

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DRONFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, DRONFIELD
ON TUESDAY 5th JUNE 2017

Present:

Councillors A. Powell (Town Mayor), G. Baxter, L. Blanshard, T Collins, A Dale, L. Deighton, A Foster, M. Foster, R Hall, G. Hopkinson, A. Hutchinson, E. Pasley, C. Smith, R. Smith, K. Tait, R. Welton and P Wright

In Attendance:

8 members of press and public, PC Sally Horner, PCSO Matt Adcock, Jonathan Flower (Derbyshire MAT Team) and the Town Clerk

The meeting commenced with a minutes silence in memory of the victims of the recent terrorist attacks that had taken place

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor M. Emmens and S.Green. Councillor A. Dale indicated that he would be arriving at the meeting late.

2 Declarations of Interest

None

3 Public Speaking

3.1 Planning matters

None

3.2 General Matters

A representative from Dronfield Town Football Club attended the meeting to comment on representations made by local residents and the Town Council to a planning application under consideration by North East Derbyshire District Council.

The Club addressed each of the objections and expressed disappointment that they had received no opportunity to respond to the various allegations made by residents which they felt was had not backed up with evidence.

Cllr. A. Dale joined the meeting during this part of the meeting.

3.3 Police Matters

PC Sally Horner attended the meeting to provide an update on police matters during May.

Shoplifting figures from local shops and the Ferndale Garden Centre have increased. There had been four burglaries during the month.

The recent beer festival had caused some issues with the large number of visitors coming to the event. A meeting is planned with the organisers to discuss actions for the next year's event.

Members raised the problem of inconsiderate parking around schools.

Members received an update from PCSO Matt Adcock and Jonathan Flower from the Derbyshire MAT team about a programme of activities that were taking place during July and August for young people.

4 Council Minutes

08/17-18 RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on the Monday 2nd May 2017 and the Annual Council meeting of 15th May 2017 are approved and adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5 Planning Matters

5.1 Planning Applications

09/17-18 RESOLVED

To note the schedule of planning applications

10/17-18 RESOLVED

That the Council understands that there may be a restrictive covenant on the property how far forward the building can be built in respect of application 16/01059/FL

11/17-18 RESOLVED

That a request is submitted for application 16/01207/FL to be considered by the planning committee.

5.2 Planning Decisions

12/17-18 RESOLVED

To note the schedule of planning decisions.

6 Youth Matters

Cllr Blanshard informed members of a visit to the Boxing Club on Callywhite Lane and encouraged members to see them when they are having a fundraising event at the Civic Hall in November.

7 Outside Services Report

The following tasks have been carried out during the month of May.

Litter/Dog Bins - The litter and dog bins continue to be emptied on a weekly basis, this is carried out every Thursday and consists of 2 men doing the whole route, and they also inspect the play areas/equipment at the same time.

Play Areas - Maintenance continues on the play areas. The main items that are left to repair are the soft surface in some of the play areas. The Junior swings at Birches Fold have been removed due to the soft surface being pulled up; this will be edged out replaced with soft surface tiles which we have at the unit.

Cemetery - The baskets are emptied around the Cemetery on a Monday and Friday.

Hanging Baskets – The hanging baskets have all been planted, we are letting them grow a little before installing onto the lighting columns around the Town. I have been in touch with DCC as they have installed new lighting columns but have not replaced the brackets on the new columns. We had them all inspected before the new columns were installed, I am now waiting to see if these columns which are new require inspecting before we fit new brackets or if we are allowed to go ahead and put the hanging baskets up without an inspection as we inspected the posts not knowing that new columns were going to be installed.

Notice Boards - The notice boards have all been cleaned up with the removal of any old and non-charity posters being removed.

Football – The goal posts have been removed and washed/disinfected and stored within the changing rooms at Coal Aston, this will allow the pitches to be prepared for next season.

Cemetery – The grass cutting in the Cemetery has begun and this will continue to be cut on a fortnightly basis.

Grass Cutting – We have started cutting grass around the Town with all play areas and small open spaces being cut, the areas have had 2 cuts so far and will continue to be cut on a fortnightly basis alternate with the Cemetery.

