

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**COUNCIL MEETING****24th July, 2014****COUNCILLOR TIM SHEPHERD (THE MAYOR)**

At a meeting of the Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council duly convened and held on Thursday 24th July, 2014 at The Town Hall, Barnsley.

- 30. Present:** The Mayor (Councillor T. Shepherd)
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| Central Ward | - Councillors Bruff and M. Dyson |
| Cudworth Ward | - Councillors Sir S. Houghton CBE and C. Wraith MBE |
| Darfield Ward | - Councillors Markham and Saunders |
| Darton East Ward | - Councillors Duerden, Miller and Spence |
| Darton West Ward | - Councillors Burgess, Cave and Howard |
| Dearne North Ward | - Councillors Gardiner, Sim and Worton |
| Dearne South Ward | - Councillors Brook and Noble |
| Dodworth Ward | - Councillors P. Birkinshaw, J. Carr and Perrin |
| Hoyland Milton Ward | - Councillors Franklin and Stowe |
| Kingstone Ward | - Councillor D. Green |
| Monk Bretton Ward | - Councillors S. Green and K. Richardson |
| North East Ward | - Councillors Ennis, Higginbottom and North |
| Old Town Ward | - Councillors Cherryholme, Davies and Grundy |
| Penistone East Ward | - Councillors Barnard, Hand-Davis and Wilson |
| Penistone West Ward | - Councillors Griffin, Rusby and Unsworth |
| Rockingham Ward | - Councillors Andrews, Dures and Lamb |
| Royston Ward | - Councillors T. Cheetham, T.J. Cheetham and Makinson |
| St. Helen's Ward | - Councillors Leech, Platts and Tattersall |
| Stairfoot Ward | - Councillors K. Dyson, Johnson and Mathers |
| Wombwell Ward | - Councillors Frost, Morgan and R. Wraith |
| Worsbrough Ward | - Councillors Barlow and G. Carr |

31. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest from Members in respect of items on the agenda.

32. Election of New Members

The Mayor welcomed Councillor D. Griffin (representing the Penistone West Ward) to this, his first Council meeting, following his election at the By-Election held on the 10th July, 2014.

RESOLVED that Councillor Griffin be appointed to fill the current vacancies on the General Licensing Regulatory Board and the Appeals, Awards and Standards Regulatory Board.

33. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th May, 2014 and the Annual Council meeting held on 6th June, 2014 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

34. Communications

(a) Member Development Charter Award

The Chief Executive welcomed Ms Lesley Whiting, Regional Member Development Co-ordinator from Local Government Yorkshire and Humber who was in the Chamber this morning to present the Member Development Charter Award and Certificate to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE.

Before making the presentation the Chief Executive asked to place on record her own personal thanks to all those involved in achieving this prestigious award.

Councillor Howard (Cabinet Spokesperson without Portfolio) also welcomed Ms Whiting to the meeting. Ms Whiting had been on the Panel which undertook the assessment for the Charter. She asked to thank all the Members of the Member Development Working Party for the hard work in developing a really comprehensive Member Development Programme. Thanks also were extended to Lesley Glanville (Scrutiny and Member Development Officer) who worked alongside the Members of the Working Party and who had put in a tremendous amount of work to ensure that the Assessment Panel had all the evidence required.

The Charter was a recognition of the good work of the Council to ensure that Elected Members were appropriately trained for their roles and the Council was really proud to receive the award today.

Councillor Burgess, Chair of the Member Development Working Party asked to echo the comments of Councillor Howard. Particular thanks were extended to all officers who had supported the Working Group and also to Elected Members who were represented on that Working Party. All Members were thanked for supporting the member development movement and for helping to change the culture of the organisation. During the assessment process the Council had been asked if it

wished to consider putting itself forward for Charter Plus and this was felt to be a tremendous accolade and demonstrated the esteem in which the Council was held.

The Leader of the Council, Sir Steve Houghton CBE, also echoed the comments of the two previous speakers. He expressed particular thanks to Ms Glanville who had worked so hard on behalf of the Member Development Working Party and without whose help the Charter would not have been achieved and he congratulated Councillors Burgess (Chair of the Working Party) and Howard (whose portfolio contained Member Development) for leading the project and all Members for supporting Member Development. He acknowledged the difficult times the Council was facing but commented on the important role of Elected Members which needed to be valued and who needed the appropriate support in such times. Finally, thanks were given to staff of Local Government Yorkshire and Humber for their help and support throughout the process.

