

WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Prosperous Communities Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Guildhall, Gainsborough on Tuesday 3 June 2014 at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillor Owen Bierley (Chairman) (In the Chair)
Councillor Gillian Bardsley (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Lewis Strange (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Richard Doran
Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan
Councillor Jessie Milne
Councillor Malcolm Parish
Councillor Di Rodgers
Councillor Lesley Rollings

In Attendance :

John Rice	Interim Commercial Director
Alex Reeks	Assistant Chief Executive
Chris Allen	Head of Public Protection
Andy Gray	Team Manager – Housing and Communities
Sue Leversedge	Accountant
Katie Coughlan	Governance and Civic Officer

Also Present : Councillor Geoff Wiseman

Also in Attendance: Mrs Janet Inman, Chief Executive, Lincolnshire Sports Partnership
2 x Members of the Public

Apologies : Councillor Irmgard Parrott
Councillor Trevor Young

7 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT AND WELCOME

This being the first meeting of the new civic year, the Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting, including members of the public, visiting members and the out-going Chairman.

8 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman welcomed Gainsborough Town Councillor John Butler to the meeting and welcomed him to the address the Committee. Councillor Butler spoke in support of the proposed Selective Licensing Scheme in the South-West Ward of Gainsborough and outlined the research and evidence he had undertaken and gathered himself in the area. He also spoke of his conversations with Police Commissioner for the area, and considered he too would be supportive of the Council's intentions. Councillor Butler spoke of the costs, to all agencies, currently associated with "policing" the ward and was of the view that the proposal would go some way to reducing this. However, evidence he had perused and gathered suggested such a scheme could take up to 5 years to deliver results. He concluded with thanking the Committee for their continued investigation of creating a selective licensing scheme within the Ward.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Butler for his constructive comments and in turn the Committee paid tribute to Councillor Butler for his dedication and commitment to the Ward he serves.

9 MINUTES

- (a) Special Meeting of the Prosperous Communities Committee – 6 March 2014

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Prosperous Communities Committee held on 6 March 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

- (b) Meeting of the Prosperous Communities Committee – 25 March 2014

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting of the Prosperous Communities Committee held on 25 March 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

- (c) Meeting of the Prosperous Communities Committee – 19 May 2014

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting of the Prosperous Communities Committee held on 19 May 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

10 MATTERS ARISING SCHEDULE SETTING OUT THE CURRENT POSITION OF PREVIOUSLY AGREED ACTIONS AS AT 23 MAY 2014 (PRCC.02 14/15)

Members gave consideration to the Matters Arising Schedule which set out the current position of all previously agreed actions as at 23 May 2014.

RESOLVED that progress on the Matters Arising Schedule, as set out in report PRCC.02 14/15 be received and noted.

11 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Gillian Bardsley declared a pecuniary interest in report PRCC. 03 14/15 (Selective Licensing in the South West Ward), as a private landlord and indicated that she would withdraw from the meeting during consideration and determination of this item.

12 PRESENTATION ITEM – LINCOLNSHIRE SPORTS PARTNERSHIP (LSP) ANNUAL DELIVERY REPORT – PRESENTATION BY JANET INMAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chairman welcomed Janet Inman to the meeting and invited her to make her presentation. The Committee were shown a short DVD demonstrating the work undertaken by the Partnership, this was followed by a short presentation during which Members were provided with a raft of information, including information regarding : -

- The Partnership's values
- The Partnership's commitments, which included:
 - Creating, developing and supporting high-quality, sustainable sporting opportunities in every community, including a vibrant club network, strong pathways for competitors, sustainable facilities and opportunities for coaches and volunteers
 - Providing strategic leadership
 - Working with NGB's to deliver their Whole Sport Plans
 - Working with partners and stakeholders to promote sport as part of wider physical activity
 - Support a joined up approach to sport to ensure best value for all developing, delivering or participating in a sporting activity
- The partnership's key areas of work
- The projects and programmes which had been delivered over the past 12 months, including details of the number of West Lindsey residents who had attended such
- Planned projects and programmes for the forthcoming year.

In the ensuing question and answer session, Members commented that the sports partnership should be a standard consultee on large scale planning

applications, with a view to ensuring they enabled communities to be active, ie appropriate cycle routes included.

It was also suggested that there should be a link to the Sports Partnership Website included on West Lindsey communications, in order to further promote their work.

The Chairman thanked Ms Inman for informative and inspirational presentation

RESOLVED that the presentation be received and a copy of the presentation slides be circulated to all Members of the Council.

Note: Councillor Gillian Bardsley withdrew from the Chamber prior to consideration of the following item.

13 SELECTIVE LICENSING IN THE SOUTH WEST WARD (PRCC.03 14/15)

Members gave consideration to a report which provided them with information on the proposals for a selective licensing scheme within the South West Ward of Gainsborough.

