

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR JOBS, ECONOMY AND TRANSPORT** held on 1 October 2013 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Cabinet Member – Councillor J E Dixon

Also in attendance – Councillors A Botham, D Collins and S A Spencer.

66/13 MINUTES **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport held on 10 September 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

67/13 SPIRE HEIGHTS AND CROSS STREET, CHESTERFIELD – PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF WAITING, WAITING RESTRICTION AND ONE WAY TRAFFIC ORDER Following the consultation on the provision of a Proposed Prohibition of Waiting Restriction and One Way Traffic Order at Spire Heights and Cross Street, Chesterfield, one objection has been received.

Experience has shown that where restrictions have not been provided on residential streets close to the town centre, motorists have demonstrated a tendency to park inconsiderately affecting access. The new Spire Heights development did not meet the criteria for a Residents' Parking Scheme. The developer has been made aware of the County Council's desire to provide a restriction to help combat parking problems and, as such, the proposal was included in the Section 278/38 Agreement between the developer and the County Council.

Taking into account all comments and considerations it was proposed that a prohibition of waiting, 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Saturday, be introduced.

RESOLVED that (1) the Authority proceeds with the introduction of the proposed prohibition of waiting but at the reduced hours 8.30am to 4.30pm;

(2) the effectiveness of the reduced timescale be monitored; and

(3) the Local Member and objector be informed of the decision.

68/13 WILMOT ROAD, CHURCH GRESLEY – PROPOSED UPGRADE OF AN EXISTING ZEBRA CROSSING TO A PUFFIN CROSSING/PLACEMENT OF NEW PUFFIN CROSSING Funding has been secured for the upgrade of a zebra crossing to a puffin crossing on

Wilmot Road, Church Gresley and for an additional new puffin crossing further south along Wilmot Road. Consultations have been undertaken regarding both Puffin crossing points and objections received.

Taking into account the objectors' comments the location of the lighting column for the zebra conversion has been moved slightly further away and the length of zig-zag markings for the new puffin crossing has been reduced to minimise the length of restrictions.

RESOLVED that (1) the Authority proceeds with the conversion of the Zebra crossing to a Puffin crossing on Wilmot Road near New Street, Church Gresley;

(2) the Authority proceeds with the introduction of a new Puffin crossing on Wilmot Street near Park Road, Church Gresley; and

(3) the Local Member and objectors be advised of the decision.

69/13 OFFER OF CONSERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT SCHEME GRANT FOR CROMFORD CANAL

Natural England has made a grant offer to the Authority for a number of elements of canal management for the Cromford Canal. The grant has three elements – vegetation management, tree management and one-off items of work including the preparation of a Woodland Plan, restoration of sluice mechanism and vegetation control at Gregory's tunnel. The offer was for a five year period but due to uncertainty of public funding Natural England would have to confirm the availability of funding each year. Match funding could be found within the approved revenue budget.

RESOLVED that (1) the total offer of grant aid from Natural England of £76,438.27 over a five year period, subject to Natural England contributing annually be accepted and added to the revenue budget; and

(2) the £7,688.27 contribution to the work on the mill sluices be transferred to the capital programme 2013/14 as a revenue contribution to Capital.

70/13 PROPOSED PROMOTIONAL OFFERS FOR VISITORS TO COUNTRYSIDE SITES

Countryside Service staff currently attend eight shows and events to promote countryside sites, Greenways and rights of way, access, making people aware of the services the Council offers, how to make contact regarding rights of way issues and encouraging volunteers.

To encourage visitors in 2014 it was proposed that a number of offers be given out – a 'buy one get one free' on cycle hire; a day's free parking at any of the countryside sites' pay and display car parks; free entry to Middleton Top Engine House and High Peak Junction Visitor Centre and 'buy one get one free' hot drinks at the visitor centres. These would allow the Countryside

Service to monitor the effectiveness of using shows as a promotional medium and hopefully generate new visitors. The offers would be limited to end October 2014 and 100 offers per event.

RESOLVED that a package of promotional offers for 2014 be agreed to distribute at events promoting the work of the Countryside Service.

**71/13 DIGITAL DERBYSHIRE – EUROPEAN REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT FUND BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) grant secured to deliver the business support programme would, in part, be used to procure a partner to deliver the programme and part funding for a Project Officer post.

The business support programme would be closely integrated with the infrastructure project, targeting those Small to Medium-size Enterprises (SMEs) which would also be gaining access to superfast broadband. The project would also complement the £3m Regional Growth Fund Global Derbyshire Small Business Support Grant, which included Digital Derbyshire as one of its four eligible strands for support.

The objectives of the programme, via events, seminars and group workshops, were to educate about the business benefits of using superfast broadband; raise take up and assist SMEs to maximise superfast broadband use.

RESOLVED to approve (1) the commencement of the European Regional Development Fund funded business support programme, to encourage the uptake and exploitation of superfast broadband by small and medium business enterprises in Derbyshire; and

(2) the establishment of one new post of Project Officer, Grade 9, until October 2015.

72/13 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC RESOLVED that the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining items 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 10 September 2013.
2. To consider the Exempt Reports of the Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services on:-
 - (a) Minor Change to Street Lighting Staffing Structure (contains information relating to any individual)

(b) Countryside Car Park Season Tickets (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person, including the Authority holding that information)

(c) Long Horse Bridge Compulsory Purchase Order – Compensation Payments (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person, including the Authority holding that information)

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