Ms L. Whiting then presented the Leader with the Award and Certificate. In making the presentation she took the opportunity of expressing her thanks to all involved for their hard work and commitment. She stated that the Award was a rigorous process and demonstrated the Authority's strategic approach to Member Development. She also commented on the important role that Barnsley played in Member Development both in the Region and at a National level.

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

(b) Tour de France

The Chief Executive reminded Members of the Council that on the 6th June, 2014, the 200 riders of the Tour de France and their support vehicles had passed through eight miles of the Borough taking in Windle Edge, the Flouch area, Langsett and Midhopestones where in excess of 50,000 spectators had viewed the race. Stewarding Teams from the Council had undertaken a superb job in marshalling the crowds and ensuring the safety of the event. The success of the day was also the result of thousands of hours of officer time which were invested in preparing for the event.

The weekend had been described by the Director of the Tour de France as the 'grandest Grand Depart' in the one hundred and ten year history of the race and Barnsley was very much at the heart of that.

The Chief Executive commented that it was not possible to mention everyone individually but some of the officers involved were in the Council Chamber this morning. On behalf of the Council she asked to pass on her sincere thanks to all involved for their superb efforts.

Councillor Miller (Cabinet Spokesperson for Place) echoed the comments of the Chief Executive. He wanted to place on record his thanks to all the residents of Barnsley who came out in large numbers to support this magnificent day. In particular he wanted to thank officers who had worked tirelessly behind the scenes:-

Simon Dobby, Anthony Hill, Adrian Hunt, Rob McCarthy, Adam Norris, Paul Tiggardine, Sue Thiedeman, Adrian White, Jane Williamson, Iain Blackburn, Tracey Tolan, Davie White and Wayne Atkins.

Thanks were also extended to Matt Gladstone (Executive Director Development, Environment and Culture) and to Philip Spurr (Assistant Director Culture and Regulation) for the work they had undertaken in helping to co-ordinate the event.

It was not just the Council that was involved, however, as a partnership arrangement was in place with businesses and he wanted to go on record to thank the Langsett Hub for the work they had undertaken. Comments had also been received from four other businesses in the Penistone area whose takings were four times more on that one day than they would normally have taken in a week.

Finally, he asked to place on record his thanks to Simon Frow and Dave Pownall for the work they had undertaken at the regional event control centre in Wakefield.

The event had been a fantastic day for Barnsley and for Yorkshire.

Councillor Barnard shared the comments made by the Chief Executive and by Councillor Miller. He also asked to pass on the thanks of the Members of the Penistone Ward Alliance who all wanted to express their gratitude for the work undertaken by the Council in enabling the event to be such a success. He also asked to place on record the thanks of all residents and Parish Councillors of the Penistone area.

Councillor Ennis echoed these comments and stated that the publicity and good will that had been generated for Barnsley had been priceless. Councillor Wilson expressed his gratitude to the Penistone Neighbourhood Pride Team for their hard work in both preparing for the event and for cleaning up after it. Councillor Hand-Davis also expressed his thanks to all involved.

The Mayor and Members of the Council expressed their thanks to all involved in the usual manner.

(c) Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership Project

The Chief Executive was delighted to inform Members that the Council, as lead partner of a multi-million agency partnership, had been successful in securing funding of £1.8m for the Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership Project.

The scheme would focus on the historic buildings and landscapes of the Dearne Valley, working with the local communities to protect, preserve and enhance the area. Projects and activities would be supported across the area with an emphasis on developing sustainable skills and projects so that the scheme had an impact beyond its lifetime.

Richard King, Landscape Partnership Development Officer in the Arts, Museums and Archives Service was in the Council Chamber this morning and was commended on his work to secure this funding which would create four new jobs for the duration of the five year project.

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

(d) Barnsley Youth Choir

The Chief Executive reported that the Barnsley Youth Choir had recently returned from taking part in the World Choir Games held in Latvia.

The Choir had done incredibly well and she was delighted to say that they had secured a Gold Diploma in the Gospel category, coming second overall and securing a Gold Diploma in the pop category becoming first in that category.

This was a tremendous achievement and the Chief Executive wished them well for the future. The Mayor was to host a Civic Reception for the choir in September.

