

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**30 April 2019**

**Present** – The Chair (Councillor Hull) and Councillors Baxandall, Brown, Dawson, Foster, Heseltine, Ireton, Jaquin, Madeley, Mason, Moorby, Morrell, Mulligan, Myers, Pighills, Place, Rose, Shuttleworth, Solloway, Staveley and Thompson.

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

**Apologies** – Councillors Barrett, Brockbank, Harbron, Mercer, Sutcliffe, Welch and Whitaker.

Start: 7.00pm

Finish: 8.15pm

CL.1102

### **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**Resolved** – That in accordance with the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of Appendices E and F to agenda item \$6, 'Recommendations for Confirmation', on the grounds that it is likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 (information in relation to the financial or business affairs of any person, including the Authority holding that information) of those Rules and Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

CL.1103

### **CHRIS WATERHOUSE**

The Chair opened the meeting by paying tribute to Chris Waterhouse who retired from the Council earlier in the month after 37 years' service. Several other Members paid tribute to Chris and thanked him for his support and professional advice to the Council over the years. Members wished him all the best in his retirement.

(Councillor Myers joined the meeting at 7.15pm during the consideration of this item.)

CL.1104

### **MINUTES**

**Resolved** – That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 February 2019 are confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CL.1105

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no questions received from members of the public.

CL.1106

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

CL.1107

### **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A list of engagements attended by the Chair was included within the agenda pack.

CL.1108

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION**

The Chair invited the Leader of the Council to provide an update on Minute POL.989 'Potential Tour de Yorkshire 2020 Start in Skipton'. The Leader of the Council advised that since the recommendation had been submitted by Policy Committee on 5 March 2019, there had been some serious issues raised at Welcome to Yorkshire, which needed to be addressed. In particular, it was emphasised that various assurances were needed in relation to funding. To progress matters a meeting was being arranged involving Craven District Council, the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and Welcome to Yorkshire, to discuss some of the concerns. The Leader of the Council advised that to enable further information to be provided that Minute POL.989 was to be deferred to a future Council meeting.

The following recommendations were submitted by Policy Committee at its meeting held on 5 March 2019:

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

- POL.986 – Revenue Budget Monitoring Q3 2018/19

**Resolved** –That the recommendations at Minute POL.986 are confirmed.

- POL.987 – Capital Programme Monitoring Q3 2018/19

In response to a query, it was advised that there had been some timing issues in relation to funding requirements associated with a number of grant funded projects, particularly redevelopment of the Town Hall.

**Resolved** –That the recommendations at Minute POL.987 are confirmed.

- POL.988 – Attracting Younger People to Craven Action Plan.

Whilst acknowledging the need to attract younger people to Craven, Members also highlighted the challenge to retain younger people.

**Resolved** –That the recommendations at Minute POL.988 are confirmed.

- \$POL.990 – Future High Street Fund (Skipton)

**Resolved** –That the recommendations at Minute \$POL.990 are confirmed.

- \$POL.991 – Joint Venture – Development of Land at Airedale Avenue, Skipton

**Resolved** –That the recommendations at Minute \$POL.991 are confirmed.

The following recommendations were submitted by Standards Committee at its meeting held on 13 March 2019:

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

- STN.359 – Review of the Code of Conduct for Members

Several Members expressed concern about the recommendation that required Members to declare membership of a Masonic Lodge. Members considered that the recommendation singled out a particular group and set a dangerous precedent.

It was advised that the Standards Committee had carefully considered the issue and taken into account some of the pledges that were required by freemasons. The Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer advised that there was already a requirement for officers to declare membership of a Masonic Lodge.

(Members voted against the recommendation submitted by Standards Committee, requiring Members to declare membership (past or present) of a Masonic Lodge.)

CL.1109                    **STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

The Leader of the Council made the following key points:

- Thanked outgoing Councillors Mason and Thompson, who were stepping down at the forthcoming local elections, for their service to Craven District Council.
- Congratulated Chloe Green, Team Leader in Business Support, for her apprentice of the year award at the Skipton Business Awards.
- Acknowledged that there was a need to consider additional security at the Tour de Yorkshire in response to the involvement of Cycling Team Ineos and its association with fracking. (It was reported that anti-fracking groups were planning mass protests at the Tour de Yorkshire.)
- Confirmation that boundary signs were to be installed at various points across the Craven District.

CL.1110                    **STATEMENTS FROM LEAD MEMBERS, CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES AND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Staveley reported that Select Committee had concluded its review of Development Control and the next stage involved submitting a report to Policy Committee to present its recommendations.

Councillor Myers wished to place on record his thanks to Alex Strickland, Interim Legal Services Manager, for all his hard work and support to Licensing Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee over the last year.

CL.1111                    **GENERAL QUESTION / STATEMENT TIME**

Councillor Brown submitted the following question:

**"Could the Leader of the Council please tell us what the gender pay gap is for Craven District Council and whether it has improved or worsened?"**

The following response was provided:

“The mean gender pay gap is 0.1%, as at 31 March 2018, compared to 3.5% as at 31 March 2017.

The National Public Sector Average is 17.5%.

Therefore based on the mean hourly rate, males are paid 0.1% more than female, which is significantly less than the national mean gender pay gap for the public sector. It is also lower than last year’s figure of 3.5%.”

Chairman