

## SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Council held on 1 June 2010, in the Civic Suite, the Civic Centre, Portholme Road, Selby, commencing at 6:00 pm.

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Present: Councillor K Ellis in the Chair

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

Officials: Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Strategic Director, Head of Service – Finance, Head of Service – Partnerships and Commissioning, Media and Corporate Communications Manager and Democratic Services Manager.

Also in Attendance Alan Rose, Neville Parkinson and Bob Tomas – York Hospitals Foundation Trust, Hilary Putman – Standards Committee.

Public: 0

Press: 0

Father Christopher Wilton gave opening prayers.

### 25. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Cattanach, Mrs M

Davis, Mrs C Mackman, B Marshall, N Martin and Mrs E Metcalfe.

26. **Disclosure of Interest**

None were received.

27. **Minutes**

The Chairman referred to discussions at the annual meeting of Council and sought the Council's view on the starting time of meetings.

The Chairman sought nominations for three additional representatives on outside bodies.

**Resolved:**

- i) That the minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Council held on May 25 2010, be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.**
- ii) That meetings of Council continue to commence at 6.00pm.**
- iii) That representatives on the three additional outside bodies be appointed as below:**

**North Yorkshire Joint Procurement Committee – Councillor Chilvers.  
Leisure Forum – Councillor Ivey.  
Environmental Services Contract Partnering Board – Councillor Metcalfe.**

28. **York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**

Mr Rose, Chairman of the York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, gave a presentation to Council to promote its Hospitals and update councillors on its work.

**Resolved:**

**That the presentation be noted.**

29. **Standards Committee Annual Report 2009/10**

Ms Putman, Vice Chairman of the Standards Committee, submitted the Committee's Annual Report for 2009/10.

Ms Putman offered her thanks to Members and Officers for their work on the Standards Committee over the past year. The Monitoring Officer informed the Council that the Standards Committee had intended to offer further training but was awaiting the revised Code of Conduct.

**Resolved:**

**That the report be noted.**

30. **Communications**

i) Eden Avenue Footpath

The Chief Executive read out a letter from Councillor Mrs D Davies which sought an update on progress toward the repair of the footpath at Eden Avenue.

The Chief Executive advised that discussions were still on going between the Council and North Yorkshire County Council over ownership of the footpath. The Chief Executive undertook to move the issue forward.

**Resolved:**

**That the letter be noted.**

ii) Selby Civic Society

The Chief Executive read out a letter from the Selby Civic Society which raised concerns over the vintage car rally that was planned to take place in the Market Place, Selby.

The Leader of the Council acknowledged the concerns raised and indicated that the Council would seek to identify an alternate venue.

**Resolved:**

**That the letter be noted.**

31. **Public Questions**

None received.

32. **Councillors' Questions**

Councillor Mrs Ivey responded to a question from Councillor McCartney with regard to the future of the Westfield Court Centre at Eggborough. Councillor Mrs Ivey referred to a response previously circulated to all councillors. Work was ongoing to look at whether uses of the centre could be extended to make better use of the facilities, or whether existing services would be better provided from another local building. Additional meetings would be held with users and other interested parties to discuss the options, with a further report to Social Board later this year.

Councillor Crane responded to a question from Councillor McCartney with regard to future maintenance of Barlow Common Nature Reserve. Councillor Crane acknowledged the concern raised by Councillor McCartney. He explained that, despite the amalgamation of budgets, the resources available for maintenance had remained approximately the same.

33. **Committee and Board Minutes**

Planning Committee – 31 March 2010

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes be noted.**

Planning Committee – 28 April 2010

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes be noted.**

Licensing Committee – 12 April 2010

**Resolved:**

- i) That the minutes be noted.**
- ii) That the recommendation at minute 703 (Application for removal of a consent street) be approved.**

Licensing Committee – 10 May 2010

**Resolved:**

- i) That the minutes be noted.**
- ii) That the recommendation at minute 760 (Regulation of Lap Dancing and other Sexual Entertainment) be approved.**

Economy Board – 13 April 2010

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes be noted.**

Audit Panel – 14 April 2010

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes be noted.**

Environment Board – 15 April 2010

Councillor Metcalfe presented the minutes and highlighted the following amendments.

- i) The attendance list for the Committee should include Councillor Sweeting as present and;
- ii) Minute 724, the resolution should read; 'Policy and Resources Committee review the policy in 2011'.

**Resolved:**

**That, subject to the amendments, the minutes be noted.**

Social Board – 20 April 2010

Councillor Ivey presented the minutes and highlighted the following amendment.

- i) Minute 733, the resolution should read; The enhanced management of 3 centres, Cunliffe Centre, Selby; Harold Mills House, Sherburn; Rosemary House, Tadcaster, by Selby District Council and the opportunities for statutory or third sector partners to take over the management of a further 3 centres.

**Resolved:**

- i) That, subject to the amendment, the minutes be noted.**
- ii) That the recommendation at minute 736 (Sub Regional Choice Based Lettings Scheme) be approved.**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 13 May 2010

Councillor McCartney presented the minutes and highlighted the following amendment.

- i) Minute 769, paragraph four should read; The question of when SDC were going to introduce the 'scores on the doors' system of rating the health and hygiene of food outlets, which is operating very successfully in large areas of the country was raised. The Chief Executive responded saying that he would find out and report back to the Committee.

**Resolved:**

**That, subject to the amendment, the minutes be noted.**

Policy and Resources Committee – 18 May 2010

**Resolved:**

- i) That the minutes be noted.**
- ii) That the recommendations at minute 782 (Referrals from Other Boards and Committees – Environment Board) and 784 (Review of Contact Centre Opening Hours) be approved.**

Selby Community Internal Project – Internal Project Board 11 February 2010

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes be noted.**

34. **State of the Area Address**

Councillor Crane, Leader of the Council, submitted the State of the Area Address for 2010.

**Resolved:**

**That the State of the Area Address be approved as a consultation document for discussion with the community.**

35. **The Move Towards an Executive Structure**

The Chief Executive submitted a report to update the Council on the programme to move to a Leader and Cabinet Executive structure by May 2011.

The report covered progress on the revision of the Constitution, the outcome of the consultation process and arrangements for Councillor training. The report sought approval to establish both a Remuneration Panel and a training programme.

**Resolved:**

- i) That progress be noted on the potential move to a Leader and Cabinet executive structure by 2011.**
- ii) That authority be given to the Chief Executive to set up an independent Remuneration Panel.**

36. **iii) That the proposed training programme be approved.**  
**Anticipating Greater Financial Constraint**

The Chief Executive submitted a report which provided an update on the current work intended to anticipate reductions in public expenditure.

The Chief Executive informed Council that significant cuts to public expenditure were expected in forthcoming years. Early consideration of efficiency measures was essential and officers were working on a package of measures that would come forward for Council's approval.

**Resolved:**

- i) That the report be noted.**
- ii) That approval be given to the preparatory work and that greater detail be received from the Chief Executive as the scale of grant cuts becomes clearer.**

37. **Urgent Action**

The Chief Executive reported that he had approved the engagement of consultants to produce a design for the central car park in Tadcaster.

The Chief Executive also reported that he had authorised Council funds to be used for repairs at a closed burial ground in Brotherton. Councillors asked that action be taken to try and reduce the Council's exposure to such costs in the future.

**Resolved:**

**That the action taken by the Chief Executive be approved.**

38. **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.**

The meeting closed at 8:10 pm.