Flower beds – The flower beds have all been emptied and rotovated ready for the summer bedding plants to be planted.

Footpaths – All footpaths that DTC O/S Services look after have been strimmed back and weed spray applied.

Bowling and Cricket – The bowling and cricket season have both started and all wickets and greens are all up to a good standard. The new pump at Dronfield Woodhouse Bowling had another fault; this has been rectified and is now working properly.

Other

Various reports have been actioned around the Town.

Maintenance has been carried out on various Council Buildings.

The staff have been quite busy covering for holidays.

13/17-18 RESOLVED

To note receipt of the report.

8 Meeting Reports

8.1 Civic Service meeting held on 10th May 2017

14/17-18 RESOLVED

To note the minutes of the meeting.

8.2 Dronfield Gala meeting held on 10th May 2017

15/17-18 RESOLVED

To note the minutes of the meeting.

8.3 Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group meeting held on 17 May 2017

16/17-18 RESOLVED

To note the minutes of the meeting.

8.4 Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group meeting held on 24 May 2017

17/17-18 RESOLVED

To note the minutes of the meeting.

8.5 Budget Advisory Committee meeting held on 5 June 2017

18/17-18 RESOLVED

To note the minutes of the meeting.

19/17-18 RESOLVED

That an earmarked reserve of £15,000 is established for election expenses and that the earmarked reserve balance for twinning is transferred into the general fund.

8.6 Properties Advisory Committee meeting held on 5 June 2017

20/17-18 RESOLVED

To note the minutes of the meeting.

21/17-18 RESOLVED

That the quotation for the joinery work of £5,450 and electrical work of £2,440 is accepted and that a contingency amount of £1,000 to cover additional cost of an alternative higher specification for insulation is approved.

22/17-18 RESOLVED

That expenditure to replace the damaged fencing at the workshop at a cost of £2,412 is approved.

23/17-18 RESOLVED

- a) that expenditure up to £19,000 for repairs to footpaths in Sindelfingen Park is agreed subject to two further quotes being obtained.
- b) that approval of the quotes is delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Leader, Chairman of the Budget Advisory Committee or Chairman of the Properties Advisory Committee (any two to approve).

24/17-18 RESOLVED

- a) that expenditure up to £3,965 is agreed to construct a land drainage system in and around the play area and creation of a new soakaway to resolve drainage problems and flooded pathways in the park subject to two further quotes being obtained.
- b) that approval of the quotes is delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Leader, Chairman of the Budget Advisory Committee or Chairman of the Properties Advisory Committee (any two to approve).

9 Motion – Bramley Moor Lane Planning Application

Members discussed a motion proposed by Councillor A. Hutchinson and seconded by Councillor G. Hopkinson relating to a planning application submitted to Derbyshire County Council.

25/17-18 RESOLVED

That this Council write to Derbyshire County Council to strongly object to the application reference CM4/0517/10 to drill a vertical hydrocarbon exploratory core well at Bramley Moor Lane, Marsh Lane on the following grounds:

- a) The significant increase in HGV traffic on local road infrastructure (Dyche Lane, Eckington Road and Snowdon Lane) which will not cope.
- b) The safety risk posed to pedestrians and other road users by this added HGV traffic on roads which are narrow in places, with narrow pavements, and where parked cars already create real difficulties for existing road users.
- c) The industrialisation of an attractive piece of countryside surrounding Dronfield, which will have undesirable impacts on the local environment and the visual amenity of those residents living close to the site.

10 Motion – Peel Centre Flagpoles

Members discussed a motion proposed by Councillor M. Foster and seconded by Councillor L. Blanshard

26/17-18 RESOLVED

- a) That the Council agree to take over responsibility of flying flags on the two flag poles at the Peel Centre.
- b) That the Union Flag is flown permanently
- c) That the Policy of flying is discussed within a working group of the Council comprising Cllr. M. Foster, Cllr. A. Foster, Cllr. L. Deighton, Cllr. L. Blanshard, Cllr. P. Wright and Cllr. K. Tait.

11 Motion – Response to Boundary Commission Consultation

Members discussed a motion proposed by Councillor M. Foster and seconded by Councillor A. Dale.

