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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 15 May 2014 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock at 6.00pm

PRESENT

Councillor Steve Bull - In the Chair

Councillors Jennifer Bower, Sue Burfoot, Tom Donnelly, Ann Elliott, David Fearn, Chris Furness, Neil Horton, Angus Jenkins, Mike Ratcliffe, Lewis Rose OBE, Andrew Shirley, Peter Slack, Geoff Stevens MBE, Jo Wild.

Peter Foley (Corporate Director), Keith Postlethwaite (Car Parks and Grounds Maintenance Manager), Heidi McDougall (Head of Environmental Services), Tanya Shaw (Design and Conservation Officer), Sandra Lamb (Head of Corporate Services) and Jackie Cullen (Committee Assistant).

1 member of the public.
Councillor Judith Twigg attended as Ward Member.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cate Hunt, Steve Flitter and Carol Walker. Councillors Jennifer Bower, Tom Donnelly and David Fearn attended as Substitute Members.

456/13 – MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Chris Furness, seconded by Councillor Geoff Stevens MBE and

RESOLVED
(unanimously)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 27 February 2014 be approved as a correct record.

The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

457/13 – ABC BAKEWELL NOISE MANAGEMENT PLAN

On 27th February 2014 the Environment Committee agreed that rather than construct

an acoustic noise barrier at the Agricultural Centre, a noise management plan should be produced within 3 months. An independent noise survey also recommended more effective management controls as a way of reducing noise at source. A report was presented which updated the Committee on the proposed noise management plan produced in association with Bagshaws, which sought to reduce noise associated with running a livestock market or associated activities on market days to a reasonably practicable level.

In accordance with the procedure for public participation, Councillor Mrs Judith Twigg spoke as Ward Member relating to concerns regarding this item.

The proposed noise management plan, as outlined in appendix 1 to the report, included measures designed to reduce the noise levels generated by a range of activities along with costs and timescales.

It was proposed that the more physical measures within the plan be completed by December 2015 but some measures associated with animals and people would require ongoing management.

The total cost of delivering the recommendations to reduce the noise levels was approximately £88,300. It was recommended that this amount be approved from the capital programme, as there was provision within the capital programme of £165,929 for “noise, drainage and other works” at the Bakewell Agricultural Business Centre. The cost of the Noise Management Plan could therefore be contained within this provision.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose, OBE, seconded by Councillor Tom Donnelly and

RESOLVED
(Unanimously)

1. That the noise management plan, in appendix 1, be approved.
2. That the noise management plan is shared with residents and regular updates provided on work progressed and its effectiveness monitored.
3. That the sum of approximately £88,300 be approved from the capital programme to fund the implementation of the actions in the noise management plan.
4. That an investigation into the feasibility of providing a screen around the vehicle wash area be carried out, with Officers reporting back to this Committee at a future meeting.

458/13 – WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMUNITY FUND

The Committee considered a report outlining how the Community Fund approved by the Community and Environment Committee in April 2012 would be divided into two parts and what it would be used to fund. It outlined the criteria to be applied and the team who would be involved in making the decisions.

The Waste & Recycling Collection Services Contract awarded to Serco, in October 2011, outlined their commitment to maximise recycling through education supported by initiatives such as a match funded contribution of £3600 per year to incentivise recycling participation and a commitment to support re-use activities in the district.

As an incentive to Derbyshire Dales residents for their help in achieving the recycling goals Serco included a contribution of £300 per month as a prize, with a proposal that the District Council match fund this contribution and raise the community reward to £600 per month, which was approved by the Community and Environment Committee in April 2012.

Proposals on how the scheme should operate were contained within the report.

The make-up of the Community Fund Team would consist of a core including the Waste & Recycling Officer and Assistant Waste & Recycling Officer from Derbyshire Dales, the Operations Manager and Marketing Officer from Serco and the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Environment Committee. Each core member could nominate a deputy in their absence.

It was moved by Councillor Peter Slack, seconded by Councillor Mike Ratcliffe and

RESOLVED
(Unanimously)

1. That the Community Fund be divided into two parts as outlined in paragraphs 2.4 to 2.11 of the report – a Community Fund Grant and a Community Fund Residents Reward.
2. That the membership of the Community Fund Team as outlined in paragraph 2.12 be agreed.
3. That the Terms of Reference for the two schemes as outlined in section 2 be agreed.
4. That the Community Fund be launched on 1st June 2014.

459/13 – DRAFT CHARACTER APPRAISAL FOR RIBER CONSERVATION AREA

The Committee considered a report which advised on the public consultation undertaken in respect of the Draft Ribber Conservation Area Character Appraisal and recommended its approval with modifications to the proposed boundary and text.

