

## **COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 1000 hours.

### **PRESENT:-**

Members:-

Councillor T. Munro in the Chair

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

Officers:-

D. Swaine (Chief Executive Officer), L. Hickin (Strategic Director), K. Hanson (Strategic Director), S. Sternberg (Joint Head of Service – Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer), D. Clarke (Assistant Director – Finance and Revenues & Benefits), Nicola Calver (Governance Manager), Pam Brown Chief Executive's and Partnership Manager, Piotr Danek (NG20 Strategic Project Manager) and Peter Campbell (Joint Head of Housing and Community Safety)

### **0758. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H, Gilmour, R. Heffer, S. Peake and S. Statter

### **0759. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were made at this meeting.

### **0760. QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

The Chairman welcomed Tony Mellors and Graham Heasman to the meeting and advised that their questions would be taken in line with the requirements within the Councils Constitution, and would be considered in the order submitted.

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Question submitted to Cllr Ann Syrett, Leader of the Council by Graham Heasman

*I note that this council has representation on the East Midlands Councils HS2 Strategic Board, a body which lists amongst its stated purposes 'To bring economic benefits to the region whilst seeking to remove or mitigate any adverse impacts'.*

*As the weeks pass towards the Hybrid Bill being presented in Parliament, residents and homeowners, some of whom are threatened by compulsory purchase due to the HS2 'spur' dissecting Newton Village and Old Blackwell, are anxious to know what removal or mitigation of adverse impacts are being pursued on their behalf.*

*Can our council representative(s) on the EM Councils HS2 Strategic Board give examples of how they have or intend to ensure that this board is actively 'seeking to remove and mitigate any adverse impacts' on their homeowners and residents affected by the HS2b route?*

The Leader of the Council confirmed that the Chief Executive Officer and Joint Strategic Director of Place contributed to the meetings that the East Midlands Councils HS2 Strategic Board had set up. They have raised matters in relation to old Blackwell and Newton Village. In order to ensure that the residents of these areas specifically are fully represented at this board, the Council would appoint Councillor C. Moesby, a Member who had actively been involved with residents in these areas, to attend future meetings.

NO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION WAS ASKED

Question submitted to Cllr Ann Syrett, Leader of the Council by Tony Mellors

*On 27<sup>th</sup> March our MP Dennis Skinner has asked the Secretary of State during a Parliamentary debate on Rail, that serious consideration be given to Tunnelling to avoid demolition of homes at Newton. He also asked for the minister to meet with Newton residents to discuss this option. Dennis received a positive reply from the Minister, though we have no further news yet.*

*We have today made a formal request to the HS2 Engagement Team that this alternative of Tunnelling from Pinxton to Morton be assessed during the current Environmental Impact Assessment a draft of which will be published in September 2018, rather than be dealt with later through petitioning for mitigation.*

*Will BDC support these requests from Mr Skinner and ourselves, with similar letters to HS2, the DfT, and/ or the Minister?*

The Leader of the Council confirmed that she had discussed these matters specifically with Sir David Higgins and would put further representations in writing to any person necessary to support local residents on this issue.

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### SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Mr Mellors asked a supplementary question to the Leader of the Council, however, it did not relate directly to the original request or reply. On this basis, the Chairman of the Council, on advice from the Monitoring Officer, rejected the question and invited Mr Mellors to submit it to a future meeting of Council.

### **0761.           REPORTS ON URGENCY DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE**

There were no urgent decisions for noting.

### **0762.           MINUTES OF COUNCIL HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRURARY 2018**

Councillor K. Reid requested an amendment to reflect that he did not arrive at the commencement of the meeting and the Minute Number 0630 would be inserted within the details of those present. In addition, a typographical error would be changed to reflect the correct spelling of Councillor P.M. Bowmer's name.

Proposed by Councillor T. Munro and seconded by Councillor R. Turner

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018 be approved as amended in the meeting.

### **0763.           MINUTES OF COUNCIL HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018**

Proposed by Councillor R. Turner and seconded by Councillor A. Anderson

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018 be approved

### **0764.           MINUTE BOOK**

Proposed by Councillor T. Munro and seconded by Councillor R. Turner

**RESOLVED** that the minutes printed in the minute book dated 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 be noted

### **0765.           RECOMMENDED ITEMS**

There were no recommended items.

