

Minutes of the Full Council Business Meeting held on Tuesday 14 February 2012 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Wayland Hall, Middle Street, Watton, Norfolk IP25 6AG.

Councillors Present: K Birch J P McCarthy
B Bunning L McCarthy
P Cooper – Vice Chairman A Osborn
R Crabtree R Rudling
R Ivory R Turner
M Wassell - Chairman

Officers Present: J Seal - Town Clerk

Members of the Public Present: Mrs Welsh – Community Car Co-ordinator and three Community Car Drivers

180 APOLOGIES

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Blackmore, Holmes and Gilbert

181 INTERESTS

Item 184 Councillor Wassell declared a personal interest as a Member of Breckland District Council.

182 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was agreed by Members that the Minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

183 COMMUNITY CAR REPORT

The Chairman stated that the Community Car Scheme continued to run without Breckland District Council funding support and that a governance document was being prepared for Councils approval.

The Council had previously agreed that any journey must be of a medical nature, but Mrs Welsh asked that the service was extended, to anyone, who needed to visit a critically ill member of the family and had no way of making the visit.

It was proposed by Councillor Turner, seconded by Councillor Birch and agreed, that a person visiting a critically ill member of the family and, had no other means of transport could, with the approval of the Clerk and coordinator, be added to the Scheme.

184 URGENT BUSINESS

184.1 The Chairman asked Members to submit any views on the Informal Electoral Commission Consultation – Neighbourhood Planning Referenda (previously circulated) to the Clerk by 16 February 2012.

184.2 Councillor Birch proposed, seconded by Councillor Turner and agreed that a salt bin be purchased for Wayland Hall. He was concerned that during the recent bad weather it had been dangerous for the elderly attending the Luncheon Club.

The Chairman had an item which he would take later as it was of a sensitive nature and the press and public would be excluded.

- 184.3** It was agreed that a professional structural survey be sought for the fire escape and that quotations be sought for complete replacement or repair.

185 PLAYGROUND REPORT

The Clerk reported that four playground equipment companies had been contacted, who would put forward 3D plans for the areas for age group eleven to fourteen year olds, and also to update/replace the existing play equipment at Lovell Gardens.

The Clerk was awaiting confirmation from Breckland relating to whether the 106 agreement from a Watton Developer could be used to support the purchase of play equipment.

186 NEW COUNCIL CHAMBER USE

The Clerk informed Members that a risk assessment had been carried out on the new Chamber and that it would hold a maximum of 50 people.

The Chairman was concerned about security, responsibility of the stair lift, possible damage and theft.

Some Councillors felt that the room should be hired out for meetings only, whilst others felt that it should be kept as a Council Chamber and only used for Council related functions.

It was proposed by Councillor Cooper and seconded by Councillor Ivory and

RESOLVED

Voting: 6 for with 3 against

That the Council does not hire out the New Council Chamber.

It was Proposed by Councillor L McCarthy, seconded by Councillor Turner that in accordance with Standing Order No 66 and

RESOLVED

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw

187 MEMORIAL GARDEN

It was proposed by Councillor Rudling and seconded by Councillor J P McCarthy and agreed that three quotes be sought for the maintenance and tree removal on the Memorial Garden and that the on-going maintenance of the Memorial Garden and the new Jubilee Garden be added to the Garden Contract.

The Meeting ended 8.10pm

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