

MEETING:	Full Council
DATE:	Thursday, 29 March 2018
TIME:	10.30 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

The Mayor (Councillor Ennis)

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

214. Retiring Members

The Mayor reminded Members that this was the last meeting of the Council before the Municipal Election to be held on Thursday 3rd May, 2018. It would, therefore, be the last meeting to be attended by several Members prior to their retirement from the Council.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE paid tribute to the following Members for their hard work to the Council and the local community they represented:-

- Councillor Grundy
- Councillor Mathers
- Councillor Unsworth

The Mayor and Leader of the Council wished the Members well for the future.

The Mayor presented Councillors Mathers and Unsworth, the only retiring Members present at the meeting, with a glass bowl.

Councillor Grundy would be presented with a vase at a later date.

Several other Members of the Council added their own thanks and best wishes to the retiring Members.

Councillors Mathers and Unsworth both responded and thanked both Members and Officers for their help and support they received whilst being Members of the Council.

215. Declarations of Interests

Councillors P Birkinshaw, J Carr and Riggs declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 239 'Grant of new 22 year lease by the Council as Trustee to Higham Cricket Club of the Cricket Ground forming part of land known as Higham Miners Institute and Recreation Ground' in view of them being Honorary Vice Presidents and Board Members of Higham Cricket Club.

216. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on the 1st and 22nd February, 2018 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

217. Communications

(a) Local Government Chronicle Awards

The Chief Executive reported that as a result of the quality of the Council's Services and the passion staff had for excellence, the Authority had been shortlisted for eight Local Government Chronicle (LGC) Awards.

These were one of the most prestigious national awards in the local government calendar and to be nominated meant that all services were winners really.

The awards night took place last week and she was proud to announce that the Authority had achieved one win and three highly commended awards.

The Council had won the Community Involvement Award for its work on the Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership.

The Judges had commented 'Our winner demonstrated an impressive scope and range of achievements with strong evidence of legacy. The evidence provided on both a micro and macro level connected to the big issues and challenges that they have worked to overcome with energy and passion'.

Sally Gawthorpe and Clare Farley were in the Chamber this morning and congratulations were expressed to all involved.

The Council had also been highly commended for its work in the following categories:

- Campaign of the year - #Everybodythink - aimed at creating a smoke free environment
- Public Health – 'The make smoking invisible project' – aimed at creating a smoke-free generation
- Public/Private Partnership – the project 'rescued and reused bikes in Penistone'

Barnsley had also reached the final in the following:

- Stimulating property development – 'Driving growth with the Property Investment Fund'
- Team of the Year – Barnsley Council's IT traded service, 'Code Green'
- Public/private partnership – 'Children's Social Work Matters' – a regulatory programme led by Barnsley
- Rising Star – Debbie Mercer, Head of Service for Children and Family Social Care

Jon Snow (journalist and Master of Ceremonies for the evening) commented 'this represents a significant achievement puts Barnsley on the map'

As well as receiving 'highly commended' at the LGC Awards, the Contracts and Data Team from the Environment and Transport Business Unit attended the Improvement and Efficiency Social Enterprise (iESE) Public Sector Awards where they had been shortlisted in the top three national projects in the category 'Transformation in Environmental Services' for their 'Rescued and Reused bike's' scheme and the project had been recognised with the highest merit of a Gold Award which was a fantastic achievement.

For those Members who were unfamiliar with the project, the Chief Executive reported that the Council had been working with FCC Environment (one of the Council's waste contractors) and Cycle Penistone C.I.C (a 3rd sector organisation) to rescue bikes from going into scrap skips and instead divert these to be refurbished and put back into the local community at affordable prices. The scheme also enabled parents to hire bikes for their children in the award winning, Green Flag, Elsecar Park and this year they were hoping to expand into Worsbrough Mill. As a result of this project several jobs had been created including permanent and apprenticeship positions.

Vicky Chappell and Debbie Bushby from the Team were also present in the Chamber this morning.

Councillor Bruff, Cabinet Spokesperson for People (Safeguarding) echoed the comments of the Chief Executive. For the Council to be nominated in the first place was a massive achievement and she (as well as the rest of the Council) were very proud of those who had represented the Authority at the Awards. She had also been lucky enough to attend this awards ceremony and asked to place on record her personal congratulations to all those who had been involved.

Councillor Frost, Cabinet Support Member for Place, echoed the comments made by the Chief Executive particularly in relation to the 'Rescue Bikes' scheme which had created additional employment opportunities in the area including one full time job at FCC who ran the waste recycling centres, one apprentice and three part time jobs at Cycle Penistone and which helped reduce dependency on Government Spending. The project had also had a positive impact on public health by encouraging people to get active and thereby reduce dependency on NHS Services. Jill Bramall, from Cycle Penistone, had said 'the Partnership has been one of the best things that had happened to Cycle Penistone and most of the customers who bought the bikes would say the same'. A family at Christmas with five children had got a bike for all their children and adults for £120 which would normally cost around £450. As with all the awards reported today, the success was down to the hard work of all staff and Council partners. It was pleasing to note that the Council was being so successful especially bearing in mind the constraints within which it was working.

Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE, Leader of the Council, wished to place on record his thanks and appreciation to all who had entered this competition this year. To be shortlisted for 8 awards, which was more than any other Authority, spoke volumes not just in terms of the recognition which was sought for the good work that was being undertaken but also for the motivation of the staff who carried on doing an excellent job in very difficult circumstances at a time when jobs were being lost and budgets cut. To continue to work so hard and provide high quality services also spoke volumes about the people who worked for the Council. Congratulations were expressed to all involved in these schemes/projects, the award winners, those who had been highly commended and those who had entered but also to all staff of the Authority. He particularly commended the award winners and commented that this was the second year running that the Authority had been successful in the Community Awards which was particularly pleasing at a time when accusations were made that Councils were not in touch with the communities they served. It made him proud not only to represent the Council but to represent Barnsley and for people to know and recognise the good work that was being undertaken.

Councillor Andrews BEM, Deputy Leader, echoed the comments of the Leader. He paid tribute to the winners and to the nominees. He made particular reference to the Public Health category and to the 'make smoke invisible' project, a message that was particularly hard to get over. He paid tribute to the work of Kaye Mann and Dianne Lee in Public Health in assisting with this project.

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

(b) Breast Feeding Award

The Chief Executive was pleased to report that Barnsley had been voted one of the top 10 breast feeding places in the UK in the Lansinho Feed with Confidence Awards and the award was on display in the Chamber this morning. This was an amazing award for Barnsley.

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

218. Questions by Elected Members

The Chief Executive reported that she had received the following question from Councillor Clements in accordance with Standing Order No. 11:

‘Will the Council Leader agree with me that following his meeting with the South Yorkshire Freedom Riders on the 31st October, 2017 and his subsequent exchange of correspondence, it is a reasonable step for this Council to request the South Yorkshire Combined Authority to examine other PTE systems for supporting early concessions to see if these can be repeated in South Yorkshire?’.

Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE, Leader of the Council, responded by thanking Councillor Clements for the question. As Members were aware, the Council had had to take some very difficult decisions not only within the Council itself but also at the Passenger Transport Authority because of cutbacks in funding across all public services. Changes had also had to be made to rail concessions as well as part of that process. What the Authority had seen year on year, not just within South Yorkshire but across the country, had been reductions in demand for concessions and that issue was being thoroughly examined as to why this was the case. What had been agreed at a South Yorkshire level was to look at the whole concessionary picture in the light of those demographic changes that had been brought to light. In doing so, an examination would be undertaken of what was being undertaken across South Yorkshire as well as other parts of the country to see what lessons, if any, could be learned but also to see what opportunities there may be for reviewing or improving concessions in the future. There was, of course, no guarantee that anything that had been ‘taken away’ would be reinstated and indeed consideration was also to be given to the possible introduction of concessions for other age groups as it was known that people with young families or those trying to get back to work also had significant challenges and pressures as well as those who had traditionally benefitted from concessionary fares. The Council had a proud record of assisting the disadvantaged and Members would remember the Mi Card scheme which had greatly assisted young families. Due to budgetary restrictions, however, this scheme had had to be removed.

All issues would be considered as part of the review over the next 12 months although he reiterated that there could be no guarantees as the budgetary position into the future was uncertain and given the current economic climate it was anticipated that the Council was likely to face even more financial challenges.

Councillor Clements, thanked the Leader for the response and was pleased to note that he had commented that the issues to be considered were not solely around concessionary fares. As a supplementary questions, he asked if the Leader would further agree with him that many of the challenges faced by travellers in South Yorkshire using public transport, such as the high fares levied, the lack of direct inter-connectivity between local communities and the paucity of services after 6.00 pm

were issues that Barnsley MBC's representatives should pursue vigorously with the appropriate authorities?

Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE thanked Councillor Clements for his supplementary question. The Barnsley MBC's representatives and indeed all Leaders of the South Yorkshire Authorities were always looking at the transport position to see if such matters as those raised could be improved. One of the Council's priorities was to get people to work and this was a significant problem particularly for those on low pay. Travelling across the borough was not easy and very often people had to use two and sometimes three busses to get to their destination which in turn could be expensive and could put people off taking employment opportunities. These areas certainly needed to be looked at further. The hours of service were also an issue of concern but he reminded Members again that the subsidy that the Authority could put towards bus travel was limited because of the financial situation the Council faced. At the same time the Council recognised that transport was incredibly important not just for work but for leisure, shopping/retail and social activities and the Authority would do all it could to address these issues. Indeed it was hoped that messages would be sent back to Government that the north overall, not just South Yorkshire, was not getting a fair deal on transport and the sooner the Government could provide funding so that the Authority could match services that were provided in the south, which received substantially more support than Barnsley, the better. This had been the policy of successive governments and it was hoped that this would be recognised so that additional funding could be provided for the north so that Councils could invest and achieve what they wanted for their communities.

