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COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 22 February 2018 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Joanne Wild - In the Chair

Councillors Richard Bright, Sue Bull, Martin Burfoot, Albert Catt, Ann Elliott, Susan Hobson, Jean Monks, Tony Morley, Joyce Pawley, Mike Ratcliffe, Lewis Rose OBE and Philippa Tilbrook.

Paul Wilson (Corporate Director), Sandra Lamb (Head of Corporate Services), Mike Hase (Policy Manager), Ashley Watts (Head of Community and Environmental Services), Giles Dann (Economic Development Officer) and Jackie Cullen (Committee Assistant).

8 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jason Atkin, Vicky Massey-Bloodworth, Andrew Statham and Colin Swindell. Councillor Jean Monks attended as Substitute Member.

316/17 – MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Joyce Pawley, seconded by Councillor Albert Catt and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community & Environment Committee held on 11 January 2018 be approved as a correct record.

The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

317/17 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In accordance with the procedure for public participation, Mrs Marion Campbell-Drew (local resident) asked a question regarding parking fees and residents' permit fees;

Mr Richard Pretty (local resident) made a statement on the proposal to increase the annual residential parking fees from £92 to £331;

Mr Peter Franklin (local resident) asked questions regarding parking fees and residents' permit fees; and

Mrs Wendy McClean (local resident) asked a question regarding parking fees and residents' permit fees.

The Chairman advised that unresolved queries would be researched and responses provided as soon as possible.

318/17 – BUSINESS GROWTH HUBS AND ACCESS TO FINANCE

Councillor Philippa Tilbrook arrived at 6.15pm prior to discussion of this item.

The Committee considered a report on the mid-term progress of the business support programmes being delivered by the District Council and the Council's involvement in external funding proposals to help extend services in the Derbyshire Dales.

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) support had been secured to deliver additional business support services within the district and had enabled the District Council to develop Derbyshire Dales Business Advice, delivered by experienced Business Advisor Heather Bradford.

So far during 2016/17 and 2017/18, 30 businesses had been supported to secure over £1,000,000 in external grant funding towards projects with the potential to create around 100 jobs. The service had received positive feedback and ERDF output targets for business assists up to the end of 2017/18 were detailed in the report.

The Launchpad service commenced in August 2016 and had worked with 62 clients in the Derbyshire Dales, as listed in paragraph 3.3 of the report. This service had also received positive client feedback and whilst slightly down on spend, the project was on course to achieve ERDF output targets for pre-start and new enterprises assisted (up to 12 months old) up to the end of 2017/18.

Under the current European Structural and Investment Funds programme there was an opportunity to bid for further ERDF funding to develop and extend Growth Hub activity up until 31 March 2022. Along with other partners, the Economic Development Team had been working with Nottingham City Council as accountable body for the D2N2 Growth Hub ERDF project to input to proposals for Growth Hub 2, to commence 1 April 2019 (when the existing project ended).

The Economic Development Team had contributed to the Expression of Interest (stage 1 of the process) submitted by the deadline of 26 January, and it was noted that within the Enhanced Local Services element and following agreement with the Place Hub, forecast output and expenditure information had been provided with a view to extending the Derbyshire Dales Business Advice service as part of the D2N2 Growth Hub for a further three years. Should the Expression of Interest be approved, a full application would need to be worked up for submission in the summer accompanied by confirmation from the District Council, as a proposed delivery partner, of its match funding contribution.

It was moved by Councillor Tony Morley, seconded by Councillor Mike Ratcliffe and

RESOLVED
(unanimously)

1. Progress of Derbyshire Dales Business Advice and the Launchpad programme, delivered in partnership with the LEP Growth Hubs and part funded by the European Regional Development Fund, is noted;
2. The District Council's participation in the D2N2 Growth Hub 2 bid with a view to extending locally delivered business support services within the district up to 31 March 2022, utilising European Regional Development Fund support, with match funding from the Economic Development Reserve be noted and endorsed

319/17 – VISITOR ECONOMY PLAN UPDATE

The Committee considered a report on progress towards implementing actions within the District Council's Visitor Economy Plan and confirming the key actions for the remaining Plan period.

The aim of the plan was to develop a higher value visitor economy in the Derbyshire Dales, with effort being focused on the following three priorities where District Council intervention could make a difference:

- 1. Support businesses within the visitor economy to exploit key markets and supply chain opportunities**
- 2. Promote the Derbyshire Dales and Peak District as an inspiring place to live, work and visit**
- 3. Improve the quality of the visitor experience offered in the Derbyshire Dales**

Progress on each of the three priorities was detailed in the report.

The District Council was a founding member of Marketing Peak District and Derbyshire (MPD&D), which provided the area's official tourism website, visitpeakdistrict.com. It also supported tourism businesses directly through the ERDF funded 'Growing and Developing the Visitor Economy' project which would run until March 2019.

Focus for the remaining plan period was set out in the report, and progress and opportunities for local businesses to get involved would continue to be promoted via the District Council's business and tourism e-newsletters.

