

COUNCIL MEETING

18 December 2019

Present – The Chair (Councillor Whitaker) and Councillors Barrett, Brockbank, Brown, Foster, Harbron, Heseltine, Hull, Ireton, Jaquin, Lis, Madeley, Metcalfe, Moorby, Morrell, Myers, Noland, Pighills, Pringle, Place, Shuttleworth, Solloway, Staveley, Sutcliffe, Welch and Wheeler.

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 Handley, Mercer, Mulligan and Rose.

Start: 7.00pm

Finish: 8.25pm

CL.1156

MINUTES

Resolved – That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 October 2019 and the Extraordinary Council meeting on 12 November 2019 are confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

CL.1157

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

CL.1158

CIVIC ENGAGEMENTS

The Chairman, Councillor Whitaker, reported on the success of the Council's Civic Event, which took place on Sunday, 8 December 2019. The Chairman wished to place on record his thanks to all those involved in ensuring the event was such a great success, particularly the Chairman's Secretary, Janet Harker, Cultural Services Manager, Danielle Daglan, Councillor Simon Myers, staff at Skipton Castle and Wildwood Restaurant.

CL.1159

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION

The following recommendations were submitted by Policy Committee at its meetings held on 29 October and 3 December 2019:

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

- POL.1024 – Confirmation of the Council Tax Base – 2020/21

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute POL.1024 are confirmed.

- POL.1025 – Craven Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute POL.1025 are confirmed.

- POL.1035 – Joint Venture – Redevelopment of Council Depot Site, Engine Shed Lane

Resolved – That the recommendations at Minute POL.1035 are confirmed.

(Councillors Heseltine and Shuttleworth asked that it be recorded that they voted against.)

CL.1160 **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2020/21**

The Democratic Services Manager submitted a report which presented the draft Calendar of Meetings for 2020/21 for Members' approval.

Members discussed altering the time of Council meetings from 7.00pm to 6.30pm in line with other Committee meetings. There was also a request to reschedule the date of the May 2020 Planning Committee meeting from Tuesday, 5 May 2020 to Monday, 4 May 2020.

Resolved –

- a) That Council meetings start at 6.30pm in line with other Committee meetings.
- b) That the request to reschedule the date of the May 2020 Planning Committee from Tuesday, 5 May 2020 to Monday, 4 May 2020, be referred to Planning Committee for final approval.

(Councillor Lis joined the meeting at 7.35pm during the consideration of this item.)

CL.1161 **STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Foster reported that there was some uncertainty in relation to the latest devolution proposals following the recent General Election. Members emphasised the importance that Council's worked together to drive forward the proposals.

CL.1162 **STATEMENT FROM LEAD MEMBERS, CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES AND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Lis provided an update on recent progress made against the Climate Change Action Strategy. It was reported that a number of meetings had been held with local groups and organisations to discuss proposals and agree a way forward. Key actions had been identified which were to be included in a report to the February Policy Committee meeting.

One Member raised concern about changes to bin collection points and the negative impact on some local residents. It was felt that there was a need to review aspects of the bin collection policy to address residents' concerns.

Councillor Staveley reported that the December Select (Crime and Disorder) Committee meeting had been rescheduled to take place on 15 January 2020. The Select Committee meeting had been scheduled to take place immediately after the Crime and Disorder meeting. Members were informed that Select Committee was due to consider its final report on Planning Enforcement and Building Control.

(Councillor Ireton left the meeting at 8.05pm during the consideration of this item.)

CL.1163

GENERAL QUESTION / STATEMENT TIME

The following question was submitted by Councillor Brown:

“Could I ask the Leader of the Council what progress has been made on establishing whether the Council has sufficient evidence that historical planning permissions at Hellifield flashes have been exceeded sufficiently for a prosecution to succeed?”

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Foster, provided the following response:

“Counsel has been instructed - Counsel has been given an open brief to review and advise on the matter generally.

The Planning Enforcement Team Leader has kept his investigation open and where anything is reported continues to investigate as appropriate. The Planning Enforcement team have not ceased investigations pending Counsel’s advice.

The Council has not identified any actionable breach. No other agency has, to date, informed the Council that they have identified any actionable breach.”

Chairman