

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**15 December 2020**

**Present** – The Chair (Councillor Harbron) and Councillors Barrett, Brown, Foster, Handley, Heseltine, Hull, Ireton, Jaquin, Lis, Madeley, Mercer, Metcalfe, Moorby, Morrell, Mulligan, Myers, Noland, Place, Pringle, Rose, Shuttleworth, Solloway, Staveley, Sutcliffe and Welch.

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

Start: 6.30pm

Finish: 7.55pm

**Apologies for Absence** – Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Brockbank, Wheeler and Whitaker.

**Minutes** – The minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 3 November 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

**Public Participation** – There were no members of the public in attendance.

**Declarations of Interest** – There were no declarations of interest.

CL.1192

### **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 d and e 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.1193

### **CIVIC ENGAGEMENTS**

The Chairman reported that he had attended a filmed Remembrance Day ceremony at Holy Trinity Church, Skipton, which had been shown online due to Covid-19 restrictions. The film was currently available to view on the Council's YouTube channel.

(Councillor Myers joined the meeting at 6.35pm during the consideration of this item.)

CL.1194

### **STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

The Leader of the Council reported that new local tier restrictions were to be announced by Government on Wednesday, 16 December 2020.

It was reported that public consultation on local government reorganisation proposals was to begin in February 2021.

Local elections were to take place after May 2021 once Covid-19 restrictions had been lifted. Local elections may be undertaken by postal votes only, although this was still to be confirmed.

CL.1195

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

Councillor Mulligan provided a finance update, which included the impact of income losses from areas such as leisure services and car parking. It was reported that the Council had recently benefited from a government grant in relation to fees and charges.

Councillor Staveley reported that Select Committee had received a presentation at its November meeting from the Director of Services and Chief Finance Officer on the impact of Covid-19 on council services. The meeting invite had been extended to all members of the council. The presentation provided an insight into the extent that the Council had maintained services and supported communities. It particularly highlighted the commitment and versatility of council staff. A letter had also been published in the Craven Herald.

It was advised that a Select (Crime and Disorder) Committee meeting had taken place in December. At the meeting Members were introduced to the new Inspector, Steve Breen.

Councillor Myers reported that a Planning for Sustainable Development seminar had been arranged to take place on Wednesday, 16 December at 6.30pm. Dr Lindsay Smales from Leeds Beckett University was leading the session.

(Councillor Noland joined the meeting at 6.50pm during the consideration of this item.)

CL.1196

**GENERAL QUESTION / STATEMENT TIME**

The following question was submitted by Councillor Brown to Councillor Foster, Leader of the Council:

*“Could we please have an update on what steps the Council is taking to enforce the planning conditions on Hellifield Flashes following the receipt of the barrister’s report which confirms the existence of a live condition of a shallow sided pond suitable for wading birds?”*

The following response was provided:

*“We have established a Member/officer working group to oversee the live applications, the on-going monitoring of the current works and any enforcement issues. The working group agreed to set out the enforcement route, including key steps and options. The working group will meet again in January 2021 to discuss this and the wider progress of the applications on the site.”*

Councillor Solloway made a brief statement which recognised the past and continuing work of volunteers in the Craven area during the Covid-19 pandemic. He also paid tribute to those volunteers who lived in Craven that had taken part in the vaccine trials.

(Councillor Madeley joined the meeting at 7.00pm during the consideration of this item.)

CL.1197

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION**

Recommendations of Standards Committee held on 4 November 2020 were submitted.

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

- STN.379 – Review of the Number of Parish Representatives on the Committee

**Resolved** – That the recommendations at Minute STN.379 are confirmed.

Recommendations of Policy Committee held on 1 December 2020 were submitted.

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

- POL.1106 – Skipton Crematorium Extension

**Resolved** – That the recommendations at Minute POL.1106 are confirmed.

- POL.1107 – Community Assets Transfer

**Resolved** – That the recommendations at Minute POL.1107 are confirmed.

- POL.1108 – Craven Arts’ House (**Exempt item**)

**Resolved** – That the recommendations at Minute POL.1108 are confirmed.

- POL.1109 – Joint Venture, Redevelopment of Council Depot Site, Engine Shed Lane, Skipton (**Exempt item**)

**Resolved** – That the recommendations at Minute POL.1109 are confirmed.

CL.1198

**ANY OTHER ITEMS**

There were no late items of business to consider.

CL.1199

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Council budget meeting on Tuesday, 23 February 2021 at 6.30pm.

Chairman