

SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Council held on 20 October 2009, in the Civic Suite, the Civic Centre, Portholme Road, Selby, commencing at 6:00 pm.

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Present: Councillor I Chilvers (Chairman) in the Chair

Councillors: M Crane, Mrs D Davies, Mrs M Davis, J Deans, Mrs S Duckett, Mrs J Dyson, K Ellis, Mrs C Goodall, Mrs M Hulme, W Inness, Mrs G Ivey, M Jordan, C Lunn, D N Mackay, Mrs C Mackman, J Mackman, B Marshall, Mrs K McSherry, I Nutt, R Packham, C Pearson, B Percival, A Pound, Mrs S Ryder, R Sayner, S Shaw-Wright, Mrs A Spetch, R Sweeting, A Thurlow and Mrs D White.

Officials: Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Head of Service – Customer and Business Support, Head of Service – Partnerships and Commissioning, Head of Service – Development Services, Head of Service - Housing, Media and Corporate Communications Manager, Democratic Services Manager and Democratic Services Officer.

Public: 0

Press: 0

Father Keith Richard offered opening prayers.

342 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs E Casling, J Cattanach, D Fagan, Mrs P Mackay, W Martin, J McCartney, Mrs M McCartney, C Metcalfe, Mrs E Metcalfe and Mrs A Spetch.

343 **Disclosure of Interest**

None received.

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Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of Council held on 28 July 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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Communications

(a) Bevin Boys Miners Permanent Memorial Campaign

Councillors considered a letter from The Chairman of the Appeal Committee asking for a donation towards the construction of a permanent memorial to the Bevin Boys who were conscripted to work in the coal mines during World War II.

Moved by Councillor Crane and seconded by Councillor Percival

That the letter be noted.

Moved by Councillor Shaw – Wright and seconded by Councillor Mrs Duckett, as an amendment

That a donation of £1,000 be made.

Amendment lost
Motion carried

Resolved:

That the letter be noted,

(b) Selby Town Centre

The Chief Executive reported that he had received a letter from Councillor A Thurlow supporting the campaign launched by Ye Fraternite of Olde Selebians, the Civic Society and Selby Lions to make Selby Town litter free. The Council was asked to take enforcement action if landowners could not be encouraged to clear sites.

Resolved:That

- (i) landowners be asked to clean up sites;**

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- (ii) in the event of sites not being cleared the Council will undertake appropriate enforcement action and
- (iii) the possibility of using people who are the subject of a community service order to assist with the cleanup be investigated.

(c) Post Office Debate

The Chief Executive reported on a communication from the General Secretary of the National Federation of Sub-Postmasters inviting councillors to attend a meeting in Leeds on 5 November. The meeting would address how local and central authorities could work with local post offices for mutual benefit.

Resolved:

That the letter be noted.

346 **Public Questions**

None.

347 **Councillors' Questions**

None.

348 **Committee and Board Minutes**

Planning Committee 22 July 2009

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Planning Committee 19 August 2009

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Planning Committee 16 September 2009

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted

Licensing Committee 3 August 2009

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Licensing Committee 7 September 2009

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Licensing Committee 5 October 2009

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted

Environment Board 3 September 2009

In response to a question the Chief Executive reported that part (ii) of the resolution set out in minute 218 should have been minuted as a recommendation to Policy and Resources Committee. He confirmed that the matter had been considered by the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 29 September (minute 299 refers).

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Economy Board 8 September 2009

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Social Board – 22 September 2009

With regard to minute 268 (Leisure Service Transfer) the Chair confirmed that the minutes of the Selby Forum would be submitted to future meetings of the Board. She also confirmed that a Business Plan for Leisure and Sports Development Services would be submitted to the Board at least annually.

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Audit Panel – 23 September 2009

Councillor Packham reported that his name had been spelt incorrectly in the minutes.

Resolved :

That the minutes be noted.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 24 September 2009

Councillor Mrs Hulme reported that her name should have been included in the list of apologies. Councillor Sayner also reported that her name was misspelt in the minutes.

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 8 October 2009

Councillors considered the decision, set out in minute 329, to establish two Task and Finish Groups to look at CCTV in Selby and relationships between Selby District Council and voluntary/community groups. Comment was made about the lack of information regarding the scope and remit of the groups.

Resolved:

(i) That the minutes be noted and

(ii) in view of the absence of details of the scope and remit of the Task Groups, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be requested to reconsider the decision set out in minute 329

Standards Committee 27 July 2009

Councillors commented on the proposed revised national Code of Conduct for Members and the period of office of the coopted members of the Standards Committee.

The Monitoring Officer reported that training would be provided on the

revised Code and that the Council could determine the period of office of Standards Committee members.

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Standards Committee 6 October 2009

Resolved :

That the minutes be noted.

Policy and Resources Committee 1 September 2009

Resolved: That

(i) the minutes be noted; and

(ii) the recommendations set out in minutes 208 (Waste Collection Policies for Residents) and 212 (National Non Domestic Rates (Business Rates) Hardship Policy) be approved and adopted.

Policy and Resources Committee- 29 September 2009

The Chair of the Committee referred to minute 296 and reported that the cost of renovating the railings at Selby Abbey would be met by Yorkshire Forward

Resolved: That

(i) the minutes be noted and

(ii) the recommendation set out in minutes 299(Revenue Budget), 300 (Capital Programme), 304 (Decent Homes Target) and 306 (Retail, Commercial and Leisure Study) be approved.

Selby Community Project Board- 30 July 2009

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

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Urgent Action

The Chief Executive reported that he had authorised the appointment of

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Councillor Mrs G Ivey to the Cridling Stubbs Educational Charity.

He also reported that, in view of the failure of all landowners to agree, he had, in consultation, with the Group Leaders, formally withdrawn from the Sherburn Renaissance scheme with Yorkshire Forward. The decision would not prevent a new scheme being instigated in the future.

Resolved :

That the action taken by the Chief Executive be approved

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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 was 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.

The meeting closed at 7.02pm.