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### 0766. MOTIONS

No motions had been submitted under procedure rule 10 for this meeting.

### 0767. SOCIAL VALUES – NEW BOLSOVER

The Chairman of the Council welcomed Peter Campbell Joint Head of Housing and Community Safety and Matt Bust, Business Support Manager from Robert Woodhead Ltd to the meeting. A short video clip was shown to Members from the BBC's "New Bolsover Inside" programme which highlighted to Members the background to the New Bolsover Project and the progress made to date. It was noted that phase one was complete and phase two was in progress with a view to finishing in November 2018.

Mr Bust spoke to the Council in relation to the social values that had been achieved to date which included starting 6 apprentices, and actively encouraging work experience placements to help students gain an understanding of the construction industry and its varying trades and skills. They had delivered a sector based work academy, meet the contractor events and a heritage seminar, as well as creating 15 new directly employed local jobs. Work had been undertaken to engage with local schools within Bolsover through attending assemblies, holding mock interviews and signing a partnership agreement.

The Leader spoke on behalf of all Members to offer her thanks to Robert Woodhead Ltd on the management of the project, where real care had been taken to maintain this heritage site while providing modern comfort.

Proposed by Councillor A. Syrett and seconded by Councillor T. Munro

**RESOLVED** that the presentation and update on the New Bolsover Project be noted.

### 0768. BUILDING RESILIENCE PROGRAMME

Pam Brown, Chief Executive's and Partnership Manager and Piotr Danek, NG20 Strategic Project Manager, attended the meeting to give a short presentation on the Council's Building Resilience Programme, working with migrants of different nationalities within local communities.

The Council had been awarded £1.25M from the Government's Controlling Migration Fund to improve integration of resident communities in the NG20 postcode area. This was a 2 year project renamed 'Building Resilience Programme', with a dedicated team based at the District Council Offices in Clowne, which covered seven strands of activity:

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- Community resilience;
- Market square enlivenment;
- Migrant community access;
- Improve access and quality of private sector housing;
- Understanding social norms;
- Additional GP resources; and
- Healthy workforce.

A great deal of work had been undertaken since the start of the project which included increasing contact centre support and providing them with language training and employing key staff with language skills reflective of the nationalities of those living within the local areas. Public realm improvements were ongoing, as well as work with the Housing and Environmental Health teams to tackle some local issues.

It was queried about the support provided to Shirebrook Health Centre and it was confirmed that government funding had been provided to the centre, where both a Polish speaking receptionist and pharmacist had been employed. Double appointments were now being provided to help combat the language barrier.

Details were circulated to Members around the key activities planned and it was discussed how local Councillors could be involved as community leaders supporting this cohesion project. Further, Members were made aware of a recent publication within the Municipal Journal, and the interest received on a national level from other local authorities and DCLG on the team's performance management approach to monitoring the programmes within the project.

A further update of the progress and results of the project would be provided to Council in due course.

Councillor K. Reid expressed his sincere thanks to the Building Resilience Team and applauded the fantastic work done and the accolades achieved.

Proposed by Councillor K Reid and seconded by Councillor T. Munro

### **RESOLVED**

- i) that the presentation and update on the Building Resilience Programme be noted; and
- ii) that a further update be brought to a future meeting of Council at an appropriate time

## **0769. PROPOSED CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

The Governance Manager drew Members attention to the proposed timetable of meetings for the forthcoming municipal year. The schedule gave consideration to

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timescales for considering statutory business within legal deadlines, Members and Chair preferences, and timescales for meetings as documented in the Council's constitution.

The main changes to the timetable were set out in 1.3 of the report which included meeting day changes for some Committees and alterations in the delivery of Member Development Sessions in line with Member preferences.

The Leader of the Council requested that the schedule be amended to redact informal meetings of Cabinet following formal meetings of Executive.

Proposed by Councillor M Dixey and seconded by Councillor D Watson

**RESOLVED** that the 2018/19 calendar of meetings, be approved and the points outlined in paragraph 1.3 of the report be noted.

### 0770. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman gave notice of a forthcoming charity event that had been organised in support of Sight Support Derbyshire. A Visually Impaired Cricket match would take place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 1-5pm at Whitwell Cricket Club, which would include cream tea and a raffle.

Following the meeting all Members of Council were invited to remain for a presentation by the Joint Strategic Director People on the Transformation Programme.

The meeting concluded at 11:15 hours.

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