

**PUBLIC**

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE** held on 21 June 2016 at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member – Councillor D Collins

Also in attendance – Councillors J Owen and S A Spencer.

**63/16      PETITION      RESOLVED** (1) to receive the under-mentioned petitions:-

<b><u>Location/Subject</u></b>	<b><u>Signatures</u></b>	<b><u>Local Member</u></b>
Bus Service 122 – Reinstatement of Service to the Ridgeway, Dale Close and the Woodlands area of Whaley Thorns	158 (additional Signatures)	Councillors J Dixon and M Stockdale

and (2) that the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities be asked to take these additional signatures into account when considering the original petition received on 19 January 2016.

**64/16      MINUTES      RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure held on 31 May 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**65/16      HIGHWAY SEARCHES CHARGES 2016-17**

The Council was responsible for providing responses on the highway questions contained within Con29R and Con29O Local Authority Searches. The existing charge for undertaking this service was £21.50 per search, plus a further £6 for each additional question of which there were currently three.

The Law Society has introduced a revised Con29 and Con29O Local Authority Search forms to improve the quality and consistency of information provided by Local Authorities. The new forms will be introduced with effect from 4 July 2016.

Additional enquiries have been added to both the Con29 and Con29O and this would result in additional information being disclosed as part of the official search. It was therefore proposed that with effect from 4 July 2016 charges for the

Local Highway Search (Con29 Form) be set at £25.67 for 2016-17 and the cost for each optional question(s) be set at £5.67.

**RESOLVED** (1) that the revised charges for undertaking a Highway Search for 2016-17, as detailed in the report, be approved.

**66/16      SECTION 38 AGREEMENT OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 – LAND OFF MEADOW LANE, SHIREBROOK**

The Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) has funded the construction of a new spine road off Meadow Lane, Shirebrook to facilitate a residential housing development. Adoption of the road would be achieved by means of an agreement under Section 38 of the Highways Act 1980 between HCA, a third party developer and the County Council.

The HCA was a Government funded agency and it was anticipated that any necessary expenditure on future defects in the carriageway construction would be honoured prior to adoption. However unsupervised backfill of the sewer along part of the road of some 75 metres has resulted in some doubt as to the quality of the foundation. Although it was not considered necessary to seek a Bond for the full value it was considered that a Bond for these 75 metres of road should be sought.

**RESOLVED** to (1) note the intention to enter into a Section 38 Agreement of the Highways Act 1980 with the Homes and Communities Agency and a third party developer for land off Meadow Lane, Shirebrook; and

(2) authorise the waiver of the requirement for a Bond for the spine road with the exception of the 75m section, shown on Drawing No. HDC/MRH/1 for which a Bond of £113,000 will be provided.

**67/16      PETITION TO DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL OPPOSING THE WITHDRAWAL OF COMMERCIAL BUS SERVICE 394 BY HIGH PEAK BUSES**

Following receipt of a petition opposing the withdrawal of commercial service 394 between Glossop and Stepping Hill the matter has been considered. This was a commercial service and the decision to withdraw it in March 2016 was solely that of High Peak Buses.

The service operated from Glossop to Stepping Hill and between Charlesworth in Derbyshire and Marples in Greater Manchester it was the only bus service and the only means for residents along the route to travel to and from Stepping Hill for healthcare, work and for school and college students. Since 29 March 2016 Service 394 has been provided wholly under contract to the Council and jointly funded by Transport for Greater Manchester, however due to limited finances of both authorities, the replacement service could only be provided at a reduced two hourly frequency. The Saturday Service 394 has now ceased.

**RESOLVED** that (1) with support and joint funding from Transport for Greater Manchester, Service 394 should be continued under contract at a reduced frequency on Mondays to Fridays only until at least October 2017; and

(2) the Local member and lead petitioner be advised of the views as set out in this report.

**68/16      DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT'S DRAFT CYCLING AND WALKING INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The Government has recently published a draft Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy (CWIS) for consultation.

The strategy was welcomed as it provided a great opportunity to build on the Government's commitment to increase levels of cycling and walking in England. It was also timed well with the launch of the Derbyshire Cycle Plan.

It was felt that the Strategy would be strengthened by a more detailed analysis of how the target for increasing the number of cycle stages would be met; specifically, which groups were targeted and how best they were to be introduced to cycling. The Strategy does not, in its draft form, fully recognise the role which needs to be taken by the nation's 'playgrounds' such as its National Parks. Providing the infrastructure, required to encourage people to take up cycling within the urban environment, was perfectly valid, but many others would 'pick up the habit' on Derbyshire's world class trails and long-distance routes, and a genuine 'investment strategy' must recognise the need to develop these assets. There were also a number of further comments that were detailed in the report.

An Officer response has been submitted to the Department for Transport to ensure the Council complied with the consultation deadline. However, the response has been clearly identified as being subject to ratification by the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure.

**RESOLVED** to approve the response to the Department for Transport's draft Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy consultation, as detailed in the report.

