

MEETING:	Full Council
DATE:	Thursday, 30 March 2017
TIME:	10.30 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

The Mayor (Councillor Burgess)

Central Ward	- Councillors D. Birkinshaw, Bruff and M. Dyson
Cudworth Ward	- Councillors Hayward, Houghton CBE and C. Wraith MBE
Darfield Ward	- Councillors Coates and Markham
Darton East Ward	- Councillors Charlesworth, Miller and Spence
Darton West Ward	- Councillor Howard
Dearne North Ward	- Councillors Gardiner and Phillips
Dearne South Ward	- Councillors C. Johnson, Noble and Sixsmith MBE
Dodworth Ward	- Councillors P. Birkinshaw, J. Carr and Riggs
Hoyland Milton Ward	- Councillors Franklin, Shepherd and Stowe
Kingstone Ward	- Councillors D. Green, Mitchell and Williams
Monk Bretton Ward	- Councillors S. Green, Richardson and Sheard
North East Ward	- Councillors Ennis, Hampson and Higginbottom
Old Town Ward	- Councillors Cherryholme, Grundy and Lofts
Penistone East Ward	- Councillors Barnard and Wilson
Penistone West Ward	- Councillors David Griffin, Millner and Unsworth
Rockingham Ward	- Councillor Andrews BEM
Royston Ward	- Councillors Cheetham, Clements and Makinson
St. Helen's Ward	- Councillors Leech, Platts and Tattersall
Stairfoot Ward	- Councillors K. Dyson, W. Johnson and Mathers
Wombwell Ward	- Councillors Frost, Daniel Griffin and R. Wraith
Worsbrough Ward	- Councillors G. Carr, Clarke and Pourali

201. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of a pecuniary or non-pecuniary nature from Members in respect of the items on this agenda.

202. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd and 23rd February 2017 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

203. Communications

The Director of Legal and Governance, in the absence of the Chief Executive, was pleased to formally announce a number of key successes in recent weeks which have been reported in the media:

(a) Local Government Chronicle Awards

The Local Government Chronicle Awards are one of the most prestigious awards in the local government calendar, with 50% more entries than last year. Barnsley reached the finals in three categories, which in itself is a significant achievement.

Firstly, for 'Business Transformation' the team at the digital media centre was recognised as being a hub for creative and digital businesses, skills and knowledge, generating more and better jobs and developing businesses in Barnsley; secondly in the 'Community Involvement' category our Ward Alliances were praised for inspiring Barnsley communities to make a difference, and finally, Barnsley reached the final for the 'Team of the Year category' for our commercial ICT service, Code Green, showcasing their dedicated and passionate service focussed on improving IT services to twelve local authorities, businesses and over one hundred and fifty schools. Not only does this show that our teams, communities, partners and businesses are fantastic but also that our transformation as a council is down to our huge commitment, high standards and even greater ambition.

Councillor Frost, Cabinet Support Member (Place) expressed his congratulations to Martin Beasley and the team at the Digital Media Centre for the brilliant performance at the LGC Awards for the Business Transformation category, at which they were shortlisted from almost forty other councils and beat nine others to win the award, demonstrating hard work and effort to beat off stiff competition from other much larger councils.

Councillor Platts, Cabinet Spokesperson (Communities), added her individual congratulations regarding the Community Involvement Award, expressing her pride in the work done by the Ward Alliances, with councillors, communities, businesses and officers working together to achieve so much in a short time. The Ward Alliances have grown in confidence, learning from mistakes and continuing to move forward to make a real difference to communities both now and in the future. It was highlighted that the Ward Alliances have been shortlisted for the Municipal Journal awards as one of six finalists in the 'Excellence in Community Engagement' category.

Councillor Noble, Dearne Area Council Chair, highlighted that whilst all the projects at Shaw Lane were brilliant it was the Dearne project which was put forward for the awards, demonstrating what a difference a small funding bid to the Ward Alliance can

do to transform an area in Goldthorpe which had been a blight on the landscape for years.

Representing the Ward Alliance and in attendance in the Council Chamber were Phil Hollingsworth, Claire Dawson, Derek Brannan, Paul Jolley, Teresa Williams, Rebecca Battye, Tanya Dickinson, John Openshaw, Marcia Cunningham, Lisa Lyon, Janet Sutton and Jake Finney.

Cllr Gardiner, Cabinet Spokesperson (Corporate Services) added his congratulations to the Code Green Team for reaching the finals of the awards, highlighting that the team serve schools, academies and businesses locally and in other areas such as Manchester, Humberside and Tameside, generating in excess of £2.6 million for Barnsley. Representing Code Green and in attendance in the Council Chamber were Ian Faulkner, Julia Garner, Liam White, Chloe Cunliffe, Sara Wagstaff and Rachel Ruston.

