DINNINGTON ST. JOHN’S TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at Middleton Hall, Barleycroft Lane, Dinnington on Monday the 13th January, 2014.


001/14 Apologies for absence: Cllrs Jepson and Havenhand.

002/14 Presentation: The Best Dressed Christmas Window Award for 2013 was presented to Mr Baker of Homecare 2 by the Chair. Homecare 2 was thanked for entering into the spirit of the competition and the festivities in Dinnington.

003/14 Questions from the Public:

Q: Could the Council please make rapid a response on securing a Parish Poll for Dinnington by debating the matter publicly?
A: The resident agreed for the response to this question to be given as per Agenda Item 10B when the Parish Poll was to be discussed in detail in the public arena.

Q: When will the Council set the 2104/15 Precept and Budget, bearing in mind this has to be with RMBC in February?
A: The Chair advised the resident that a Precept Meeting was expected to be called before the end of January 2014.

Q: Why doesn't Dinnington have an annual Town Meeting?
A: The Chair stated that the Town Council did have an Annual Town Meeting, but that it usually held it in May, just before its annual general meeting.

Q: As the A57 road improvements are coming to a conclusion, can the Council push RMBC to rectify the signage to Dinnington?
A: The Chair agreed that as a principal town Dinnington should have better signage. Action: Clerk to enter the issue on the Action Plan that was to be introduced by the Clerk and progress with RMBC.

004/14: To consider any matters determined as urgent by the Chair: None

005/14: To consider any matters which should be dealt with in open, or confidential session (items for which the Press and Public may be excluded - Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 - Admission to Meetings). None

006/14: Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9th December, 2014. Amendment to 174/13 (B) Davies Court should read Davies Court. The Minutes were then approved and seconded as a true record.

007/14 Declarations of interest:

Cllr Tweed: Section 8: Items A, B, C and Section 12: Item C
Cllr Mitchell: Section 9: Item C
Cllrs P & H Wardle: Section 10: Item E
Cllrs Cottam/Mugglestone: Section 12: Item C
To consider any matters raised in Public session: None

Planning Applications: No Objections

Booking Concessions and Donations:

(a) Concessions and Donations Policy. Members approved the policy.

(b) Concessions: Bluebell Wood Musical fund raising event Saturday 21st June 2014 Members approved the concession.

(c) Concessions: Graham Mitchell Rotherham Hospice fundraising events 2014 x 3 Members approved the concessions.

(d) Donations: Dinnington Deciders and Power Youths “Bin it to Win it” initiative. A donation of £100 was recommended by Cllr P Wardle: Members approved for a £100 donation to be made. Action: Clerk to process donation.

For Members consideration and decisions:

(a) Asset Transfer – the Chair explained to the meeting the reasons for the transfer rejection by RMBC:-

New Street Offices: This asset is excluded from transfer under the Asset Transfer Policy as it has a market value higher than its existing use Value. The asset is now under review to be brought forward to consider its future use for identification within the Capital Receipts Programme subject to Cabinet resolution. In which case, the next step in the Community Right to Bid process will then be triggered.

Birkdale Recreation Ground: This property asset has been held for long term future capital appreciation and under the terms of the policy will therefore be excluded for asset transfer. Accordingly, as this asset is held for long term future capital the Council acting as landowner awaits the outcome of the Local Plan Sites & Policies document. At that stage a review will then be undertaken regarding the future use of the site and a report on the future options taken to Cabinet for resolution.

The Borough Council also included their Asset Transfer Policy and reasons for refusing transfer, which included:-

- **Capital Receipt & Revenue Income** - Any asset that has been identified within the Capital Receipts Programme or specifically held for revenue income or long term future capital appreciation will not be considered for asset transfer.

- **Opportunity Costs** – Any asset that is has not been identified within the Capital Receipts Programme as above, but has a Market or Development Value either in its entirety or forming part of an amalgamated site, greater than its Existing Use Value at the time of application, will excluded from the transfer and transferred to the Capital Receipts Programme accordingly.

- **Assets Not Fit For Purpose** - Asset that are not fit for purpose due to existing state of repair or for other reasons would impose an unreasonable liability to the applicant should not be considered for transfer. This should not however preclude applications for transfer from applicants whom have the opportunity to seek the necessary funding to make the necessary refurbishments/improvements as required.
• **Corporate Priority** - Any asset that has been identified to implement a Corporate Priority and hence service delivery which can only be delivered by the Council is to be excluded from the transfer.”