**69/16      ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION AT BRITISH COUNCIL HERITAGE CONFERENCE IN LAHORE, PAKISTAN, 30 AUGUST TO 4 SEPTEMBER 2016**

The Director of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site has been invited to attend and speak at the British Council Heritage Conference, arranged by the British Council in liaison with World Heritage UK (WHUK), which was an independent charity that was the voice of all UK World Heritage Sites.

The benefits of attending and speaking at this conference would be providing the opportunity to promote the work of Derbyshire County Council to a global audience and the British Council; demonstrating that the DVMWHS was nationally and internationally recognised as an authoritative voice; promoting the work of the UK's World Heritage Sites; and providing a development opportunity

for the Director to learn from colleagues attending the conference, which takes place in Lahore, which was also a World Heritage Site.

Other than Officer time, all costs associated with this visit including travel, accommodation and subsistence would be paid for by the British Council.

**RESOLVED** to approve the attendance and participation of the Director of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site at the British Council Heritage Conference in Lahore, Pakistan, from 30 August to 4 September 2016.

**70/16      HERITAGE LOTTERY FUNDED PROJECT 'LANDSCAPE LITERACY AND DERBYSHIRE DICTIONARY'**      Derbyshire Environmental Studies Service has applied, in partnership, to the Heritage Lottery Fund to run a project called 'Landscape Literacy and Derbyshire Dictionary'. Successful projects should be announced at the end of July 2016. As the project required work with schools to commence from September 2016, permission to accept this funding was requested, should it be secured, in advance of the decision being known.

The project would be managed by a partnership across the Economy, Transport and Communities Department, including Derbyshire Environmental Studies Service, the Literature Development Officer in the Derbyshire Arts Team and the Derbyshire Record Office. It would also work with external partners including the Peak District National Park Authority's Learning and Discovery Team, 1623 Theatre Company and Fish in a Tree Literacy specialists, as well as commissioning professional poets and writers.

**RESOLVED** that (1) a sum of £62,000 is accepted from the Heritage Lottery Fund and a further £7,000 is accepted from the participating project schools to run the project 'Landscape Literacy and Derbyshire Dictionary' from August 2016 to December 2017, should a grant application for the Project be successful; and

(2) approval is given to appoint the project partners Peak District National Park Authority Learning and Discovery Team, 1623 Theatre Company and Fish in a Tree literacy specialists to deliver elements of the project activities where their specialisms are required, subject to the grant application being successful.

**71/16      UPDATE AND APPROVAL FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE REAL NAPPY CAMPAIGN**      Since the start of the Real Nappy Campaign in 2005, 2,121 claims for the £25 real nappy incentive have been received. Around 100 claims a year were now received for the £25 Real Nappy Incentive Scheme at a cost of £2,500. Based upon each child using real nappies until being potty trained, this saved the County Council approximately £10,300 from disposal costs per year plus additional savings when nappies were used for other siblings.

Continuing the real nappy campaign would help Derbyshire households to make an informed choice about the type of nappies they wished to use.

**RESOLVED** to approve the proposal to continue the Real Nappy Incentive Scheme for the next two years at an approximate cost of £5,000.

**72/16      SUPPORT DOCUMENTS TO THE DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTRYSIDE SERVICE VOLUNTEER POLICY 2014-19**

The development of the Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service Volunteer Policy 2014-2019, and Volunteer Agreement, which were adopted at the Cabinet Meeting on 25 March 2014, provided the overall framework for the way in which the Countryside Service would work with volunteers. Two further documents to support the implementation of the policy document, 'A guide to Volunteering with Derbyshire County Council's Countryside Service' and 'Guidelines for Managing Volunteers, 2015 – 2019', were contained as appendices to the report and approval was requested.

**RESOLVED** to approve the adoption of 'A guide to Volunteering with Derbyshire County Council's Countryside Service' and 'Guidelines for Managing Volunteers, 2015-2019' to support the Countryside Service Volunteer Policy.

**73/16      CHESTERFIELD CANAL STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PLAN**

Working in consultation with Chesterfield Canal Partnership partners, a Strategic Investment Plan has been completed for the Chesterfield Canal. Partner input means the plan was well-informed and provided a balanced assessment of the investment priorities going forward.

The purpose of the Strategic Investment Plan was to identify projects which would contribute to the cost of managing and maintaining the Chesterfield Canal in Derbyshire; identify the pre-development work required to enable applications to be made to major funders; identify appropriate external funding sources to implement the plan; and demonstrate the path to budget neutrality and eventual handover from Derbyshire County Council to the canal's lifetime owner.

The Strategic Investment Plan would guide future work on the canal restoration in order to maximise economic opportunities and would be used to support external grant bids and provide a basis for future business case development.

**RESOLVED** to endorse the Chesterfield Canal Strategic Investment Plan in order to guide future development priorities on the Chesterfield Canal, subject to updates as restoration continues.

**74/16      EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC      **RESOLVED**** that the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining item on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of exempt information detailed in the following summary of proceedings:-

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING THE PRESS, WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING**

1. To confirm the exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 31 May 2106.

**75/16**      **EXEMPT MINUTES**      **RESOLVED** that the exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure held on 31 May 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

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