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

35. Questions by Elected Members

The Chief Executive reported that she had received no questions from Elected Members in accordance with Standing Order No.11.

36. Questions relating to Joint Authority, Police and Crime Panel and Combined Authority Business

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

The Council then received the following Minutes:-

- (a) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority – 2nd June, 2014
- (b) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority AGM (Draft) – 30th June, 2014
- (c) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (ordinary meeting) (Draft) – 30th June, 2014
- (d) South Yorkshire Pensions Authority (AGM) – 19th June, 2014
- (e) South Yorkshire Pensions Authority (ordinary meeting) – 19th June, 2014
- (f) South Yorkshire Pensions Authority (extra ordinary meeting) – 8th July, 2014
- (g) Sheffield City Region Combined Authority – 2nd June, 2014

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

37. General Licensing Regulatory Board - Minutes

Moved by Councillor C. Wraith, MBE – Seconded by Councillor Richardson; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the General Licensing Regulatory Board Panel meeting held on the 10th June, 2014 be received.

38. Audit Committee – Minutes

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Audit Committee held on 11th June, 2014 be received.

39. Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board Sub-Committee – Minutes

Moved by Councillor C. Wraith, MBE – Seconded by Councillor Tattersall; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board Sub-Committee held on 18th June, 2014 be received.

40. General Licensing Panel

Moved by Councillor C. Wraith, MBE – Seconded by Councillor S. Green; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the General Licensing Regulatory Board held on 18th June, 2014 be received.

41. Planning Regulatory Board – Minutes

Moved by Councillor R. Wraith – Seconded by Councillor Leech; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Planning Regulatory Board held on 24th June, 2014 be received.

42. Appeals, Awards and Standards Regulatory Board

Moved by Councillor Leech – Seconded by The Mayor (Councillor Shepherd); and

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

43. Health and Well Being Board – Minutes

Moved by Councillor Sir Steve Houghton, CBE – Seconded by Councillor Platts; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Health and Well Being Board held on 3rd June, 2014 be received.

44. Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Minutes

Moved by Councillor Ennis – Seconded by Councillor Leech; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 10th June, 2014 be received.

45. Children's Services Scrutiny Committee – Minutes

Moved by Councillor Worton – Seconded by Councillor C. Wraith, MBE; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee held on 27th May, 2014 be received.

46. Children's Services Scrutiny Committee – Minutes

Moved by Councillor Worton – Seconded by Councillor C. Wraith, MBE; and

RESOLVED that the minutes now submitted of the proceedings of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee held on 8th July, 2014 be received.

47. Central Area Council - Minutes

Moved by Councillor D. Green - Seconded by Councillor J. Carr; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Central Area Council held on 12th May, 2014 be received.

48. Dearne Area Council - Minutes

Moved by Councillor Noble – Seconded by Councillor Gardiner; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Dearne Area Council held on 2nd June, 2014 be received.

49. North Area Council - Minutes

Moved by Councillor Burgess – Seconded by Councillor Leech; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the North Area Council held on 2nd June, 2014 be received.

50. Penistone Area Council - Minutes

Moved by Councillor Barnard – Seconded by Councillor Wilson; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Penistone Area Council held on 12th June, 2014 be received.

51. North East Area Council - Minutes

Moved by Councillor C. Wraith, MBE – Seconded by Councillor Higginbottom; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the North East Area Council held on 12th June, 2014 be received.

52. Central Area Council - Minutes

Moved by Councillor D. Green - Seconded by Councillor J. Carr; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Central Area Council held on 7th July, 2014 be received.

53. Cabinet Recommendations to Council

16th July, 2014

- (a) Sheffield City Region Combined Authority – Appointment of Scrutiny Committee and Audit Committee

Moved by Councillor Howard – Seconded by Councillor Richardson; and

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that Councillors Ennis and P. Birkinshaw be nominated to serve on the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee, on the basis outlined at paragraph 4.3 of the report; and
- (ii) that the Council Nominate its Chair of the Audit Committee to serve on the Combined Authority Audit Committee.

54. Cabinet Minutes

Moved by Councillor Sir Steve Houghton, CBE – Seconded by Councillor Andrews; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the following Cabinet Meetings be received:-

- (a) 4th June, 2014
- (b) 18th June, 2014
- (c) 2nd July, 2014.

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Chairman