Members whole-heartedly supported Paper.

The Chairman offered some slightly revised wording for the recommendations, for the purpose of clarity, and on being put to the vote it was: -

RESOLVED that: -

- (a) the consultation process, as set out on page 14 of the report, on a selective licensing scheme for the Gainsborough South West Ward, which is to be undertaken for a minimum 10 week time period, be supported; and
- (b) the consultation feedback be reported back to the Prosperous Communities Committee at its September meeting in order to determine the way forward for the Selective Licensing Scheme.

Note: Councillor Malcolm Parish left the meeting during consideration of the above item of business and did not return to the meeting.

Councillor Gillian Bardsley returned the Chamber at this point in the meeting.

14 GTAA: C AND I TASK PANEL FEEDBACK (PRCC.04 14/15)

Members gave consideration to a report which had been prepared by the Challenge and Improvement Task Panel to provide elected Members with feedback. The Task Panel had been asked to review the Central Lincolnshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment brief methodology and robustness of the need figure for the number of new pitches identified for West Lindsey in the Assessment.

Debate ensued and there were a number of Members who were deeply unhappy with the further site and pitch allocations in West Lindsey, particularly the recommendation that suggested existing sites should first be extended. There was also a view that self-fulfilling growth in traveller sites would arise. Furthermore there were concerns that Officers had not tried hard enough to press adjacent areas into taking larger numbers of sites/pitches.

Officers stressed that the assessment was not about addressing people's desires but about addressing identified needs. It was stressed that the assessment would be used to develop a policy that would help the planning committee, in time, ensure appropriate criteria for sites was set and applications would be assessed against it.

The Member who had chaired the related Task and Finish Group gave his repeated assurances to the Committee that the Task Group had thoroughly reviewed the evidence base, and whilst Members may not be happy with the allocation numbers, he could confirm these had been derived at in an equitable way, in keeping with the nationally recognised formula.

However, Members discontent continued and on being put to the vote the recommendations, as written in the report, were declared lost.

It was suggested that all Members of the Committee be given the opportunity to review and study at the length the documents which had been made available to the Task and Finish Group and on that basis it was : -

RESOLVED that the report be deferred until the Committee's next meeting on 23 July 2014, pending all Members receiving a hard copy of the Consultant's report used by the Task and Finish Group to inform their recommendations.

15 PROGRESS AND DELIVERY REPORT – PERIOD 3 (PRCC.05 14/15)

Members gave consideration to a report which sought to provide an update on progress on the delivery of the Corporate Plan priorities and an update on performance of service areas. The report is a key part of the Council's governance framework and provides a public statement on how the council is performing against its publicly stated priorities.

Members commented on the positive nature of the report considering the difficult national climate.

RESOLVED that having examined the contents of the report it be received and noted.

16 WORKPLAN (PRCC.06 14/15)

The Governance and Civic Officer presented the Committee work plan.

RESOLVED that the Work Plan as set out in report PRCC.51 13/14 be received and noted.

17 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the ground that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

18 PROPOSED CPO OF PROPERTY IN GAINSBOROUGH SOUTH WEST WARD (PRCC.07 14/15)

Members gave consideration to a report which provided them with information regarding the proposed compulsory purchase of a property in the South West Ward of Gainsborough.

RESOLVED that: -

- (a) that the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order under Section 226(1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 for the acquisition of the property in question, together with the land associated with it, and as shown edged in red on the plans attached at Appendix 1 to facilitate the development, redevelopment or improvement of the land that will contribute to the promotion or improvement of economic, social or environmental wellbeing be approved.
- (b) the Chief Operating Officer, in consultation with legal representation be authorised to:
 - 1) Take all necessary steps to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the Compulsory Purchase Orders including the publication and service of all notices and the

presentation of the Council's case at any public enquiries;

- 2) Acquire interests in the property within the Compulsory Purchase Orders either by agreement or compulsorily;
 - 3) Suspend the compulsory purchase order proceedings, or withdraw the order, on being satisfied that the subject house will be satisfactorily renovated and re-occupied without the need to continue the purchase proceedings in relation to the property;
 - 4) Take all necessary action to acquire and obtain possession of the property included in the Compulsory Purchase Orders, either compulsorily or by agreement, and to deal with all matters relating to the payment of compensation and statutory interest including or defending proceedings as necessary;
 - 5) Dispose of the property in accordance with the proposals set out in this report;
 - 6) Take all necessary action to give effect to these recommendations
- (c) it be **RECOMMENDED** to the Policy and Resources Committee that the necessary funds, as shown in section 5.6, of the report, be released to support the proposed course of action.

The meeting concluded at 8.28 pm.

Chairman