



## Minutes

### Extraordinary Council

Venue: Council Chamber  
Date: 29 April 2014

92	Disclosures of Interest
93	The Purchase of Burn Airfield
94	Selby District Council Constitution
95	Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2014/15

Present: Councillor M Dyson in the Chair

Councillors Mrs E Casling, J Cattanach, I Chilvers, M Crane, J Crawford, Mrs D Davies, J Deans, K Ellis, W Inness, Mrs G Ivey, M Jordan, C Lunn, D Mackay, Mrs P Mackay, Mrs C Mackman, J Mackman, J McCartney, Mrs M McCartney, Mrs K McSherry, C Metcalfe, Mrs E Metcalfe, R Musgrave, Mrs W Nichols, I Nutt, R Packham, D Peart, A Pound, R Price, I Reynolds, Mrs S Ryder, S Shaw-Wright, Mrs A Spetch, R Sweeting and J Thurlow.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Mrs M Davis, M Hobson, B Marshall, C Pearson and R Sayner.

Also Present: Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Executive Director (s151), Managing Director of Access Selby, Business Manager (ES), Solicitor to the Council and Democratic Services Officer

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The Leader of the Council stated that he would be writing to Corpus Christi College in Leeds to express the Council's condolences over the recent incident which had occurred at the college.

## **92. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **93. The Purchase of Burn Airfield**

Councillor M Crane presented the report on the financial implications of the purchase of Burn Airfield, which would be outside the approved budget.

The Leader of the Council explained the past and current situation regarding the site. It was explained that the Council had appointed external valuers to ascertain the value of the site and they had valued the site at £1.7m. The Council was also informed that work would have to be done on the site before any development could commence.

The Leader of the Council explained that discussions were taking place concerning the overage clause and negotiations on this would continue. It was noted that there would be amendments to recommendations one and five in the report as follows:

- Recommendation one to include the words 'subject to further negotiation on the overage clause'
- Recommendation five to include the words 'in consultation with the Leader of the Council'

The Leader of the Council explained that a letter had been received from Burn Community Group which had expressed concerns regarding the potential purchase of the site. The Leader of the Council went through the main points of the letter and responded to concerns raised about flooding, the use of the site for a potential Bypass, legal powers for acquiring the land, financial concerns and the possible use of the land as a travellers' site.

Some Members raised concerns regarding the cost of the site including maintenance, the need to borrow money to acquire the site and the usability of the site for any development. Other discussion included the need to purchase the site to meet the Council's future housing development targets for the next local development plan period and that the site represented good value for money compared to other similarly valued agricultural land.

In line with the Council's Constitution, a recorded vote on the proposed recommendations was requested.

For the proposal:

Councillors: L Casling, J Cattanach, I Chilvers, M Crane, J Deans, M Dyson, K Ellis, W Inness, Mrs G Ivey, M Jordan, C Lunn, D Mackay, Mrs P Mackay, Mrs C Mackman, J Mackman, Mrs K McSherry, C

Metcalfe, Mrs E Metcalfe, R Musgrave, I Nutt, D Peart, A Pound, I Reynolds, Mrs S Ryder, Mrs A Spetch and R Sweeting.

Against the proposal:

Councillors: J Crawford, Mrs D Davies, J McCartney, Mrs M McCartney, Mrs W Nichols, R Packham, R Price, S Shaw-Wright and J Thurlow.

Abstentions:

None

**Resolved:**

- i. That an offer as outlined in Paragraph 4.1 be submitted to the HCA for their consideration subject to further negotiation on the overage clause.**
- ii. The Council borrows to finance the purchase of the site**
- iii. Provision be made in the Council's accounts for the interest payments and MRP of £112,000 per annum to be funded from rental income and revenue savings.**
- iv. An annual budget of £10,000 is identified funded from rental income to manage the site.**
- v. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive of the Council in consultation with the Leader of the Council to agree the Heads of Terms and complete the purchase of the site at the offered price.**
- vi. To authorise commencement of negotiations regarding a new lease with the Gliding Club.**

#### **94. Selby District Council Constitution**

The Chief Executive presented the report which recommended that a review of the Constitution be undertaken by the Audit Committee supported by an officer team.

Concern was raised that the timescales for the review attached in the report may be too tight and it was stated that there should be an extension of time. It was agreed that the Audit Committee should define its own timetable for the review. It was also agreed that an invitation should be sent out to all Members to participate in the review when it commenced.

**Resolved:**

**To ask the Audit Committee to carry out a review of the Council's Constitution and report its conclusions back to the Executive who will consider whether to recommend changes to Council.**

**95. Overview and Scrutiny Work Programmes 2014/15**

Councillor M Crane presented the report on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes for 2014/15.

**Resolved:**

**To approve the work programmes for 2014/15.**

The meeting closed at 7.14pm