219. 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.

220. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority - 18th January, 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

221. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority - 22nd January, 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

222. Sheffield City Region Combined Authority - 25th January, 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

223. Police and Crime Panel (Draft) - 2nd February, 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

224. Planning Regulatory Board - 23rd January, 2018

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 the 23rd January, 2018 be received.

225. Planning Regulatory Board - 20th February, 2018

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 the 20th February, 2018 be received.

226. General Licensing Regulatory Board - 21st February, 2018

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the General Licensing Regulatory Board held on the 21st February, 2018 be received.

227. Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board - 21st February, 2018

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

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board held on the 21st February, 2018 be received.

228. General Licensing Panel - Various

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

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

229. Appeals, Awards and Standards - Various

Moved by Councillor Leech – 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.

230. Health and Wellbeing Board - 30th January, 2018

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 the 30th January, 2018 be received.

231. Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 30th January, 2018

Moved by Councillor W Johnson – Seconded by Councillor Makinson; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 30th January, 2018 be received.

232. Overview and Scrutiny Committee Minutes - 6th March 2018

Moved by Councillor W Johnson - Seconded by Councillor Makinson; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 6th March, 2018 be received.

233. Central Area Council - 8th January, 2018

Moved by Councillor Riggs - Seconded by Councillor Pourali; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Central Area Council held on the 8th January, 2018 be received.

234. Dearne Area Council - 22nd January, 2018

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 the 22nd January, 2018 be received.

235. North Area Council - 22nd January, 2018

Moved by Councillor Leech – Seconded by Councillor Platts; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the North Area Council held on the 22nd January, 2018 be received.

236. North East Area Council Minutes - 1st February 2018

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 the 1st February, 2018 be received.

237. Penistone Area Council - 8th February, 2018

Moved by Councillor Barnard – Seconded by Councillor Unsworth; and

RESOLVED that the minutes as printed and now submitted of the proceedings of the Penistone Area Council held on the 8th February, 2018 be received.

238. South Area Council - 23rd February, 2018

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 the 23rd February, 2018 be received.

239. Grant of new 22 year lease by the Council as trustee to Higham Cricket Club of the Cricket Ground which forms a part of land known as Higham Miners Institute and Recreation Ground (Cab.7.2.2018/9)

Moved by Councillor Gardiner - Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

RESOLVED

- (i) that, subject to the statutory procedures under the Charities Act 2011 being complied with, the Council in its capacity as Trustee of Higham Miners Institute and Recreation Ground approve the proposal of a new lease to Higham Cricket Club of their ground at Higham Common to replace two existing leases to Higham Cricket Club which expire in 2024 and 2029;
- (ii) that the Service Director Assets be authorised to finalise heads of terms for the new lease to Higham Cricket Club; and
- (iii) that the Executive Director Core Services be authorised to complete the lease to Higham Cricket Club.

240. 2018/19 Pay Policy (Cab.7.3.2018/11)

Moved by Councillor Gardiner - Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

RESOLVED that approval be given to the implementation of the 2018/19 Pay Policy Statement, contained at Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, with effect from 1st April, 2018.

241. Registration Service: Transfer of Position of Proper Officer Following Future Council Restructure (Cab.21.3.2018/9)

Moved by Councillor Platts - Seconded by Councillor Lamb; and

RESOLVED

- (i) that the statutory role of the Proper Officer for the registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages be transferred from the Service Director Customer Services to the Service Director Customer, Information and Digital Services with immediate effect;
- (ii) that the role of Proper Officer's Representative be transferred from the Head of Service Customer Service Operations to the Head of Service Customer Support and Development with immediate effect; and
- (iii) that the power to licence approved premises for the conduct of Marriages and Civil Partnerships be delegated to the Service Director Customer Information and Digital Services.

242. Cabinet - 24th January, 2018

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 the 24th January, 2018 be received.

243. Cabinet - 7th February, 2018

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 the 7th February, 2018 be received.

244. Cabinet - 21st February, 2018

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 the 21st February, 2018 be received.

245. Cabinet - 7th March, 2018

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 7th March, 2018 be received.

246. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor announced the following forthcoming charity events in aid of 'Cure Myeloma' and 'Barnsley Riding for the Disabled'

- (a) Charity Concert – to be held in Shafton Village Club on Thursday 12th April, 2018
- (b) Mayor's Civic Concert – to be held in the Civic Hall on Wednesday 18th April, 2018. Tickets were available from the Mayor's Parlour at a cost of £10
- (c) St George's Day Concerts (Monday 23rd April, 2018)
 - 11.00 am - a 'Grand Bake Off' with a theme of 'St George's Day' to be judged by the Mayor and Mr D Bird. Any entry by a Councillor would be very welcome
 - 7.00 pm – a concert by Grimethorpe Colliery Band in St Luke's Church, Grimethorpe. This was only the second time this century that the band had played in Grimethorpe. Tickets were on sale at a cost of £12

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Chair