(b) Culture and Visitor Economy

It was reported that Elsecar has been named by Historic England as one of the Country's Heritage Action Zones. Only ten places in England have been recognised in this way, which is a reflection of the importance of the heritage at Elsecar and will provide us with the support and resources that will begin to realise the village's immense potential as part of the region's visitor and tourism economy.

Jointly with Rotherham, Barnsley has been recognised by the Arts Council, Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic England as one of only sixteen 'Great Places in England'. The Great Place Scheme is designed to ensure that Culture and Heritage has the maximum positive impact on jobs, economic performance, educational attainment, community cohesion and health and wellbeing and enables ambitious civic organisations and local businesses and communities to invest in, and put culture at the heart of, their thinking. The award attracts £1.2M of revenue funding over three years. Our scheme focuses on the immensely important heritage in the villages of Elsecar and Wentworth and it is this, together with Barnsley's reputation and track record for delivering exemplar cultural and heritage projects that led to this incredible recognition for the Borough.

The Somme Commemoration Artwork has also won national recognition, receiving a Commendation from the Civic Trust. The artwork was particularly poignant because of the loss of around three hundred people from Barnsley on the first day of the battle of the Somme, one hundred years ago. The project engaged local school children and volunteers in its development and resonated with local people. Out of fifty-eight shortlisted projects from across the country, Barnsley was the only award in Yorkshire, demonstrating the very high standard of our work.

We also received £50,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to develop a Sound and Film Archive which will make the sound and film collections held by Barnsley Archives and Local Studies fully accessible for the first time and enable people to donate their film footage.

Finally, last week the Arts Council awarded over £77,000 to continue our excellent Museum and Schools programme. We were one of only ten in the Country to receive the funding and a tribute to the outstanding quality of our programme.

Cllr Miller, Cabinet Spokesperson (Place) expressed his congratulations to the Culture and Visitor Economy Team and in particular Jemma Conway, Michael Hardy, Kevin Wallace, Devinia Skirrow, Lynn Dunning, John Tanner, Sue Thiedeman and from Planning, Barnsley's Conservation Officer Tony Wiles, for putting Barnsley on the map. The team has an excellent track record in securing external funding to the tune of £17 million over the years to enhance facilities, provide activities and develop the culture and heritage 'offer' for Barnsley. Funding ensures that museums can be provided free of charge for people to enjoy. Whilst others are cutting back, Barnsley continues to grow and improve the quality of provision for the people of Barnsley, which has now received national recognition as an example of good practice.

Sir Steve Houghton CBE added his thanks to all staff in achieving these awards and accolades, stating how proud he felt to be leading a council which was doing so well in challenging times.

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

204. Questions by Elected Members

The Director of Legal and Governance, in the absence of the Chief Executive, reported that no questions had been received from Elected Members in accordance with Standing Order No. 11.

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

The Director of Legal and Governance, in the absence of the Chief Executive, reported that no questions had been received from Elected Members in accordance with Standing Order No. 12.

206. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority - 12th January, 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

207. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority - 16th February, 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

208. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority - 16th January, 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

209. South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority (Draft) - 13th February, 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

210. Sheffield City Region Combined Authority - 30th January, 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

211. Planning Regulatory Board - 24th February, 2017

Moved by Councillor D. Birkinshaw - Seconded by Councillor R. Wraith; and

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

212. Planning Regulatory Board - 21st February, 2017

Moved by Councillor D. Birkinshaw - Seconded by Councillor R. Wraith; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Planning Regulatory Board held on 21st February 2017 be received.

213. General Licensing Regulatory Board - 22nd February, 2017

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the General Licensing Regulatory Board Panel meeting held on the 22nd February 2017 be received.

214. General Licensing Panel - Various

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

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

215. Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee - various

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

RESOLVED that the details of the Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board Sub-Committee meetings held in the last cycle of meetings together with their decisions be received.

216. Appeals, Awards and Standards - Various

Moved by Councillor Shepherd – Seconded by Councillor Makinson; 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.

217. Health and Wellbeing Board - 31st January, 2017

Moved by Councillor Sir Stephen 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 31st January 2017 be received.

218. Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 7th February, 2017

Moved by Councillor Ennis – Seconded by Councillor W. Johnson; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 7th February 2017 be received.

219. Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 14th March, 2017

Moved by Councillor Leech – Seconded by Councillor W. Johnson; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as now submitted of the proceedings of the Safeguarding Scrutiny Committee held on 14th March 2017 be received.

220. Central Area Council - 16th January, 2017

Moved by Councillor D Green – Seconded by Councillor Riggs; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Central Area Council held on 16th January 2017 be received.

221. Dearne Area Council - 23rd January, 2017

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 23rd January 2017 be received.

222. North Area Council - 23rd January, 2017

Moved by Councillor Leech – Seconded by Councillor Howard; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the North Area Council held on 23rd January 2017 be received.

