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## **PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 23 February 2012 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock at 6.00pm**

**PRESENT** Councillor Gate Hunt - In the Chair

Councillors Jacque Bevan, Sue Burfoot, Bob Cartwright, Tom Donnelly, Mike Longden, Tony Millward, Garry Purdy, Irene Ratcliffe, Lewis Rose OBE, Andrew Shirley, Geoff Stevens, MBE and Jacque Stevens

Councillor Chris Furness attended as an observer.

Peter Foley (Director of Community Services), Paul Wilson (Director of Planning and Housing), Sandra Lamb (Head of Democratic Services), Steve Capes (Head of Regeneration and Organisational Development), Rob Cogings (Head of Housing), Keith Postlethwaite (Grounds Maintenance and Car Parks Manager) and Christine Laver (Democratic Services Officer).

1 member of the public

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Albert Catt and David Frederickson. Councillor Garry Purdy attended as a substitute member.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Gregor McGregor, Chairman of The Grand Pavilion Ltd, thanked the Committee for agreeing to grant the company a lease on the building that would enable its fundraising efforts to proceed with more certainty.

Although two initial funding bids had been unsuccessful the company was not discouraged and saw its efforts to secure Heritage Lottery Funding as critical to the success of the project. To that end it was building a relationship with the organisation and would submit a formal bid in due course. It would also be submitting bids to the Arts Council for its new capital grant scheme.

The organisation would submit formal, six monthly reports to the Committee as agreed.

### **383/11 - MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor Geoff Stevens, seconded by Councillor Tony Millward and

**RESOLVED** That the minutes of the Partnership & Regeneration Committee  
(Unanimously) meeting held on 1 December 2011 be approved as a correct record.

The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

### **384/11 – INTERESTS**

Agenda Item 7 – Future Housing Development Programme – Councillor Mrs Jacque Bevan declared a personal interest in this item as a member of the Board of Dales Housing, which was mentioned in the report. Councillor Bevan was present during discussion and voting on this item.

Agenda Item 9 – Local Lettings Plan Review – Councillor Mrs Jacque Bevan declared a personal interest in this item as a member of the Board of Dales Housing, which was a consultee. Councillor Bevan was present during discussion and voting on this item.

Agenda Item 10 – Draft Derbyshire Infrastructure Plan and Developer Contributions Protocol – Councillors Mike Longden and Garry Purdy declared personal interests in this report as Members of Derbyshire County Council. Both members were present during discussion and voting on this report.

Agenda Item 16 – Pilot Rural Growth Network – Councillor Garry Purdy declared a personal interest in this application as a member of the Peak District National Park Authority and Councillor Andrew Shirley declared a personal interest as a member of Business Peak District. Both Councillors were present during discussion and voting on this application.

Agenda Item 17 – Derbyshire Economic Partnership Contribution 2012/13 – Councillor Lewis Rose declared a personal interest in this application as the District Council's representative on the Derbyshire Economic Partnership. Councillor Jacque Bevan declared a personal interest as the District Council's representative on the Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Services. Both Councillors were present during discussion and voting on this application.

### **385/11 – FEES AND CHARGES 2012-2013**

The Committee considered a report that detailed recommendations in respect of fees and charges in relation to: livestock markets, farmers' markets and room hire at the Agricultural Business Centre; cleansing services; private sector housing, hackney carriage and private hire licensing and land charges.

It was noted that stall markets, which would normally be included in this report, were the subject of a separate Overview and Scrutiny Review and the outcome of that would be reported to a future meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose, seconded by Councillor Geoff Stevens and

**RESOLVED** 1. That the fees and charges recommended in the tables in Section  
(Unanimously) 2 of the report be approved and implemented, with effect from 1 April 2012 until 31 March 2013 (inclusive).  
2. That a separate fee of £25 be introduced for re-testing hackney carriage and private hire vehicles where no more than 2 items require attention.

### **386/11 – FUTURE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

When the National Affordable Housing Programme was announced in July 2011, it appeared that housing providers in the Derbyshire Dales had not been allocated any grant monies, and that the prospects for the delivery of affordable housing in the future were bleak. However, Officers had worked closely with housing providers and were now confident of the potential to deliver a programme of affordable housing, albeit at a reduced level to that previously achieved. This confidence was based partly on how the actual allocations made in 2011 were being directed and the recognition by the Homes and Communities Agency that, given its proven track record, Derbyshire Dales could still deliver a supply of new homes. The Homes and Communities Agency was also increasingly looking to support small programmes which comprise several schemes that allow innovative funding solutions to be developed.

