

COUNCIL MEETING

18 December 2018

Present – The Chair (Councillor Hull) and Councillors Barrett, Baxandall, Brockbank, Brown, Dawson, Foster, Harbron, Heseltine, Jaquin, Lis, Mason, Mercer, Moorby, Morell, Mulligan, Place, Rose, Shuttleworth, Solloway, Staveley, Sutcliffe, Thompson, Welch and Whitaker.

Officers – Chief Executive, Director of Services, Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer) Strategic Manager (Planning and Regeneration), Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer, Planning Manager and Democratic Services Manager.

Apologies – Councillors Graham, Ireton, Madeley, Myers and Pighills.

Start: 7.00pm

Finish: 8.20pm

CL.1080

MINUTES

Resolved – That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9 October 2018 are confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CL.1081

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions received from members of the public.

CL.1082

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Foster declared an interest (under Paragraph 15 of the Council's Code of Conduct) in relation to Recommendations for Confirmation (Appendix K to the report) on the basis that he was a Member of Grassington Forum. Councillor Foster withdrew from the meeting during the consideration of this item and did not vote.

Councillors Lis and Welch declared an interest (under Appendix B of the Council's Code of Conduct) in relation to Recommendations for Confirmation (Appendix F to the report) on the basis that they were Members of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and appointed to sit on the Planning Committee. Councillors Lis and Welch did not take part in the discussion for this item and did not vote.

CL.1083

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was noted that a list of engagements attended by the Chair was included within the agenda pack.

CL.1084

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION

Recommendations of Standards Committee (19 September 2018), Policy Committee (23 October and 4 December 2018), Audit and Governance Committee (30 October 2018) and Licensing Committee (13 November) were submitted.

Note: For each minute, the motion was proposed and seconded “That the recommendations in the Minute are confirmed”.

- STN.351 – Dispensation Scheme

Resolved –That the recommendations at Minute STN.351 are confirmed.

- POL.948 – Confirmation of the Council Tax Base – 2019/20

Resolved –That the recommendations at Minute POL. 948 are confirmed.

- POL.949 – The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

Resolved –That the recommendations at Minute POL. 949 are confirmed.

- POL.950 – Homes England: Accelerated Construction Fund

Resolved –That the recommendations at Minute POL. 950 are confirmed.

- POL.951 – Review of Governance Arrangements for Commercial Activity

It was proposed and seconded to include an amendment to the Scheme of Delegation for Officers to read as follows:

“Subject to consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council; the Lead Member for Financial Resilience and Enterprising Craven and also the Chief Finance Officer, the Chief Executive is authorised in exceptional circumstances to agree commercial acquisitions up to a monetary value of £3 million. Such decisions to be reported to the next meeting of Policy Committee.”

Resolved –That subject to the above amendment the recommendations at Minute POL. 951 are confirmed.

(Councillor Heseltine asked that it be recorded that he voted against the resolution.)

- POL.952 – Shared Ownership Housing Development

Resolved –That the recommendations at Minute POL. 952 are confirmed.

- POL.963 – Revenue Budget Monitoring Report Quarter 2 – 2018/19

Resolved –That the recommendations at Minute POL. 963 are confirmed.

- POL.964 – Capital Budget Monitoring Report Quarter 2 – 2018/19

Resolved –That the recommendations at Minute POL. 964 are confirmed.

- POL.965 – ICT Strategy

Resolved –That the recommendations at Minute POL. 965 are confirmed.

- POL.966 – Digital Strategy

Resolved –That the recommendations at Minute POL. 966 are confirmed.

- POL.967 – Grassington Village Action Plan

Resolved –That the recommendations at Minute POL. 967 are confirmed.

- AC.331 – Revised Planning Scheme of Delegation

An amendment to paragraph 7 in relation to Ward Member Referrals was proposed and seconded to read as follows:

“Where the ward member requests, in writing, within 21 days of receipt of the weekly list or by the closure of any publicity which has been carried out on the application (whichever is the latest), that an application be presented to the Planning Committee for decision, identifying the planning reasons for the referral and how the development affects their ward and agreed with the Planning Manager, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.”

Footnote: As worded Category 7 referrals enables members other than the member for the ward within which the site is located to seek the referral to Committee where the development would have an effect on their ward.

Resolved – That subject to the above amendment the recommendations at Minute AC. 331 are confirmed.

- LIC. 217 – Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Principles 2018-21

Resolved –That the recommendations at Minute LIC. 217 are confirmed.

CL.1085

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2019/20

The Democratic Services Manager submitted a report which presented the draft calendar of meetings for 2019/20.

It was advised that the report included a proposal for future meetings of Planning Committee to take place on a Tuesday. The proposed change was to assist officers with the preparation and management of meetings by enabling information to be processed over the weekend relevant to those applications determined at Planning Committee.

One Member expressed concern that some of the proposed dates for Planning Committee had been scheduled to take place on the same day as meetings of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. In view of this it was suggested that the draft calendar of meetings be amended and brought back to the February Council meeting for final approval.

Resolved – That the draft calendar of meetings for 2019/20 be brought back to the February Council meeting for final approval.

CL.1086

STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Leader of the Council advised that consultation was due to start in the New Year in relation to the Council participating in the Cabinet Office electoral integrity pilot scheme at next year's elections.

CL.1087

**STATEMENTS FROM LEAD MEMBERS, CHAIRMEN OF
COMMITTEES AND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON
OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Mulligan provided an update on key aspects of the local government funding settlement, particularly, the new homes bonus, rural services delivery grant and business rates retention pilot.

Councillor Staveley provided an overview on recent work undertaken by the Select Committee, which included, absence management, disabled facilities grants and development of Skipton Town Hall. In addition, a meeting of the Select Crime and Disorder Committee had recently taken place with a particular focus on local crime statistics.

Councillor Thompson provided an update on his role as Council representative on the Yorkshire Dales Leader Programme. The group had now completed its work into reviewing applications for funding to improve business efficiency and creating additional employment opportunities. One of the businesses that had benefited was "The Cheese Experience" in Settle, which had proposed eight new full-time positions. The Cheese Experience had delivered the full-time positions plus an additional four part-time positions. The project was considered to be an excellent example of how a relatively small amount of public expenditure could make a significant difference to a growing business.

CL.1088

GENERAL QUESTION / STATEMENT TIME

Councillor Welch made a brief statement highlighting the need for greater enforcement of dog fouling. In response, Councillor Lis, Lead Member for Greener Craven, advised that the Council had committed to installing surveillance cameras in key areas. Officers were also working with ward members to identify hotspot areas.

Chairman