

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF DRONFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, DRONFIELD
ON THURSDAY 12 JULY 2012

Present:

Councillors: S Allsop (The Town Mayor), G Baxter, A Blackburn, P Blackburn, L Blanshard
M Emmens, R Hall, S O'Donnell, D Oxspring, C Smith, R Smith, A Talford, W Temple.

Also Present:

Liz Boswell – Clerk to the Council.

1 Town Council Standing Orders

To confirm the activation of the Council's Standing Orders for all the remaining items of Council business.

66/12-13 RESOLVED

It was resolved to activate the Council's Standing Orders for all the items of business.

2 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mike Emmens declared an interest in 8 Community Group request to use the Civic Hall

3 Apologies

67/12-13 RESOLVED

The following apologies for absence were received, noted and accepted from the following members:

Councillor S Clark - Other
Councillor M S Emmens - Other
Councillor A Foster - Other
Councillor N Foster - Other
Councillor B Gachagan - Other
Councillor P Widdowson - Other

4 Code of Conduct

Councillors received a brief presentation and considered the adoption of the Code of Conduct as received from North East Derbyshire District Council

68/12-13 RESOLVED

To adopt the Code of Conduct as received from North East Derbyshire District Council
For Members to complete and return to the Clerk the Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interest Forms within 28 days.

5 Standing Orders

Councillors considered the appropriate changes required to the Standing Orders with regard to the Code of Conduct adopted at item 4

69/12-13 RESOLVED

To amend Standing Order 7:

From:

“7.1 All councillors shall observe the code of conduct adopted by the Council.

7.2 All councillors shall undertake training in the code of conduct within 6 months of the delivery of their declaration of acceptance of office.

7.3 If paragraph 12(2) of the code of conduct contained in the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 (SI No.1159) has been adopted by the Council or pursuant to relevant provisions in a statutory code of conduct in force at the time, councillors may exercise the rights contained in standing order 7(d) below only if members of the public are permitted to (i) make representations, (ii) answer questions and (iii) give evidence relating to the business being transacted.

7.4 Councillors with a prejudicial interest in relation to any item of business being transacted at a meeting may (i) make representations, (ii) answer questions and (iii)

give evidence relating to the business being transacted but must, thereafter, leave the room or chamber.”

To:

“7.1 All councillors shall observe the code of conduct adopted by the Council.

7.2 All councillors shall undertake training in the code of conduct within 6 months of the delivery of their declaration of acceptance of office.

7.3 Where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest in any business of the authority they must withdraw from the meeting room (including the public gallery) whenever it becomes apparent that the business is being considered, unless the member has been granted a dispensation from the District Councils Monitoring Officer.

7.4 Where a member has a significant other interest in any business of the authority they must withdraw from the meeting room (including the public gallery) whenever it becomes apparent that the business is being considered.

7.5 A member with a significant other interest in any business of the authority may still attend that meeting but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the business, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose. Immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence the member must withdraw from the meeting room (including the public gallery) for the consideration and vote on the business.”

6 Planning

Councillors considered whether to retain or revoke the resolution of this Council that Members of Dronfield Town Council who also sit on the Planning Committee of North East Derbyshire District Council, will not speak, or vote on any planning application under consideration

70/12-13 RESOLVED

It was resolved to make no amendment to the current resolution of this Council. Members of Dronfield Town Council who also sit on the Planning Committee of North East Derbyshire District Council, will not speak, or vote on any planning application under consideration.

7 Multi User Games Area

Councillors received the details of the RoSPA inspection carried out on the 3 July 2012. There are a number of issues with both the fencing and surfacing that need to be addressed. The fencing issues have been rectified in house this week and the Contractor is due to carry out a quotation for works required to the surfacing.

Councillors received details of the income being lost through the closure and the inherent problem of the potential loss of users.

71/12-13 RESOLVED

To authorise repairs up to the value of £2,500.00 to enable the MUGA to be used in the short-term.

Councillors received details of a grant funding offer to fund 50% of the refurbishment of the MUGA; because of a number of conditions it is not possible to assess the time scale of when total refurbishment can be carried out.

72/12-13 RESOLVED

To accept the offer of 50% grant funding awarded to the Council

To match fund the refurbishment of the MUGA at a cost of £33369.00 to the Council

Councillor Mike Emmens left the meeting at this point

8 Request for Free Use of the Civic Hall

Councillors considered a request from a local community group for free use of the Civic Hall for training during August.

73/12-13 RESOLVED

To grant the request to the local community group

Councillor Mike Emmens returned to the meeting.

9 Planning Applications

Members considered a planning application submitted by North East Derbyshire District Council for consideration and comment.

74/12-13 RESOLVED

It was agreed that the Council would object to planning application 12/00568/FL application to vary condition 4 of planning approval 07/00971/FL to allow use of floodlights until 9.30pm (Major Development) at Playing Fields Off Stubley Drive, Dronfield Woodhouse. The planning application was objected to on the grounds of nuisance to local residents, light pollution and noise up to 9.30pm in the evening. There were also concerns that this would exacerbate parking issues in the area.

10 Exclusion of Public and Press

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75/12-13 RESOLVED It was resolved that the public and press be now excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following items of business in order to avoid the disclosure to them of exempt information as defined by Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2004).

NOTE The minute record for these final items of business is recorded in a confidential final page of the minutes for Town Councillors attention only. The Public/Press then withdrew from the meeting. The items of business related wholly to:

12.1 Personnel Matters

12.2 Land Matters

Councillor Sue Allsop the Town Mayor asked that a letter is sent to Brian Wood of DALC thanking him for his help and support and to convey best wishes for his retirement.

The Meeting closed at 7.45pm