223. North East Area Council - 2nd February, 2017

Moved by Councillor Hayward – Seconded by Councillor C. Wraith MBE; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the North East Area Council held on 2nd February 2017 be received.

224. Penistone Area Council - 9th February, 2017

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 9th February 2017 be received.

225. North Area Council - 21st February, 2017

Moved by Councillor Leech – Seconded by Councillor Howard; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the North Area Council held on 21st February 2017 be received.

226. South Area Council - 24th February, 2017

Moved by Councillor Stowe - Seconded by Councillor Frost; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the South Area Council held on 24th February 2017 be received.

227. Appointment of Statutory Officers

Moved by Sir Steve Houghton CBE – seconded by Councillor Andrews BEM

RESOLVED that:

- (i) Mr N Copley (Service Director, Finance) be appointed as Section 151 Officer with effect from 1st April, 2017, and
- (ii) Mr M Potter (Service Director – Organisation and Workforce Improvement) be appointed as the designated Scrutiny Officer with effect from 1st April, 2017.

228. Community Cohesion Champion Special Responsibility Allowance

The report of the Director of Legal and Governance on proposals for the payment of a Special Responsibility Allowance to the role of Community Cohesion Champion was:-

Moved by Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE– seconded by Councillor Andrews BEM

RESOLVED that the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel be noted and, in the light of the findings of the Panel and its recommendations an amendment be made to the Council's Scheme of Allowances to provide for the payment of a Special Responsibility Allowance for the role of Community Cohesion Champion.

229. 2017/18 Pay Policy Statement (Cab.22.2.2017/6)

Moved by Councillor Gardiner – seconded by Councillor Franklin

RESOLVED that the 2017/18 Pay Policy Statement, now submitted, contained at Appendix 1 to the report now submitted be approved for implementation with effect from 1st April 2017.

230. Licensing Act 2003 - Statement of Licensing Policy (Cab.22.3.2017/12)

Moved by Councillor Miller – seconded by Councillor Frost, and

RESOLVED that the Licensing Act Statement of Licensing Policy 2017 be approved.

231. Cabinet - 11th January, 2017

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Cabinet Meeting held on 11th January 2017 be received.

232. Cabinet - 25th January, 2017

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Cabinet Meeting held on 25th January 2017 be received.

233. Cabinet - 8th February, 2017

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Cabinet Meeting held on 8th February 2017 be received.

234. Cabinet - 22nd February, 2017

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Cabinet Meeting held on 22nd February be received.

235. Cabinet - 8th March, 2017

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the Cabinet Meeting held on 8th March 2017 be received.

236. Cabinet - 9th March, 2017

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the Cabinet Meeting held on 9th March 2017 be received.

237. Exclusion of the Public and Press

RESOLVED that the public and press be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the following item because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended, subject to the public interest test.

238. Better Barnsley Phase 2 Funding (Cab.9.3.2017/3)

Moved by Councillor Miller – seconded by Councillor Frost, and:

RESOLVED that:

- (i) Council note the robust option appraisal work that has been carried out on Phase 2 of the Better Barnsley scheme;
- (ii) Council approve the proposal to fund the development of Phase 2 with a total estimated cost of £70.1M, with the exact funding method to be agreed prior to awarding the main works contract at which time more concrete cost and income projections will be available;
- (iii) Council approve a procurement exercise for a main works contractor for Phase 2 of the Better Barnsley Scheme with contractor appointment being subject to a further report.
- (iv) Council approve a procurement exercise for further development management services for Phase 2 of the Better Barnsley scheme with contractor appointment being subject to a further report.
- (v) Council approve the procurement of additional design services for Phase 2 of the Better Barnsley scheme with contractor appointment being subject to a further report.
- (vi) Council approve the use of £0.2M of the £14M earmarked for the Better Barnsley Phase 2 Development to fund the cost of the procurement exercises highlighted above together with earmarking an additional £4.2M to fund the estimated early year's annual operating costs prior to development becoming fully operational. The remaining £9.6M to be held as a contingency to ensure as far as is possible that no revenue budgetary impact arises as a result of progressing the scheme;
- (vii) The Council's Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators be updated to reflect the investment required within the Better Barnsley Phase 2 Scheme;

- (viii) A variation to the Council's Minimum Reserve Provision statement be approved in respect of the Better Barnsley Phase 2 scheme to allow debt for that scheme to be repaid over a 25 year repayment period.

239. Councillor Hand-Davis

The best wishes of the Council be extended to Councillor Hand-Davis and Mrs Hand-Davis for a speedy recovery following their recent hospitalisation after a road accident.

In closing the meeting the Mayor, Councillor Burgess, reminded Members that this was the last meeting of the Council in her term of office and she asked to place on record her thanks to officers and colleagues who had supported her during her Mayoral year.

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Chair