

## **BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne, on Wednesday 19 July 2017 at 1000 hours.

### **PRESENT:-**

Councillor T Munro..... Chair  
Councillor R Turner..... Vice Chair

### **Members:-**

Councillors T Alexander, A Anderson, J E Bennett, R J Bowler, P M Bowmer, G Buxton, T Cannon, J A Clifton, T J Connerton, C P Cooper, P A Cooper, M G Crane, M Dixey, M Dooley, S W Fritchley, R A Heffer, A Joesbury, D McGregor, T Munro, B R Murray-Carr, S Peake, K Reid, J Ritchie, J E Smith, P Smith, S J Statter, E Stevenson, A M Syrett, K.F. Walker, D Watson and J Wilson.

### **Officers:-**

D Swaine (Chief Executive Officer), S Sternberg (Assistant Director of Governance, Solicitor to the Council & Monitoring Officer), D Clarke (Assistant Director – Finance, Revenues and Benefits) and D Cairns (Governance Manager - Acting)

### **Also present:-**

R Jaffray (Chair of Standards Committee) Until Minute No. 0110

### **0101. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors P Barnes, H J Gilmour, C Moesby and B Watson.

### **0102. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no interests declared at this meeting.

### **0103. QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from the public or members at this meeting.

### **0104. REPORTS ON SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS**

There were no special urgency decisions submitted at this meeting.

### **0105. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Moved by Councillor R Turner and seconded by Councillor A M Syrett.

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**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 21 June 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(Governance Manager - Acting)

### **0106. MINUTE BOOKS**

Moved by Councillor R Turner and seconded by Councillor K Reid.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes as printed in the Minute Books dated 19 July 2017 be noted.

(Governance Manager - Acting)

### **0107. RECOMMENDED ITEMS ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Council considered a report of the Chair of the Standards Committee, co-opted member, Ruth Jaffray, which set out the Committee's Annual Report for 2016/17.

Ruth Jaffray had been appointed Chair of the Committee in November 2016, after the former chair, John Yates passed away earlier in the year.

Council were advised that one of the independent persons, Mike Wood, also passed away during the year, after several years of service to the Council. Another independent person would be recruited during this year.

The report detailed the number of complaints that had been received during 2016 and 2017 to date.

During 2016/17, the Committee had carried out a review of the Constitution and also considered articles and reports related to ethical standards across local authorities to consider the impact on this Council's standards framework.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor A M Syrett, commented that the Council recognised the importance of the role of the Committee and thanked the Chair and the Members of the Committee for their work.

Moved by Councillor A M Syrett and seconded by Councillor M Dixey.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

### **0108. MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

The following motion was moved by Councillor B R Murray-Carr and seconded by Councillor A M Syrett.

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This Council:

- Notes the importance of commemorating the anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which saw over 8,000 Muslim men and boys killed by Serbian nationalist forces.
- Applauds the work of those involved in the pursuit of justice for the victims and their surviving relatives, including the International Commission of Missing People (ICMP) and the Mothers of Srebrenica, whose courage and humility in the face of unthinkable horror is an inspiration to us all.
- Commends the work of the charity, Remembering Srebrenica, in raising awareness of this tragic and preventable genocide and working in communities across Britain to help them learn the lessons of Srebrenica.

Members discussed that it was important to remember the extraordinary and awful events that had occurred and to learn lessons from them in today's society.

**RESOLVED** that this Council:

- (1) Notes the importance of commemorating the anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which saw over 8,000 Muslim men and boys killed by Serbian nationalist forces
- (2) Applauds the work of those involved in the pursuit of justice for the victims and their surviving relatives, including the International Commission of Missing People (ICMP) and the Mothers of Srebrenica, whose courage and humility in the face of unthinkable horror is an inspiration to us all.
- (3) Commends the work of the charity, Remembering Srebrenica, in raising awareness of this tragic and preventable genocide and working in communities across Britain to help them learn the lessons of Srebrenica

### **0109. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman advised Members that the Member Development Session would be taking place on Thursday 27 July 2017 at 10am.

The Chairman also informed Council that as Clowne and District Community Transport would be dissolved from September 2017, he would be changing the charity that he supports to Sight Support Derbyshire. He would also continue to support Namibia Bound.

### **0110. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

Moved by Councillor R Turner and seconded by Councillor J Ritchie.

**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 grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information

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as defined in paragraph 1, 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and it is not in the public interest for that to be revealed.

### **0111. APPLICATION OF KEY DECISIONS**

Council considered a report of the Executive which was provided following a request from the Customer Service and Transformation Scrutiny Committee. The report provided the view of the Executive stipulating why three exempt reports considered at the Extraordinary meeting of Executive held on 10 May 2017 were not classed as key decisions.

Moved by Councillor A M Syrett and seconded by Councillor M Dooley.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

The meeting concluded at 1015 hours.