980 **STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

The Leader of the Council thanked members who had attended a housing briefing and reminded members that up to £600,000 of government funding was available to community groups and organisations setting up housing ventures. In response to a question from Councillor Heseltine the Leader confirmed that the funding was for new build housing and would not cover refurbishment.

The Leader reported that on 28th July, Leaders from across Yorkshire met in York and agreed unanimously to form a 'coalition of the willing', working towards securing a single ambitious devolution deal for the Yorkshire authorities and areas wanting to work together on this basis.

In the first instance this would be based on the Government’s present requirements of a directly elected mayor with clear responsibilities yet to be determined. All Leaders present,

including Barnsley and Doncaster, supported this approach as well as supporting a deal for Sheffield and Rotherham, should they seek to pursue that as an option.

Over the coming weeks, the Leaders were committed to exploring these proposals with colleagues, local stakeholders including MPs, business, unions and political groups. Leaders plan to meet again in early September to decide how best to take this negotiation forward with Government at pace and with local backing. The Leader would continue to keep members up to date as the details start to firm up and will be making sure that Craven's voice was heard.

In response to a question from Councillor Heseltine the Leader agreed that information including options available to the Council should be provided to the Policy Committee at the earliest opportunity, once the proposal starts to take shape. Replying to a question from Councillor Madeley the Leader confirmed that no changes in Local authority boundaries were proposed.

CL.981 **STATEMENTS FROM LEAD MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES**

Councillor Lis, Lead Member Greener Craven, reported that a total of 19 enforcement actions including fixed penalty notices were issued between April 1 and June 30 in Craven and that a prosecution for fly tipping on public land was pending.

Councillor Myers, Lead Member for Enterprising Craven, reported on progress of works at Skipton Town Hall, a successful bid for the improvement of the towpath between Gargrave and Skipton and the progress of bids for Lottery Heritage funding and LEP funding.

Councillor Staveley, Chairman of Select Committee updated members on the work of the Select Committee which was continuing its review of waste management and had received a monitoring report on sickness absence. At its next meeting Select Committee would be looking at the Police and Crime Commissioner's proposals in relation to North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Councillor Myers as Chairman of Licensing Committee reported on the current public consultation on the Taxi licensing Policy and urged members to take part in the consultation which was aimed at ensuring the District had a policy which was fit for purpose.

CL.982 **GENERAL QUESTION /STATEMENT TIME**

The Leader reported that Councillor Brown had given written notice of the following question: "Could the leader of the Council please give members an assurance that all appropriate checks have taken place to ensure that no employees or people that we are responsible for housing are located in properties where there is a risk from inflammable cladding and update us on the activities that have been undertaken to achieve this assurance?"

The Leader gave the following answer:

The Council transferred its housing stock by Large Scale Voluntary Transfer (LSVT) on the 31st March 2003. This transfer was made to Craven Housing and its successor Yorkshire Housing. We have been informed by Yorkshire Housing that they have no high rise flatted housing stock within the District and neither do they have stock that had the type of cladding that was associated with the fire at Grenfell Tower, London.

We have been further informed by other Registered Provider partners similarly that they do not have such developments.

The Council received information from Melanie Dawes, Permanent Secretary at DCLG on 'Safety Checks on Private Residential Blocks' following the fire. This information is intended to support owners and residents of high rise buildings to ensure fire safety in the light of the Grenfell Tower tragedy.

Whilst this Council has no high rise buildings in its area other than the Providence Quarter, Skipton (a 5 storey unit) we have decided nevertheless to send this information to all letting agents in the District as well as the Council's own Environmental Health Officers and Building Control Officers

Councillor Sutcliffe as chairman of Planning Committee reported that Councillor Brown had given written notice of the following question: "Now that the local plan has been out for consultation, what weight does the Chair of the Planning Committee feel that it is appropriate to give to that plan when considering planning applications?"

Councillor Sutcliffe gave the following answer

The draft local plan has been subject to a third pre-publication draft; this type of consultation (under Regulation 18) is classed as the first public stage of the Local Plan process. Consultation ended 31 July and the responses will be considered to see whether any amendments to the draft plan are appropriate.

The NPPF provides guidance on the weight to be attached to emerging plans according to; the stage of preparation of the emerging plan (the more advanced the preparation, the greater the weight that may be given); the extent to which there are unresolved objections to relevant policies (the less significant the unresolved objections, the greater the weight that may be given); and the degree of consistency of the relevant policies in the emerging plan to the policies in this Framework (the closer the policies in the emerging plan to the policies in the Framework, the greater the weight that may be given).

Ultimately, draft policies are a material consideration and it is for the decision maker to attach weight to any material planning considerations (including no weight). This can only be done on an individual case by case basis.

Exclusion of the Public

Resolved – That, in accordance with the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules, the public is excluded from the meeting during consideration of Minute CL.984 (marked \$) below on the grounds that it is not in the public interest to disclose the Category 4 exempt information (Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the Council and employees of, or office holders under the Council).

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SENIOR OFFICER STRUCTURE

Recommendations from the meeting of the Statutory and Senior Officers Employment Committee held on 17th July 2017 were submitted relating to the redistribution of services following the deletion of the post of Corporate Head Business Support.

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute \$SEC.22 are confirmed.

Chairman.