In the light of the above, the report set out an indicative programme for the period 2012/13 to 2015/16.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose, seconded by Councillor Geoff Stevens and

**RESOLVED**  
(Unanimously)

1. That the programme for the delivery of affordable homes in 2012/13 and 2013/14 be welcomed.
2. That the indicative programme for delivery of affordable homes in 2014/15 and 2015/16 be welcomed.
3. That Council be requested to consider funding of an affordable housing programme for those schemes that are currently unfunded in 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16, as part of the Council's future capital programme, taking into account other capital programme priorities.

### **387/11 – SELECTING A PARTNER TO TACKLE EMPTY HOMES**

In December 2012 the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) announced a new programme of funding, worth £250m, available for housing associations to bid for grants to tackle empty homes. The District Council undertook a brief selection process by inviting seven housing associations to make expressions of interest in taking forward a bid for empty homes activity in Derbyshire Dales. Two bids that met the HCA criteria were received and Waterloo Housing Group was selected to make the bid, which had to be submitted by 25 January. The result of the bid was expected at the end of March 2012.

This selection was reported retrospectively because the tight deadlines imposed by the HCA meant that it was not possible to report the process to the Committee in advance of the bid.

It was moved by Councillor Jacque Bevan, seconded by Councillor Mike Longden and

**RESOLVED**  
(Unanimously)

That Waterloo Housing Group are confirmed as the District Council's partner for the delivery of the HCA's Empty Homes Programme.

### **388/11 – LOCAL LETTINGS PLAN REVIEW**

The Committee had previously approved a Local Lettings Plan (LLP) for the 58 flats at Bakewell Road, Matlock. The letting and occupation of the rented flats within the development had progressed well. However, of the 14 flats within Cawdor House, that were intended for sale as shared ownership homes, only one had been sold with the remaining 13

remaining unoccupied. This was attributed to changes in the mortgage market that had adversely affected the sale of flats across the country.

Consequently, Dales Housing, with the support of the District Council had been in negotiation with the Homes and Communities Agency to allow the transfer of the flats from shared ownership to rental. This had now been agreed and the Committee was asked to consider approval of an LLP for these flats. This plan took into consideration the higher specification and consequently higher service charges that applied to these flats.

It was moved by Councillor Geoff Stevens, seconded by Councillor Irene Ratcliffe and

- RESOLVED**  
(Unanimously)
1. That consultation on the proposed content of the Local Lettings Plan takes place with interested parties.
  2. That the Director of Planning and Housing be given delegated authority to agree the final version of the Local Lettings Plan having due regard to the outcome of the consultation.

### **389/11 – DRAFT DERBYSHIRE INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN AND DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS PROTOCOL**

Derbyshire County Council had recently produced two consultation papers on “the Derbyshire Infrastructure Plan” and “Developer Contributions Protocol” and approval was sought for a response to be submitted on behalf of the District Council in accordance with the Officer Comments in section 4 of the report.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose, seconded by Councillor Irene Ratcliffe and

- RESOLVED**
- That the Officer comments contained in Section 4 of the report be endorsed as the District Council’s formal response to Derbyshire County Council’s Draft Infrastructure Plan and Developers Contribution Protocol

<b>Voting</b>	In Favour	9
	Against	4
	Abstentions	0

### **390/11 – IMPLEMENTATION OF CHARGING REGIME FOR STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING**

The Committee considered a report that recommended the introduction of a charging regime for street naming and numbering services, with effect from 1 April 2012.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose, seconded by Councillor Geoff Stevens and

- RESOLVED**  
(Unanimously)
1. That a charging regime for street naming and numbering services be introduced, with effect from 1 April 2012
  2. That the scheme of charges outlined in Table 1 of the report be approved
  3. That authority be delegated to the Director of Planning and Housing Services and the Head of Democratic Services to impose new, or revise existing, numbering schemes and the naming or renaming of properties, following consultation with the Royal Mail, without the need to undertake any further consultations

### **391/11 – DRAFT CHARACTER APPRAISAL FOR SOMERSAL HERBERT CONSERVATION AREA**

The Committee considered a draft Character Appraisal for Somersal Herbert Conservation Area and a proposal that a six-week period of public consultation on the content of the draft appraisal be undertaken.

It was moved by Councillor Tony Millward, seconded by Councillor Tom Donnelly and

- RESOLVED**  
(Unanimously)
1. That the contents of the Draft Character Appraisal for Somersal Herbert Conservation Area be approved and be subject to a six-week public consultation period as set out in paragraph 2.4 of the report.
  2. That the outcome of the public consultation exercise be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee.

### **392/11 – CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL – OLD MATLOCK**

On 22 September 2011 the Committee approved a draft Conservation Area Appraisal for Old Matlock and agreed that it should be subject to a six-week period of public consultation, with the results of that consultation to be reported back to the Committee.

The current report detailed the response to the public consultation and recommended changes to the text of the draft document that arose from those responses.

