

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE** held at County Hall, Matlock on 16 November 2017

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member - Councillor S A Spencer

Also in attendance – Councillor G Musson

In accordance with Standing Orders, Councillor S Burfoot attended the meeting as local Member in respect of Minute No 114/17.

**114/17      PETITION** A petition had been submitted requesting traffic calming, a pedestrian crossing and pavement improvements on A615 at Tansley. The petitioner reiterated these concerns at the meeting. The Cabinet Member explained the petition procedure which would be followed.

**RESOLVED** (1) to receive the under-mentioned petition:-

| <u>Location/Subject</u>   | <u>Signatures</u> | <u>Local Member</u>  |
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| A615 Tansley – Request for Traffic Calming, Pedestrian Crossing and Pavement Improvements | 385               | Councillor S Burfoot |

(2) that the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment considers the matters raised in the petition.

**115/17      MINUTES   **RESOLVED**** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure held on 26 October 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**116/17      PETITION – CLOWNE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT REQUEST TO CONTINUE FUNDING THIS BUS SCHEME** Grant funding to the various Community Transport schemes across Derbyshire had been provided for many years in return for them operating the Dial-a-Bus and aCtive Travel services. Following concerns about State Aid issues, it had been agreed by Cabinet, on 26 January 2016, that grant funding would finish at the end of September 2017.

Following the receipt of three separate petitions relating to the future of Clowne and District Community Transport the issues raised had been investigated.

Clowne and District Community Transport (CDCT) was an independent charity that had operated a variety of different transport services for the last 28 years in the Bolsover, Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire area, including the provision transport to day care centres under contract to Derbyshire County Council and using the grant funding from the Authority to operate the Dial-a-Bus and aCTive Travel access to health services.

In the past year, CDCT's financial position had deteriorated. In early 2017 its board of trustees had decided not to tender for the new contracts issued by Derbyshire County Council to provide the Derbyshire Connect shopping and access to health services to replace the Dial-a-Bus and aCTive Travel services from October 2017. This was due to it being unable to expand its scale of operations to include the larger areas which the new services would cover and its board had made a decision to close from the end of September 2017.

The County Council Adult Care Transport contracts, which CDCT had operated, were retendered in August and were now being operated by Community Transport for Town and County. Since the beginning of October 2017, the Derbyshire Connect shopping bus service, which had replaced the Dial-a-Bus services, was also now being operated under contract by Community Transport for Town and County. The replacement aCTive Travel services were being provided by a specialist medical transport company called Carry Care.

Community Transport for Town and County would be keeping several of the vehicles it used on these contract services at the Clowne depot site. These were being made available to local social groups which wanted to use them during the middle of the day between the contract hours and in the evenings and weekends. The former manager of CDCT had been working with the various groups who used its services to make them aware of these arrangements.

**RESOLVED** (1) to reject the petitions as Clowne and District Community Transport (CDCT) has made the decision to close and the County Council has no powers to require an independent charity to continue to operate and as previously agreed the County Council had decided to end grant funding and replace it with a contractual arrangement;

(2) to note the actions taken to provide alternative services to those formerly operated by CDCT; and

(3) that the Local Member and objectors be informed of the decision and the details in the report.

**117/17      SECTION 116 OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 – PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY ADJACENT TO SLACK FARM, SLACK, ASHOVER** An application had been received from Slack Farm to stop up (remove highway rights) an area of land within the curtilage of Slack Farm, Slack, Ashover. The area had already been enclosed within the curtilage of Slack Farm having

previously been the line of Slack Road before its realignment. The Council was satisfied that the land was not required for highway purposes and an Order under Section 116 was required to formalise the situation.

**RESOLVED** to authorise the Director of Legal Services to undertake all the necessary steps to obtain a Stopping-Up Order under Section 116 Highways Act 1980 for the area of land shown shaded dark grey on the plan attached to the report of the Strategic Director - Economy, Transport and Environment being land within the curtilage of Slack Farm, Slack, Ashover.

**118/17      AWARD OF GRANTS TO EXTERNAL RECIPIENTS      RESOLVED** that the Cabinet Member approves the award of grants to New Mills Festival (£100) and Friends of Whaley Bridge Station (£250).

**119/17      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 26 October 2017.

**120/17      EXEMPT MINUTES      RESOLVED** that the exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure held on 26 October 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

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