

Council

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Centre, Doncaster Road, Selby, YO8 9FT

Date: Tuesday, 26 March 2019

Time: 6.00 pm

Present: Councillor D Buckle in the Chair

Councillors D White (Vice-Chair), K Arthur, J Cattnach, I Chilvers, J Chilvers, M Crane, S Duckett, K Ellis, M Hobson, M Jordan, C Lunn, D Mackay, J Mackman, C Metcalfe, R Musgrave, R Packham, C Pearson, B Sage, J Shaw-Wright, R Sweeting, J Thurlow and P Welch

Officers Present: Janet Waggott (Chief Executive), Dave Caulfield (Director of Economic Regeneration and Place), Karen Iveson (Chief Finance Officer (s151)) and Palbinder Mann (Democratic Services Manager)

Press: 0

Public: 0

70 TRIBUTE TO PAM ODELL

Before the commencement of the meeting, Councillors Crane and Packham paid tribute to former Selby District Councillor and Honorary Alderwoman, Pam Odell who had recently passed away.

71 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Casling, Deans, Marshall, McCartney and Peart.

72 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

73 MINUTES

The Council considered the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21

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It was noted that there were a number of typographical errors which needed correcting in the minutes.

RESOLVED:

To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 February 2019 subject to the typographical corrections for signing by the Chairman.

74 COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman informed that he had held two charity events since the last Full Council meeting as follows:

- The first was a race night in Sherburn where 120 people had attended with the event being sold out. The Chairman thanked everyone who had sponsored a horse or attended the event.
- The second was a Charity Gala concert for the 950th anniversary of Selby Abbey for which 905 people had attended the two shows that had taken place. The Chairman explained that several hours of planning had gone into the event including for raising sponsorships. It was noted that 12 acts had performed at the shows. Council was informed that over £8,000 had been raised for the Chairman's Charities and the Chairman thanked everyone who had attended.

75 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that he would be running the old council car park over the forthcoming bank holidays on Easter Monday and Mayday and stated that he would welcome assistance from any Members who were available on these dates.

76 PETITIONS

There were no petitions received.

77 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions received.

78 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by Councillors.

79 REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Councillor M Crane, Leader of the Council

The Leader of the Council presented his update on the work he had recently undertaken, as outlined in his report.

In response to a query concerning the view of the Minister for the Northern Powerhouse on the devolution proposals for Yorkshire, the Leader of the Council stated that the Minister's view was that of the Government who felt that the region was too large for one deal and that there should be three or four separate deals with smaller areas.

A query was raised regarding Align Property Services who were moving into the Civic Centre. The Leader of the Council informed Council the company was a subsidiary of North Yorkshire County Council.

A query was raised regarding car parking facilities for Members at the Civic Centre. The Leader of the Council explained that this could be looked into once the Police had moved in to the building to see how many spaces were remaining.

Councillor J Mackman, Deputy Leader of the Council and Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping

Councillor Mackman, Deputy Leader of the Council and Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping, provided an update on the work he had recently undertaken, as outlined in his report.

A query was raised around the housing delivery test and why the Council had a result of 154% along with what the consequences were if they fell under 100%. The Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping explained that there were two tests in respect of housing delivery, these were the five year housing land supply and the housing delivery test. Council was informed that the Secretary of State had used a standard formula to calculate the Council's result and there were different penalties depending on how much lower than 100% the result was.

In response to a further query on housing figures, the Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping explained that the Council was trying to achieve the Spatial Strategy to ensure housing development.

In respect of a question asked on the Selby and District Housing Trust, the Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping explained that the Trust were looking at acquisitions, in particular at garage sites however any developments were subject to loans from the Council.

Councillor C Lunn, Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources

Councillor Lunn, Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources presented his update on the work he had recently undertaken, as outlined in his report.

Concern was raised that the Government were changing pension credit rules and it was felt a representation should be made raising concerns about this. The Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources explained representations would be made where possible.

Councillor C Metcalfe, Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development

Councillor Metcalfe, Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development provided an update on the work he had recently undertaken, as outlined in his report.

In response to a query concerning the station development, the Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development explained that there was a masterplan for the development which was currently being redesigned.

In relation to the Sherburn Growth and Infrastructure Plan, a request was made to view the outlined project plan and vision for the proposal. The Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development agreed that this could be provided.

A query was raised regarding the localities proposed for the Future High Streets Fund. The Lead Executive Member for Communities and Economic Development explained that only one area could be selected for the bid and Selby had been chosen however the information gained from working on the bid would be used to benefit Sherburn and Tadcaster. Additionally, Council was informed there would be a further round of bidding in 2020 where more proposals could be submitted. It was felt that there needed to be further information on the strength of businesses in Sherburn and Tadcaster.

Councillor C Pearson, Lead Executive Member for Housing, Health and Culture

Councillor Pearson, Lead Executive Member for Housing, Health and Culture, provide an update on the work he had recently undertaken, as outlined in his report.

In response to a query concerning the exact date of the public consultation exercise for an alternative recycling service, the Lead Executive Member for Housing, Health and Culture explained that no specific date had been set but this was likely to be late May or early June.

The Lead Executive Member for Housing, Health and Culture explained that the current waste collection vehicles would be replaced with ones that were rear loading to enable them to collect from narrow streets. Council was informed that the new vehicles could also collect recycling from both boxes and bins unlike the current vehicles and this would then allow the Council to consider other suppliers once the contract was up for renewal.

Council was informed that the decision for the option chosen for the new recycling scheme would come before Council.

A query was raised regarding what would happen to the planned cycling events taking place in the district following the resignation of Sir Gary Verity from Welcome to Yorkshire. The Leader of the Council explained the events arranged would not be affected and would be held as previously planned.

RESOLVED:

To receive and note the reports from the Executive.

80 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Councillor W Nichols, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor S Duckett, Vice Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee provided an update on the work of the Committee as outlined in the report.

There were no questions for Councillor Duckett.

Councillor J Deans, Chairman of the Policy Review Committee

Councillor Hobson, Vice Chairman of the Policy Review Committee provided an update on the work of the Committee as outlined in the report. A query was raised that the Council was requesting that all taxis be wheelchair accessible and this would result in extra costs for the drivers. It was agreed clarification would be sought on this.

Councillor K Arthur, Chairman of the Audit and Governance Committee

Councillor Arthur, Chairman of the Audit and Governance Committee provided an update on the work of the Committee as outlined in his report.

There were no questions for Councillor Arthur.

81 MOTIONS

There were no motions submitted for discussion.

82 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

Councillor Crane, Leader of the Council presented the report which highlighted proposed changes to the Constitution and asked Council to approve them so they could be implemented. It was noted that a version of the entire Constitution with all of the proposed changes outlined had been published online and sent to all Members.

The Leader of the Council informed Council that the recommendation would be amended as follows to allow the Monitoring Officer to make the proposed

changes:

'To authorise the Monitoring Officer to make the amendments to the Constitution as summarised in Appendix A and in the track changed version online.'

RESOLVED:

To authorise the Monitoring Officer to make the amendments to the Constitution as summarised in Appendix A and in the track changed version online.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To ensure the Constitution is up to date and fit for purpose.

83 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2019/20

Councillor Crane, Leader of the Council presented the report which asked Council to consider and approve the attached Calendar of Meetings for 2019/20.

RESOLVED:

To approve the Calendar of Meetings for 2019/20.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To enable the proper functioning of the Council in the 2019/20 municipal year.

84 URGENT ACTION

There was no urgent action.

The meeting closed at 7.03 pm.