Cllr P Wardle queried the response as no planning permissions or value had been assigned to this area therefore the land is currently of no value. Examples of previous similar examples around the Borough were brought up during the discussions. It was requested that members provide further details of such instances to the Clerk.

Members voted unanimously to proceed with a challenge of the transfer rejection statement. **Action:** Clerk to submit challenge to RMBC giving examples provided by Members and also ask the Borough Council to review the Asset Transfer Policy which should be used in conjunction with the Right to Bid process to reflect a general codicil when applicants have a Right to Bid accepted, stating whether Asset Transfer would be possible under the terms of the RMBC Asset Transfer Policy.

(b) **Parish Poll**: The Chair put forward a motion to include the public to be included in the debate on Parish Poll: The motion was seconded and Members unanimously voted to allow the public debate on this topic.

Following a lengthy debate it was suggested that a poll would be more effective once the outcomes of the Core Strategy Inspectors’ decisions had been received. Cllr P Wardle proposed that the item be deferred to the next meeting. This was moved, seconded and agreed. **Action:** Clerk to add Parish Poll to February’s agenda.

(c) **Dinnington Rugby Club – Leys Lane Site /Wind Turbine**: Following a review of the letter submitted on behalf of the Rugby Club, it was proposed, seconded and agreed that the original objection stood, and that no permission was granted to erect a wind turbine on the land.

(d) **Consultation request –Letter from CISWO**: The Chair put forward a motion to include the public to be included in the debate on the Welfare Land: The motion was seconded and Members unanimously voted to allow the public debate on this topic.

Both the public and Members discussed the letter at length, and a proposal to decline the suggestion made by CISWO was proposed, seconded and agreed. **Action:** Clerk to write to CISWO stating that as the Town Council objected to any development on greenbelt, that they could not be involved in leading any consultation on behalf of an organisation who wanted to develop the land for housing.

(e) **Request from Friends of Dinnington Miners Welfare for the Town Council to register Miners Welfare Land as an Asset of Community Value**: The Chair put forward a motion to include the public to be included in the debate on the Welfare Land: The motion was seconded and Members unanimously voted to allow the public debate on this topic.

The Town Council listened to the concerns of the public, and agreed to submit a Right to Bid on behalf of Friends of Dinnington Miners Welfare. **Action:** Clerk to submit Right to Bid.

(f) **Letter of thanks from Bluebell Wood**: The letter of thank was noted by Members who were pleased with the amount raised for charity.
013/14 Monthly Accounts and relevant Budget update information:

(a) Monthly Accounts for November/ December 2013 were approved.

**Summary of January 2014**

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(b) Lyric Theatre Hire charges for 2014 were approved. **Action:** Clerk to post new charges on website and provide for SLA with effect from 1st February 2014.

(c) Allotment Charges for 2014 were approved. **Action:** Clerk to write to all Allotment Holders detailing increase in fees and collection date which is set for Saturday, 8th February 2014 between 10am-12 noon inside Lyric Theatre.

(d) **SLA Lyric Theatre Income Analysis:** The report was noted by Members who were pleased to see that progress was being made towards self-sufficiency. **Action:** Clerk to produce final year-end figures to be presented at the May 2014 Council meeting.

014/14 Dinnington Town Council Grants: None

015/14 General Matters:

(A) **Running Actions – Website:** Members agreed for this action plan (which covers all actions/queries raised in Council meetings) to be posted onto the Town Council’s website and be updated monthly prior to each Town Council Meeting. **Action:** Clerk to continue with Running Actions as part of Preparation of Meeting Papers. Hard copies to be provided in with papers for Members.

(B) **Challenge Cup – 2014:** The Chair requested that members of the public submit nominations for the Challenge Cup based on the information detailed within the leaflets. Leaflets have been distributed to various points around Dinnington for public access. **Action:** Clerk to post details onto website.

016/14 Date and time of Next Meeting:

Extra Ordinary (Precept) Meeting scheduled to take place before 31st January 2014. Agenda to be posted on Council Notice-boards and inside Library.

Monthly Town Council meeting scheduled to take place on: Monday, 10th February 2014 at Lyric Theatre.