

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**COUNCIL MEETING****13th June, 2013****COUNCILLOR KENNETH RICHARDSON (THE MAYOR)**

At a meeting of the Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council duly convened and held on Thursday 13th June, 2013 at The Town Hall, Barnsley.

30. Present:

The Mayor (Councillor K. Richardson)

- Central Ward - Councillors Bruff and M. Dyson
- Cudworth Ward - Councillors Hayward, Houghton and C. C. Wraith
- Darfield Ward - Councillors Key, Markham and Saunders
- Darton East Ward - Councillors Duerden, Miller and Spence
- Darton West Ward - Councillor Burgess
- Dearne North Ward - Councillors Gardiner and Worton
- Dearne South Ward - Councillors Noble and Sixsmith
- Dodworth Ward - Councillors P. Birkinshaw, J. Carr and Perrin
- Hoyland Milton Ward - Councillors Franklin, Shepherd and Stowe
- Kingstone Ward - Councillors D. Green, Mitchell and T. Sheard
- Monk Bretton Ward - Councillors S. Green and M. Sheard
- North East Ward - Councillors Ennis, Higginbottom and North
- Old Town Ward - Councillors Cherryholme, Davies and Lofts
- Penistone East Ward - Councillors Barnard and Hand-Davis
- Penistone West Ward - Councillors Millner and Starling
- Rockingham Ward - Councillors Dures and Lamb
- Royston Ward - Councillors T. Cheetham, T.J. Cheetham and Kyte
- St. Helen's Ward - Councillors Leech, Platts and Tattersall
- Stairfoot Ward - Councillors Johnson and Mathers
- Wombwell Ward - Councillors Morgan and R. Wraith
- Worsbrough Ward - Councillors G. Carr and Clarke

31. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non pecuniary interests in relation to items on the agenda.

32. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th April, 2013 and the Annual Council meeting held on 17th May, 2013 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

33. Communications

(a) Innovative Procurement Practices – Award

The Chief Executive was pleased to inform the Council that the Government had named Barnsley Council as one of the ten best Councils to do business with.

The winners had been selected for their innovative procurement practices and support for small businesses by a Panel which included industry experts and local and Central Government representatives.

Although the field was very strong, Barnsley's entry had caught the eye of the Assessment Panel because of the wide range of Small or Medium Enterprise (SME) communication and engagement activities undertaken, the excellent data collection systems and the use that data, and the significant action taken to simplify and streamline the procurement process for SMEs. Overall, the Panel felt that Barnsley was an excellent example of how a Council could open up procurement opportunities to small business.

Barnsley's winning application had been submitted by Ann Gosse (Executive Director, Development, Environment and Culture), Andrew Ainsworth (Group Leader Enterprise and BDA) and Karen Temple (Director of Design and Procurement, NPS Barnsley).

All three were present in the Council Chamber this morning.

Several Members expressed their personal congratulations to all involved in helping to achieve this award.

The Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their congratulations in the usual manner.

(b) British Safety Council International Safety Award 2013 and RoSPA President's Award 2013

The Chief Executive reported that once again, for the 12th consecutive year, the Council had been awarded the British Safety Council International Safety Award and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) President's Award.

The British Safety Council and RoSPA awards were awarded annually to organisations which have attained consistently high health and safety standards. The awards were judged by comparing health and safety records and management systems with others in the same sector. To be eligible the Council needed to have achieved a better than national average accident level for public administration and demonstrably robust management practices for health and safety.

The awards reflected the Council's strong commitment to health and safety and were a peer reviewed acknowledgement of the Council's efforts in this area.

Congratulations were extended to Doug Cartwright and the Health and Safety Team on this great achievement.

The Chief Executive also reported that Doug Cartwright was retiring in July and he, together with representatives of the Health and Safety Team, were present in the Council Chamber this morning.

Several Members expressed their personal congratulations to all involved in helping to achieve these awards. They made particular reference to the hard work and dedication of Doug Cartwright to the Council over many years and they, together with Members of the Council, expressed their best wishes for a long, happy and healthy retirement.

The Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their congratulations in the usual manner.

34. Questions by Elected Members

The Chief Executive reported on the following question received from Councillor G. Carr, in accordance with Standing Order No 11.

(a) Proposed Route of the HS2

“Why have Elected Members only had a briefing of the proposed route of HS2? Why have Members whose Wards the route will pass through not been alerted to the impacts of some of the engineering and excavations within their Wards, particularly in view of the potential impact on places of employment?”

Councillor Miller (Cabinet Spokesperson, Development, Environment and Culture) thanked Councillor G. Carr for submitting the question which enabled him to explain the way in which all Members were kept informed of initiatives and schemes being undertaken by the Development, Environment and Culture Directorate at the earliest opportunity.