It was moved by Councillor Jacquie Stevens, seconded by Councillor Tony Millward and

- RESOLVED**  
(Unanimously)
- That the Old Matlock Conservation Area Character Appraisal be adopted in accordance with the recommendations as set out in Appendix 1 to the report

### **393/11 – AMENDMENT TO THE OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES ORDER – MATLOCK LIDO**

On 22 September 2011 the Committee agreed to the demolition of the Matlock Lido building and authorised the Director of Community Services to take all necessary steps to include the proposed temporary car park on that site within the District Council's Car Parking Order.

The current report details the procedure and consultations that had been undertaken towards that end. No public comments had been received and concerns about the design of the site, raised by Derbyshire County Council, had been addressed through planning process.

It was moved by Councillor Geoff Stevens, seconded by Councillor Lewis Rose and

- RESOLVED**
- That the amendment to the Derbyshire Dales (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2008, as detailed in 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.

<b>Voting</b>	In Favour	12
	Against	1
	Abstentions	0

### **394/11 – AMENDMENT TO THE OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES ORDER – SNITTERTON ROAD CAR PARK, MATLOCK**

The Committee considered a report that recommended that formal consultation be undertaken regarding the inclusion in the Council's Parking Order of a 'Residents Only' car park, on Snitterton Road, Matlock, following transfer of its ownership from Sainsburys to the District Council. It was confirmed at the meeting that the transfer of ownership was complete.

It was moved by Councillor Geoff Stevens, seconded by Councillor Sue Burfoot and

**RESOLVED** That formal consultation be carried out, as detailed in the report, with  
(Unanimously) a view to including the Snitterton Road car park within the Off-Street Parking Places Order, as a 'Permit Holders Only' parking area.

### **395/11 – PILOT RURAL GROWTH NETWORK**

Business Peak District had submitted a bid to Defra on 31 January to become one of six pilot Rural Growth Networks, in order to gain funding to tackle the five priorities for economic development in the Peak District that were established in 2011.

It had been anticipated that the District Council would participate in the management and governance of the Rural Growth Network but, unfortunately, the bid was unsuccessful. However, it was still considered important for the District Council to confirm its support for and endorsement of the bid.

The reasons for the failure of the bid would be reported to a future meeting of the Committee.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose, seconded by Councillor Jacque Bevan and

**RESOLVED** 1. That Committee endorse and support the Business Peak District  
(Unanimously) bid to become a pilot Rural Growth Network  
2. That a report on the reasons for refusal of the bid be brought to a future meeting of the Committee

### **396/11 – DERBYSHIRE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION 2012/13**

The District Council had, for many years, contributed financially to the Derbyshire Economic Partnership (DEP). Formerly known as the Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership, this body was once an independent sub-regional body with funding of its own, and was active in local economic development. Its key role until recently had been to provide dedicated funding to support rural economic development and to staff the Peak District Rural Action Zone (RAZ), which led such work and was based in Bakewell.

The RAZ since 2009 had remained as a designation, albeit only for LEADER funding, but was not an active body. Its successor, the Derbyshire Rural Forum, also operates under the aegis of the Derbyshire Economic Partnership. However, DEP no longer had funding to offer. Moreover, whilst its Board remained private-sector led, DEP was no longer an independent body, and was now managed directly by Derbyshire County Council. Whilst DEP staff themselves remained helpful and supportive, their ability to contribute to economic development on the ground was now more restricted.

With no role in managing regeneration funds, questions had been asked as to what role DEP should have in the future. Each district council in Derbyshire currently contributed £14,500 each year towards DEP and has a seat on the Board. It is understood that the level of the County Council contribution was similar. A contribution from East Midlands Development Agency would be lost from April 2012.

The chairman of DEP, along with the County Council, had therefore asked each district council for an increase in funding for DEP to £30,000 each year.

The report detailed a number of roles for DEP suggested by its Chairman and Derbyshire County Council. Of these, management of the LEADER programme was of particular importance for Derbyshire Dales. However, the potential role in relation to the Rural Growth Network Pilot would not now materialise following the failure of the bid reported previously.

The report also included an update on the progress of the Derbyshire Dales Business Advice Services and it was noted that the service had now provided advice to 25 businesses and been involved in the creation of 6 new businesses and nine new jobs.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose, seconded by Councillor Irene Ratcliffe and

**RESOLVED**  
(Unanimously)

1. The District Council makes a one-off financial contribution to the Derbyshire Economic Partnership up to a maximum of £30,000 for the financial year 2012/13 only.
2. This contribution be reviewed prior to future years in light of actual service levels negotiated with and provided by Derbyshire Economic Partnership during 2012/13.
3. Progress with Derbyshire Dales Business Advice is noted.

**MEETING CLOSED – 8.20pm**

**CHAIRMAN**