

SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Council held on 9 December 2008, in the Civic Suite, the Civic Centre, Portholme Road, Selby, commencing at 6:00 pm.

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Present: Councillor J Thurlow (Chairman) in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs E Casling, I Chilvers, M Crane, Mrs D Davies, J Deans, Mrs S Duckett, Mrs J Dyson, K Ellis, D Fagan, Mrs C Goodall, Mrs M Hulme, Mrs G Ivey, W Inness, M Jordan, C Lunn, D N Mackay, Mrs P Mackay, B Marshall, W N Martin, J McCartney, Mrs M McCartney, Mrs K McSherry, Mrs C Mackman, J Mackman, C Metcalfe, Mrs E Metcalfe, Mrs W Nichols, I Nutt, R Packham, C Pearson, A Pound, Mrs S Ryder, R Sayner, S Shaw-Wright, Mrs A Spetch and R H Sweeting.

Officials: Chief Executive, Mr J Lund, Strategic Director Mr S Martin, Strategic Director, Head of Service – Housing, Democratic Services Officer and Committee Administrator.

The Monsignor B Bickers offered opening prayers.

Public: 2
Press: 0

481 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Cattnach, Mrs S Duckett, Mrs C Goodall and B Percival.

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Disclosure of Interest

Councillors Mrs E Casling, Mrs M Hulme, Mrs G Ivey, B Marshall, C Pearson and Mrs A Spetch declared a personal interest in minute 492 as they were members of the North Yorkshire County Council's Selby Area Committee.

Councillor C Metcalfe declared a personal interest in minute 492 as he was a member of North Yorkshire County Council's Selby Area Committee and owned property in Kirkgate, Tadcaster.

Councillor Mrs E Metcalfe declared a personal interest in minute 492 as she owned property in Kirkgate, Tadcaster.

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Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Council held on 14 October 2008, with the substitution of 'Groundwork' for 'Ground Work' in part (f) of minute 367, be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

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Allotments

Arising out of consideration of the minutes of the last meeting, councillors discussed the terms of a letter, concerning the provision of land for allotments, which the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had sent to Parish Councils.

Resolved:

That the Chief Executive be requested to write to Parish Councils and explain that the cost of providing land for allotments would have to be met by the Parish Council and not Selby District Council.

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Communications

(a) Letter from Councillors J & M McCartney

The Chief Executive submitted a letter from Councillors J and M McCartney to record their thanks to councillors and staff for the support they had received during the campaign against the proposed 'Willow Green' eco-town.

Resolved: That the letter be noted.

(b) Letter from North Yorkshire County Scout Council

The Chief Executive submitted a letter from the North Yorkshire County Scout Council thanking Selby District Council for their grant in support of the development of scouting in North Yorkshire.

Resolved: That the letter be noted.

(c) Customer Service Centres

The Chief Executive submitted a letter from staff representatives requesting approval to the closure of Customer Service Centres at 4:00 pm on 24 and 31 December 2008.

Resolved: That the request be granted.

486 **Public Questions**

None

487 **Councillors' Questions**

None

488 **Committee and Board Minutes**

Standards Committee - 13 October 2008

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Planning Committee – 15 October 2008

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Planning Committee – 12 November 2008

Councillor J Mackman stated that it would be necessary to amend the minutes of this meeting as follows:-

- a) Minute 447 - substitute 'that era' for ' the area' in the last line of the third paragraph of the preamble.

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- b) Minute 449 - substitute 'impact on the character and form of the surrounding area' for 'the character of the surrounding dwellings' in the last line of the third paragraph of the preamble.

Resolved:

That the minutes with the amendments set out above be noted.

Licensing Committee – 27 October 2008

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Environment Board – 28 October 2008

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Environment Board – 6 November 2008

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Economy Board – 4 November 2008

In response to a request Councillor Lunn, Chair of the Committee, undertook to ensure that, in future when question and answer sessions are held, the minutes would contain details of the answers as well as the questions

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Extraordinary Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 7 November 2008

In reply to a question Councillor J McCartney, Chair of the Committee, undertook to ensure that, in future when question and answer sessions are held, the minutes would contain details of the answers as well as the questions

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 20 November 2008

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes be noted and**
- (ii) the recommendation set out in minute 456(State of the Area Address Consultation) be approved.**

Social Board – 11 November 2008

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Policy and Resources Committee – 25 November 2008

Resolved that:

- (i) The minutes be noted; and**
- (ii) The recommendations contained in the following minutes be approved:**
 - a. 464 Policy on the Management of Health & Safety in Corporate Contracting Work**
 - b. 465 Flexible Working Policy**

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Urgent Action

The Chief Executive reported that he had to take urgent action in connection with the Central Car Park, Tadcaster and that full details would be given later in the meeting (minute 492 refers)

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Sealing of Documents

To authorise the sealing of any documents necessary to action decisions of this Council Meeting, or any of its Committees and Boards for which delegated authority is not already in existence.

Resolved:

That authority be granted for the signing of, or the Common Seal of the Council being affixed to, any documents necessary to give effect to any resolutions hereby approved.

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Private Session

Resolved:

That in accordance with Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of the following item as there will be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section 100(1) of the Act as described in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

Councillors Mrs E Casling, Mrs M Hulme, Mrs G Ivey, B Marshall, C Pearson and Mrs A Spetch declared a personal interest in the following matter, minute 492, as they were members of the North Yorkshire County Council's Selby Area Committee and abstained from voting.

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Central Area Car Park, Tadcaster

The Chief Executive reported on Counsel's advice which had been sought on proposals to renovate the Central Area car park in Tadcaster.

Resolved:

That negotiations continue to be held to find a satisfactory solution in particular the position with regard to the District Council's own planning permission.

The meeting closed at 6:51 pm.