

COUNCIL MEETING

9 October 2018

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

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

Apologies – Councillors Ireton, Rose and Thompson.

Start: 7.00pm

Finish: 8.50pm

CL.1069

BETH GRAHAM

The Chair opened the meeting by asking Members to join her in observing a minute's silence in memory of former Councillor Beth Graham, who had recently passed away. Councillor Beth Graham had served for 28 years as a Ward Member for Settle / Settle and Ribblesbanks Ward. Several Members paid tribute to Beth Graham.

CL.1070

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

CL.1071

MINUTES

Resolved – That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 August 2018 are confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CL.1072

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions received from members of the public.

CL.1073

PRESENTATION – THE DEVELOPMENT OF SKIPTON TOWN HALL

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Danielle Daglan, Programming Venue Development Manager, to provide a presentation on 'Creating a Cultural Hub for Craven – The Development of Skipton Town Hall'.

The presentation covered the following areas:

- Feasibility study;
- The overall vision for Skipton Town Hall as a cultural hub;
- What has been done so far; and
- An update on the Heritage Lottery Fund Project.

The presentation also included an artist's impression of key areas in the Town Hall.

Questions and comments were invited and the main points of discussion were:

- An acknowledgement regarding the important role of community user groups. It was advised that the team was looking at ways to support and develop the range of groups that utilised Skipton Town Hall.
- Members welcomed the positive work being undertaken to ensure that Skipton Town Hall was made more accessible, particularly Dementia Friendly.
- The need to develop funding and sponsorship opportunities, especially local businesses.

The Chair thanked Danielle for her presentation and for the team's hard work in relation to the project.

CL.1074

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Chair advised that Craven District Council (CDC) had recently been awarded a mark of distinction in relation to 'The Keep Me Posted Best Practice'.

Members were reminded that the Chair's Civic Event was taking place on Wednesday, 17 October from 12 noon at Victoria Hall, Settle. Members were asked to confirm their attendance with the Chair's Secretary, Janet Harker.

CL.1075

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION

Recommendations of Policy Committee held on 11 September 2018 were submitted.

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

- POL.941 – Capital Programme Monitoring Report – Quarter 1 2018/19

Resolved –That the recommendations at Minute POL. 941 are confirmed.

- POL.942 – Digitisation and Application to the Department for Communities and Local Government for a North Yorkshire 75% Business Rates Retention Pilot in 2019/20

Resolved –That the recommendations at Minute POL. 942 are confirmed.

- POL.943 – Review of the Boundaries of Local Enterprise Partnerships covering Craven

It was proposed and seconded that an additional recommendation (3) be included as follows:

(3) That within any negotiation all concerned bear in mind that any future Yorkshire devolution outcomes are recognised and the need for devolution boundaries and Local

Enterprise Partnership (LEP) boundaries to respect each other with effective working arrangements are at the forefront of eventual agreements.

Resolved – That subject to the inclusion of the above additional recommendation (3), the recommendations at Minute POL. 943 are confirmed.

CL.1076 **WEST YORKSHIRE AND HARROGATE HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

The Chief Executive submitted a report which requested that the Council delegated to the Chief Executive the authority to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the arrangements for joint working, as part of the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership (WY&HP).

Resolved – That the Chief Executive be authorised to agree terms and sign a Memorandum of Understanding setting out the arrangements for joint working with the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership on behalf of the Council.

CL.1077 **STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

The Leader of the Council made the following key points:

- The Local Plan Examination started today and was expected to last three weeks. A timetable for the process was available to view on the Council's website.
- An economic assessment for Yorkshire wide devolution had been undertaken. It was reported that there was a potential financial lift of £9 billion plus if approved. An update was also provided on proposed working arrangements.

CL.1078 **STATEMENTS FROM LEAD MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES**

Councillor Mulligan reported that the Council was on track to deliver a balanced budget for the 2018/19 financial year. An application had also been made to the Department for Communities and Local Government for the North Yorkshire 75% Business Rates Retention Pilot in 2019/20.

Councillor Brockbank provided an update on the on the work of local partnerships and communities as follows:

- Local businesses and community groups were thanked for their hard work and support in relation to the development of Aireville Park play area.
- It was reported that the next Community Champion Awards was scheduled to take place in February 2019 at the Coniston Hotel.
- Confirmation that the Ward Member Grants scheme had been approved for the next three years.
- Future events in 2019 included Skipton Triathlon and the UCI World Cycling Championships.

Councillor Staveley reported that the Select Committee received a report on Absence Management at its most recent meeting. The Select Committee also finalised its report on Bereavement Services, which was to be submitted to Policy Committee.

CL.1079

GENERAL QUESTION / STATEMENT TIME

Councillor Brown submitted the following question to Councillor Dawson as Chairman of Craven Spatial Planning Sub-Committee:

"Could the Chairman of Craven Spatial Planning Sub-Committee please inform Council on the number of affordable homes actually built in 2016 and 2017 and of progress to date this year?"

Councillor Dawson advised that affordable housing completions were as follows:

- 2016 / 17 – 70 (including three new build homes bought by the Council for shared ownership in Sutton and Giggleswick)
- 2017 / 18 – 23 (including three shared ownership homes built by the Council at Glusburn)
- 2018 / 19 – to date – 25 (including four shared ownership built by the Council at Glusburn). A further 21 are due to complete this financial year including three shared ownership built by the Council at Sutton and nine new build shared ownership bought by the Council in Giggleswick and Skipton.

Chairman