DINNINGTON ST. JOHN’S TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday the 11th November, 2013.


149/13 Presentations: South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (STPTE) – Consultation for Future Bus network in Rotherham.

Mr Roy Mitchell from SYPTE advised the meeting that the consultation period, which was to commence in November, should be regarded by the public as an opportunity to raise their concerns, issues and request for changes to the service. The meeting was advised that maps of proposed routes and changes, as well as forms for submission to the consultation process regarding any issues and concerns, were available at the meeting as well as in the Dinnington Interchange.

Mr Mitchell went on to answer various questions which covered topics such as more effective timetables in relation to travelling from Dinnington to both Sheffield and Meadowhall; along with the request for better travel links to improve employment opportunities for Dinnington residents. The Chairman thanked Mr Mitchell for attending and reiterated to the meeting the availability of the consultation leaflets available.

150/13 Questions from the Public:

Q: Are the Town Council aware of the lack of signage to Dinnington in the new A57 road improvements?

A: The Council agreed and requested that this issue be brought to the notice of RMBC. Action: Clerk to write to RMBC Highways department and request a review of the signage to reflect Dinnington’s Town status.

Q: Could the Town Council and RMBC address the dog fouling issue on Lakeland Drive and also repair an existing dog bin which was broken?

A: The Council agreed that current methods of signage prohibiting dog fouling were ineffective and that better methods are required. Action: Clerk to contact RMBC / Streetpride for advice regarding more publicity on this subject. To include the issue in the next Dinnington TC Newsletter and to request a repair to the Dog Bin.

Q: How many buildings or pieces of land have the Town Council placed on the List of Assets of Community Value and what are they?

A: The public were advised that a Right to Bid had been placed on New St Council Office and Birkdale Avenue Recreation Ground.

Q: Could Dinnington MW be placed on the Assets of Community Value?

A: This issue was moved into the private session due to financial aspects of the question.
Q: The presentation re Davies Court: A request for Freedom of Information (FOI) was requested regarding Davies Court

A: The Chairman gave his apologies to the meeting and explained that this item had been omitted from the last minutes and would be addressed at the next meeting. Action: Clerk to follow up on FOI request and bring response back to next meeting.

Q: Will the Council follow the action of Thurcroft Parish Council and request the return of the cycle provided to SY Police?

A: It was agreed to request the Town Council would enquire as to the use of the cycle over the last 12 months, and bring back information to next meeting before a decision was taken as to whether the Council would ask for the cycle back. Action: Clerk to contact SY Police and bring response back to next meeting.

Q: 151/13: To consider any matters determined as urgent by the Chairperson:

(a) Miners Welfare Land - Right to Bid.

152/13: To determine if matters should be dealt with in open or confidential session:

(a) Miners Welfare Land – Right to Bid: Private Session at 14c due to financial and resource implications.

153/13: Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8/07/13. The minutes were approved and seconded as a true record with the following amendments:

133/13: Cllr Jepson requested that the statement of Cllr Doyle be changed to “said” instead of “proposed” – should now read: Cllr Doyle said the proposed changes, which would make a projected saving of around £870,000, would be achieved without impact on the quality of the service.”

133/13: Cllr Jepson stated that a question posed to Cllr Doyle was omitted from the minutes. The question posed was: Q: Cllr Doyle was asked what he thought about the recent article in the Rotherham Advertiser which reported the GMB as saying that “frontline care jobs would be chopped by 38 out of 85 at both Lord Hardy Court and Dinnington’s Davies Court home under plans to save £900,000”. A: Cllr Doyle stated he didn't know where these figures had come from and that the article contained inaccurate reporting.

154/13 Declarations of interest:

Cllr Falvey: Item 8
Cllr Tweed: Items 8 and 14c
Cllr Scott: Item 14c

155/13 To consider any matters raised in Public session:

See 151/13 above.
156/13 Planning Applications:
(a) RB2013/1402: No objections
(b) RB2013/1420: No objections

157/13 Booking Concessions and Donations:
(a) Booking Concession: Bluebell Wood - £50 donation for 30th November
    Moved, Seconded and Agreed.
(b) Booking Concession: Bluebell Wood - free use of venue 14th November
    Moved, seconded and Agreed as a one off free use of the Lyric.

158/13 For Members consideration and decisions:
(A) FOI Birkdale Recreation Ground: The Chair advised of response from RMBC was
    that no agreement had been made to sell the land. The Town Council asked by
    the public to appeal against the response and if still unsatisfactory to appeal to
    the information commission. Action: Clerk to submit appeal against response direct
    to RMBC
(B) Cllr Doyle response to research on Charitable Status for Davies Court:
    Following some research undertaken by the Borough Council, Cllr Doyle stated in
    a report submitted to the Town Council that due to the balance on disadvantages,
    no further action is being taken at this time. The full report can be found under
    the Town council website on the discussion forum.
(C) Parish Poll: A verbal update is to be provided at a later date after consultation
    with Yorkshire Local Council’s Association (YLCA) regarding financial and legal
    implications. The item is to be discussed at the next meeting but in private session
    to the subject requiring financial approval.
(D) Birkdale Avenue: The Chair advised the meeting that Birkdale Avenue had been
    placed on the Asset Register and that a request for Asset Transfer have been
    submitted. The issue is to be brought back to the next meeting and discussed in
    Private Session due to the financial and resource implications.
(E) Raising Aspirations of Young Women.(The Miners strike through the eyes of
    Women): The letter was discussed, which asked for the Town Council’s support in
    the project to raise awareness of the role women played during the Miner’s Strike.
    The Town Council unanimously voted to support the project. Action: Clerk to draft
    letter, get Chair’s authority to email to Rother Valley South Area Assembly
    Team.

159/13 Park Avenue Cemetery/ Lyric Theatre/ Allotments / Land: None
That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Monthly accounts schedule and relevant Budget Update Information (Yellow sheets on night only)

160/13 Monthly Accounts and relevant Budget update information:

(A) **Monthly Accounts for September:** Accounts were accepted and formally approved.

(B) **Budget Management:** The Chair suggested a deadline of 2nd December 2013 for the submission of suggestions for future projects for the inclusion of future budgets.

(C) **Annual Conference 2013 and 2014:** The Chair requested that a vote be taken as to the previously agreed attendance by members to the Annual Conference 2013 due to budgetary issues. The original vote was unanimously rescinded by the Council.

161/13 Dinnington Town Council Grants: None

162/13 General Matters:

(A) **Rother Valley South 8 Parishes:** Following the review of the Terms of Reference a decision was reached by members that the Town Council withdraw its membership.

(B) **Centenary Working Group:** Cllrs P Davies (Lead) , J Havenhand and P Russell volunteered to support the British Legion in the preparations for the 2014 Centenary of WW1 Action: Cllr Davies to furnish Clerk with details of all parties to be invited to initial meeting to discuss project.

(C) **Dinnington Miners Welfare Land - Right to Bid:** Following an in-depth discussion it was decided that a Councillor approach the Friends Of Dinnington Miners Welfare and ask if they intend to submit a Right to Bid. It was discussed that the Town Council could submit a bid, but it should only be undertaken if the Friends Group (as majority interested party) formally request the Town Council’s support. A final note was recorded that as the land was in private ownership the Town Council could not compete with independent developers in bidding for the land, and that it was unlikely to be transferred as an Asset to the Town Council. Action: Councillor to approach Friends Group and bring information back to a future meeting.

163/13 Date and time of Next Meeting:

Monday, 9th December, 2013 at the Lyric Theatre, commencing at 7pm.