27/17-18 RESOLVED

That the Council write to the Boundary Commission in response to their latest consultation on the District Boundary review. The Council would like the proposal to be revised as follows:

- a) Dronfield Woodhouse to remain a two Councillor Ward with the area on the north of Pentland Road to remain in the ward.
- b) Gosforth Valley to become a two Councillor ward with the flyover being the new ward boundary as suggested by the Boundary Commission.
- c) Summerfield Road, Derwent Road, Derwent Close, Avon Close, Trent Grove and Green Lane to be removed from the proposed new Coal Aston ward and placed back into Dronfield North Ward.
- d) Haddon Close, Hardwick Close, Hassop Close, Oakhill Road, The Avenue, The Lawn and Stonelaw Road to be moved from Dronfield North Ward into Coal Aston Ward.

12 Town Clerk's Report

Items For Decision

- a) Request for use of up to 20 tables from Ashgate Hospice for their Sparkle Night Walk and Summer Fair.
- b) Council considered options for the renewal of the subscription to the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Items for Information

- Election of Mayor of Sindelfingen
- Invitation to Sindelfingen Friday 7th July to Monday 10th July

Correspondence Received (Circulated or hard copy in office)

- Clerks & Councils Direct May 2017 Issue 111
- Friends of Dronfield Station Notes of meeting with East Midlands Trains on 7th March.
- Friends of Dronfield Station Notes of meeting with East Midlands Trains on 20th March.
- SLCC The Clerk Magazine Volume 48 No 3
- Personnel Advice & Solutions Ltd Employment update May 2017

28/17-18 RESOLVED

That the Clerk seeks further information on their requirements from Ashgate Hospice

29/17-18 RESOLVED

That the Council renew their annual subscription to DALC for the period from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 at a cost of £961.25

30/17-18 RESOLVED

To note the Town Clerks report

13 Year end accounts

Members considered the final year end accounts for 2016/17.

31/17-18 RESOLVED

that the final year end accounts are noted.

14 Internal Audit Report

Members considered the internal audit report for 2016/17 to be submitted as part of the Annual Return. No matters of concern or recommendations were put forward by the internal auditor.

32/17-18 RESOLVED

That the report from the internal auditor is noted.

15 Annual Governance Statement for 2016/17

Members considered their responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including preparation of the accounting statements and considered the accounting statements on the annual governance statement relating to the year ending 31 March 2017.

33/17-18 RESOLVED

That statements 1 - 9 on the Annual Governance Statement are agreed and that the annual governance statement is approved.

16 Accounting Statements for 2016/17

Members considered the accounting statements for 2016/17 to be submitted as part of the annual return.

T4/17-18 RESOLVED

That the accounting statements for 2016/17 are approved.

17 Financial Reports

35/17-18 RESOLVED

To approve the schedules of Payments for April 2017 totalling £95,262.80.

36/17-18 RESOLVED

To note the schedules of Receipts for April 2017 totalling £433,882.24.

37/17-18 RESOLVED

To note the Bank Reconciliation at 30th April 2017.

38/17-18 RESOLVED

To note the income and expenditure statement for the financial year to 30th April 2017.

18 DALC Circulars

39/17-18 RESOLVED

To note the following Circulars received from DALC:-

Circular 06/2017

Devolution of Services to Parishes: What you need to consider - General Election and Purdah - Commission on the Future of Localism - Neighbourhood Plan Examiners set for new Guidance - Village of the Year 2017 - Consultation on Park Runs

Circular 07/2017

DALC Spring Seminar Feedback - Transparency Fund – Small Councils (under £25,000 turnover) - New edition of Good Councillor Guide 2017 - Updated Legal Topic Notes
Neighbourhood Planning Bill signed into law - HR News - Coaching sessions for councillors or clerks - NALC Star Council Award 2017 - Grants and Funding Bulletin - FUNDING Derbyshire Environmental Trust (DET) funding - Rural Housing Week 2017 - New rights of inspection of audited accounts - Insurance cover

19 Exclusion of the Press and Public

40/17-18 RESOLVED

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Chairman

Date