He pointed out that he had organised the briefing for Members on the proposed route of the HS2 and personal invitations to that meeting had been sent out in his name as the Cabinet Spokesperson.

This was not a scheme being promoted by the Council but the Government and by High Speed 2 Limited on behalf of the Government and the correct mechanism for expressing concerns and comments was for these to be made directly to HS2 Limited.

However, in order to assist Members to understand the implications of the route, a briefing had been organised on 19th April, 2013 as he felt strongly that there was a need to disseminate the information to all Members as early as possible so that they could see how the proposals could potentially affect the Wards they represented. 42 questions had been asked and staff from HS2 Limited had attended to talk about the proposals and to answer Members' questions. In addition, detailed plans of the route were available for inspection.

If Ward Members wanted additional individual sessions to help them understand the detailed implications of the route in their particular Wards, he was happy to arrange further briefing sessions.

As and when new information became available, this was sent out by email to all Members whose Wards were affected and the latest bulletin had been sent out on 23rd May, 2013.

The Government would shortly be launching a formal consultation into the route of the HS2 Phase 2. This was likely to be in mid July, but this had yet to be confirmed and announced by the Government, and in view of the review into the costings of HS2 it was possible that this may be delayed further. The consultation process would last for five months.

The Council would be making a formal response to the proposals but it was important that individuals also made their views known formally to HS2 Limited during the consultation period. Having analysed the feedback from the consultation, the Government was aiming to announce its preferred route for HS2 at the end of next year (December, 2014).

Weaving the High Speed route through Barnsley was bound to have a negative effect on some of the residents and businesses in the Borough but the Council believed that the Government had tried to keep those negative impacts to a minimum in the route they had chosen.

It was the Council's belief that it would be in the best interests of South Yorkshire and that the economic recovery in Yorkshire would be helped by this scheme. He trusted that this information fully addressed the question raised.

Councillor G. Carr did not ask a supplementary question.

35. Questions to Section 41 Members on Joint Authority Business

The Chief Executive reported that she had received no questions from Elected Members on Joint Authority Business in accordance with Standing Order 12.

The Council received the following Minutes:-

- (a) South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority – 4th April, 2013
- (b) South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority – 9th May, 2013
- (c) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority – 29th April, 2013

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

36. Planning Regulatory Board

Moved by Councillor Leech – Seconded by Councillor Shepherd; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Planning Regulatory Board held on 23rd April, 2013 be received.

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Moved by Councillor Leech – Seconded by Councillor Shepherd; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Planning Regulatory Board held on 28th May, 2013 be received.

38. General Licensing Board Panel

Moved by Councillor C. Wraith – Seconded by Councillor Millner; and

RESOLVED that the details of the General Licensing Board Panels held in the last cycle of meetings together with their decisions be received.

39. Appeals, Awards and Standards Regulatory Board

Moved by Councillor Leech – Seconded by Councillor Shepherd; and

RESOLVED that the details of the Appeals, Awards and Standards Regulatory Board Panels held in the last cycle of meetings together with their decisions be received.

40. Health and Well Being Board – Minutes

Moved by Councillor Houghton – Seconded by Councillor Tim Cheetham; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the Health and Well Being Board held on 25th April, 2013 be received.

41. Central Area Council Minutes

Moved by Councillor D. Green - Seconded by Councillor Johnson; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the Central Area Council held on 20th May, 2013 be received.

42. Cabinet Recommendations to Council

5th June, 2013

Review of Taxi Licensing

Moved by Councillor Miller - Seconded by Councillor Mitchell; and

RESOLVED

- (i) that, in accordance with Section 45(2) of Part II of the Local Government (Miscellaneous provisions) Act 1976 the Council readopt the provisions of Part II of the Act which shall apply throughout the Borough of Barnsley with effect from 1st August, 2013; and
- (ii) that, in accordance with Schedule 14, Part 2, Paragraph 25 of the Local Government Act 1972, the existing hackney carriage licensing zones be amalgamated and Section 171(4) of the Public Health Act 1875 be applied throughout the Borough of Barnsley with effect from 1st August, 2013.

43. Cabinet Minutes

Moved by Councillor Houghton – Seconded by Councillor Gardiner; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Cabinet Meetings held on 24th April, 8th and 22nd May, 2013 be received.

44. Local Government Act 1972: Section 85: Approval for Absence from Meetings of the Authority: Councillor Hancock

Moved by Councillor Houghton – Seconded by the Councillor Gardiner; and

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 approval for absence from meetings of the Authority be granted to Councillor J. Hancock on the grounds of illness pending the receipt of medical certification that she is fit to resume her duties.

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Chairman