It was moved by Councillor Tony Morley, seconded by Councillor Mike Ratcliffe and

RESOLVED
(unanimously)

1. Progress with implementing the priority actions within the District Council's Visitor Economy Plan 2015-2019 is noted;
2. The update on Marketing Peak District and Derbyshire is noted;
3. The key actions for the remaining period of the Plan be noted and endorsed

320/17 – DERBYSHIRE DALES SELF-BUILD AND CUSTOM HOUSEBUILDING REGISTER CONSULTATION RESPONSE

The Committee considered a report that set out the public consultation results for the proposed changes to the Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Register undertaken from the 7th December 2017 to 18th January 2018. The report also sought Members' approval to make changes to the registration process for the Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Register; to limit entry to those with a local connection and who could demonstrate the financial resources to purchase a serviced plot and to implement a charging schedule as set out in the report from 1st April 2018.

A further report would be presented to this Committee to set out details of how proposed changes to the Self-Build and Custom Housebuilding Register may be achieved, including the potential resource implications for the District Council.

There were 31 responses to the public consultation, the majority of which indicated that they were currently listed on the District Council's Self-Build and Custom Housebuilding Register (58%). The results were detailed in the report, together with Officer responses.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose OBE, seconded by Councillor Albert Catt and

RESOLVED

1. the revised fee charging schedule as set out in Paragraph 2.19 of the report be approved
2. the revised local connection criteria as set out in paragraph 2.27 of the report be approved
3. the introduction of a financial resources test, including the list of information required by applicants as set out in paragraph 2.34 of the report be approved
4. That delegated authority be given to the Head of Regeneration and Policy to prepare and publish on the District Council's website detailed assessment criteria in respect of the financial resources test.

Voting:

For	11
Against	0
Abstentions	2

321/17 – PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS 2018 – OUTCOME OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Committee considered a report on the outcome of the recent consultation exercise undertaken in respect of the making of Public Space Protection Orders relating, in the first instance, to existing control of dogs and in the second instance, proposals to prohibit barbeques or fires, prevent unauthorised parking and control alcohol consumption in open spaces, in order that new Public Space Protection Orders may be introduced with effect from 1st April 2018. The consultation period ran from mid-November 2017 through to the beginning of January 2018; total of only 12 representations had been received, and were summarised in the report.

The implementation of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) enabled the use of fixed penalty notices (FPNs) where contraventions were observed. Orders would last for up to three years, (ending on 31 March 2018), whereupon they would be reviewed. The current proposals were detailed in appendix 2 to the report and areas that had been removed as a consequence

of ongoing management review were listed in appendix 3 to the report. Furthermore, it was intended that educational and promotional campaigns in relation to dog fouling and the control of dogs would continue throughout the course of future Public Space Protection Orders.

With regard to proposals to prohibit barbeques or fires, control alcohol consumption and prevent unauthorised parking in open spaces, there would be a requirement to provide clear signage at designated sites, as set out in the report. More detailed information would be provided on the Council's website.

It was moved by Councillor Mike Ratcliffe, seconded by Councillor Albert Catt and

RESOLVED
(unanimously)

1. That the outcome of the public consultation undertaken be noted.
2. That the Public Space Protection Orders as outlined in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report be made, to take effect on 1 April 2018 for:
 - The Fouling of Land By Dog Order
 - The Dog Exclusion Order
 - The Dog on Lead Order
 - The Dog on Lead by Direction Order
 - No Barbeques or lit fires
 - No unauthorised parking
 - Control of alcohol consumption
3. That the Head of Community Development and Environmental Services be given delegated authority to authorise officers to undertake associated enforcement duties.

322/17 – IMPLEMENTATION OF PARKING POLICY 2017 – OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES AMENDMENT (NO.3) ORDER 2018

Councillor Martin Burfoot left the meeting at 7.20pm during discussion of this item.

The Committee considered a report that considered representations made in respect of the proposed amendments to the Off-Street parking Places Order in relation to the introduction of short stay parking on Edgefold Road Car Park, Matlock. In introducing such a change, there was a requirement to amend the current Off Street Parking Places Order, the procedure for which was detailed in the report.

There had been one recorded viewing of the deposited draft Amendment Order at the Town Hall. No written representations had been received in respect of the proposed amendments. It was therefore recommended that the proposed Amendment Order, detailed in the appendix attached to the report, be made without further modification.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose OBE seconded by Councillor Albert Catt and

RESOLVED
(Unanimously)

That the Off-Street Parking Places (Amendment No3) Order 2018, as described within the appendix to the report, be approved and implemented in accordance with section 35 and Part III of Schedule 9

of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authority Traffic Orders (Procedure)(England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

323/17 – REMOVAL OF FLY TIPPED WASTE

The Committee considered a request that a supplementary revenue estimate be approved to cover the cost associated with two fly tipping incidents within the District.

On 21 December 2017 the Council was made aware of a large fly tip along Moor Lane in Taddington, and on 2 January 2018 another large fly tip containing similar materials was reported, on the A617 between Bakewell and Baslow. The District Council had an obligation, as the waste disposal authority, to remove the waste. The role of the Environment Agency was to act as the investigatory and regulatory authority as the total amount of waste was in excess of 100 tonnes. The cost of removing this amount of waste was far in excess of the allocated budgetary provision. Therefore, £13,684 was sought from the General Reserve to cover the cost of removal and appropriate disposal.

The Head of Community and Environmental Services advised that he would report back to this Committee the results of the EA's investigation into the source of the waste.

It was moved by Councillor Albert Catt, seconded by Councillor Jean Monks and

RESOLVED That a Supplementary Revenue Estimate for 2017/18 in the sum of
(unanimously) £13,684 is approved to be funded from the General Reserve for the removal of fly tipped waste in Taddington and Bakewell.

MEETING CLOSED 7.35PM
CHAIRMAN