The Draft Appraisal was subject to public consultation between 9th January and 20th February 2014. A public advisory session was held at Matlock Town Hall on 21st

February 2014 and was attended by the District Council's Conservation Officers. Six members of the public attended, mainly local residents.

As a result of the public consultation process, the matters raised in Appendix 1 identified potential alterations / amendments to the proposed boundary and minor alterations to the text, as detailed in the report and identified in Appendix 2 to the report.

As a result of comments received it was therefore recommended that the Riber Conservation Area boundary be modified in accordance with the recommendations set out in Appendix 1.

It was moved by Councillor Geoff Stevens MBE, seconded by Councillor Mike Ratcliffe and

RESOLVED That the Riber Conservation Area Character Appraisal be
(Unanimously) approved with modifications to the proposed boundary and text.

460/13 – WIRKSWORTH ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION – 2013 REVIEW

A report was presented advising Members of the outcome of the public consultation undertaken in relation to the review of the Wirksworth Article 4 Direction and proposed that a modified Article 4 Direction be approved and introduced from 1st August 2014.

Following the review of the existing Wirksworth Article 4 Direction being presented to this Committee on 28th November 2013 (Minute 238/13 refers), it was agreed that the outcome of the public consultation would be reported back to this Committee prior to any modification of the Direction.

Consultations were undertaken late in 2013. Representatives considered a comprehensive review had been undertaken and supported the proposed modifications. Written support was received from the Wirksworth Civic Society and their comments were included in Appendix 1 to the report, together with 5 written responses which had been received and Officer comments and recommendations.

Details of proposed modifications to the Direction were outlined in the report. Based on the number and the nature of the consultation responses received it was recommended that the Article 4 Direction for properties in the Wirksworth Conservation Area be modified in accordance with the review and as amended by the recommendations in Appendix 1.

It was moved by Councillor Mike Ratcliffe, seconded by Councillor Peter Slack and

RESOLVED 1. That the outcome of the public consultation is considered by
(Unanimously) this Committee (see Appendix 1).
2. That the modified Article 4 Direction is approved in accordance with the review, as amended by the recommendations in Appendix 1, and introduced from 1st

August 2014.

3. That all relevant consultees and individual property owners/occupiers affected by the modified Direction are notified in writing, prior to 1st August 2014.

461/13 – CAR PARK MANAGEMENT – REPLACEMENT OF PAY AND DISPLAY TICKET MACHINES

The Committee considered a report providing a suggested programme for the replacement of pay and display ticket machines throughout the district.

The Council currently operated 53 pay-and-display machines, and to replace them all would cost approximately £212,000, at an average of £4,000 per machine. A comparison of annual maintenance costs involved was outlined in the report, together with a schedule of priorities with regard to a 4 year programme of machine replacement, developed taking into account these priorities. The suggested programme was outlined as an appendix to the report.

The Car Parks and Grounds Maintenance Manager advised the Committee that he had recently become aware of a National Framework Agreement facilitated by the Eastern Shires Procurement Organisation (ESPO) whereby if the Council joined the organisation, it could benefit from fast-tracking with regard to purchase of replacement machines. In light of this information, the Officer recommendation was amended relating to the potential of framework agreements.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose OBE, seconded by Councillor Chris Furness and

RESOLVED
(Unanimously)

1. That the machine replacement programme, detailed in the appendix to this report, be adopted;
2. That works resulting from corresponding DDA assessments of the car parks identified in the programme be actioned, as far as is reasonably practicable;
3. That funding be allocated in the Council's Capital Programme over the next 4 years; and
4. That the procurement of replacement machines be via an established framework agreement facilitated by Eastern Shires Procurement Organisation (ESPO).

462/13 – REVISION TO CEMETERY REGULATIONS: STEEPLE ARCH CEMETERY, WIRKSWORTH

The Committee considered a report relating to proposed revisions to the Council's Cemetery Regulations which were last updated in April 2004.

Consultation was carried out in late 2013 with deed holders of family graves in the

lawned section, as well as with local funeral directors, resulting in the suggestion that the regulation relating to existing lawned sections in Steeple Arch cemetery be relaxed. It was also suggested that the option to pre-purchase the exclusive right of burial at the cemetery was suspended indefinitely.

Officers met with local Ward Members on 25th May 2014 to seek their views on the proposals. All were sympathetic to the needs of the local community, in providing for burials at Steeple Arch, and were fully supportive of the recommendations which had been presented in the report.

It was moved by Councillor Mike Ratcliffe, seconded by Councillor Peter Slack and

RESOLVED
(Unanimously)

1. That the regulation relating to lawned graves be relaxed at Steeple Arch Cemetery, and
2. That the option to reserve burial plots be suspended.

MEETING CLOSED 7.16 PM

CHAIRMAN