

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR JOBS, ECONOMY AND TRANSPORT** held on 11 February 2014 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Cabinet Member – Councillor J E Dixon

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

14/14 PETITIONS RESOLVED (1) to receive the under-mentioned petitions:-

Location/Subject	Signatures	Local Member
Ilkeston Area – Save the No. 11 Bus Service at Evenings and Weekends	263 (petition)	Councillors G Birkin, M W Booth, J A Frudd and C A Hart
Ilkeston to Derby via West Hallam and Stanley – Save the No. 11 Bus Service at Evenings and Weekends	897 (paper)	Councillors G Birkin, M W Booth, J A Frudd and C A Hart
Long Eaton, A6005 Derby road – Improvements to Cycle Network – Objections to the Proposals	22	Councillor C Neill
Request for the return of a Bus Service through Pinxton to Nottingham	320	Councillor J A Coyle

(2) that the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment be asked to investigate the matters raised in the petitions.

15/14 MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport held on 21 January 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

16/14 TOYOTA CITY TWINNING – 15TH YEAR CELEBRATIONS AND FUTURE ACTIVITY During 2013 activities to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the twinning link with Toyota City have taken place including the signing of new twinning agreements, community and educational activities, a Schools Exchange Programme and events focusing on tourism promotion, economic development and investment.

In May 2013, a delegation led by the Toyota Chamber of Commerce attended the Derbyshire Food and Drink Fair at Elvaston Castle. The County Council, Derby City Council and South Derbyshire District Council agreed to reciprocate by sending a delegation to the Toyota Industry Festival on 28 – 29 September 2013. The Cabinet Member on 30 July 2013 agreed that one County Council officer should attend. The Partner working group established for the visit proposed that the County Council's Head of Economic Regeneration should lead the delegation. It was also proposed that the County Council's Twinning and Tourism Officer should also accompany the delegation and formal retrospective approval was now being sought. Final costs for the delegation would be met from the existing Twinning budget but divided equally between the three councils. The visit attracted significant media coverage within Japan.

The activities confirmed the continued commitment of the partners to the twinning link and the Head of Economic Regeneration has outlined initiatives for exploration including Trade Missions, a mini Derbyshire Food and Drink Fair in Toyota, "Ecoful town" Demonstrator project, tourism partnership and Motor City regeneration. A de-brief session with key partners to review options was to take place in the near future. It was recommended that Derbyshire partners should nominate representatives from each council to form a "Twinning Development Team".

RESOLVED to (1) note the content of the report including details relating to the Toyota Industry Fair delegation and proposed future activity;

(2) approve the establishment of a "Twinning Development Team" to develop future twinning agenda; and

(3) retrospectively approve the attendance at the Council's Tourism and Twinning Officer at the Toyota Industry Festival for the reasons set out in the report.

17/14 ATTENDANCE AT MIPIM INTERNATIONAL; PROPERTY SHOW AND CONFERENCE – 11 – 14 MARCH 2014

The annual MIPIM international conference in Cannes, France between 11 and 14 March 2014 provided was an international stage on which to market the towns, cities and key development sites of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, to meet with developers and discuss economic opportunities.

The Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (D2N2) Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) has been represented at the MIPIM conference in previous years and key outcomes included positive press coverage by Midlands Insider, Derby Evening Telegraph and MIPIM Magazine; renewed interest and enhanced working relationships with existing developers; increased profile of Derbyshire within the international environment; new interest in Derbyshire; excellent working relations within the LEP and neighbouring LEPs.

It was proposed that up to two officers from Derbyshire County Council attend the event on behalf of the County council and Derbyshire Economic Partnership.

RESOLVED to approve (1) the attendance at the MIPIM conference by up to two appropriate Council employees on behalf of the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership D2N2 LEP and that such attendance is considered an 'approved duty' for the purposes of Officers' Allowances Regulations (travel and subsistence allowances); and

(2) the expenditure for travel, accommodation and subsistence in relation to the conference to an approximate cost of £1,200 and will be met from the Economic Regeneration budget.

18/14 PETITION REQUESTING A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – A514 STANTON BY BRIDGE A petition has been received requesting that a pedestrian crossing be provided on the A514 road at Stanton by Bridge.

Surveys have been undertaken in the village at different times and have revealed very low pedestrian activity. Where the number of pedestrians was too low to make the case for provision of a formal pedestrian crossing, the County Council might look to the provision of a central pedestrian refuge, unfortunately at Stanton by Bridge the limited road width and restricted forward visibility, meant that this was not a practical option. The A514 was however protected by the 7.5 tonne Bretby area weight restriction and to the north the 7.5 tonne restriction on Swarkestone Causeway. The resulting traffic flow was reduced and more sporadic providing more opportunity for pedestrians to cross.

RESOLVED that (1) monitoring of highway safety within the village continues so that any reduction in the current good safety record is detected early; and

(2) the Local Member, Parish Council and petitioners be informed of the decision.

19/13 PETITION – SHEFFIELD ROAD, HATHERSAGE – REQUEST FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING Investigations have been undertaken following the receipt of a petition requesting the provision of a signal controlled pedestrian crossing for school children to use on Sheffield Road, Hathersage.

There was very little crossing demand at this location apart from those accessing the school and it was therefore difficult to justify the provision of a controlled crossing. The site has been provided with numerous measures to improve the situation for pedestrians generally and school children specifically, including school safety zone signs with flashing lights and reduced speed limit. There have been no recorded injury collisions at or near the crossing point or on this road near the village over the last three years.

The petitioners assumption that the site has been identified as a location for a School Crossing Patrol because it was dangerous could not be borne out as the accident record was good. The County Council has been trying to recruit a School Crossing Patrol Warden since 2006 with no interest from the local population and it was considered that parents or the school might wish to highlight the need for such a warden within the local community.

RESOLVED that (1) the request for the provision of a signal controlled pedestrian crossing on Sheffield Road, Hathersage be refused; and

(2) the Local Member and petitioners be informed of the decision.

20/14 WAITING RESTRICTIONS REVIEW – LAUREL AVENUE AREA, RIPLEY Following consultation on proposals for lengths of ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ in the Laurel Avenue Area, Ripley objections have been received.

Taking into account the objections it was proposed to shorten the proposed double yellow line on the north side of Shirley Road by approximately 4 metres.

RESOLVED to (1) approve the making of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order, subject to the amendment detailed on the attached advertised schedule amended as Shirley Road, Ripley (North Side), from its junction with Laurel Avenue/School Lane in an eastern direction for a distance of 14 Metres (10 Metres)); and

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

21/14 BOLSOVER TOWN CENTRE PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING ORDER 2013 - OBJECTIONS Following consultation and advertisement of the Bolsover Town Centre Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting Order 2013 three objections have been received.

It was recognised that parking was at a premium on Oxcroft Lane and bearing this in mind a length of the single yellow lines would be removed from the proposals. The proposals on the eastern side of Castle Lane could be shortened by approximately 4 metres, as this would still be sufficient for vehicles turning into Castle Lane from High Street and the existing double yellow lines on the western side of Castle Street could be extended by a few metres. There have been no recorded injury related traffic collisions at the Hornscroft Road junction in the past five years and the introduction of restrictions at this location would not be promotes at this time.

RESOLVED that (1) the proposal on the eastern side of Castle Lane, Bolsover be reduced by 4 metres;

(2) the proposed Order be amended for the lengths of Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover listed in Appendix A to the report;

(3) the Order, as amended, be confirmed and introduced; and

(4) the Local Member and objectors be informed of the decision.

22/14 ON-STREET PARKING CHARGES Investigations have been undertaken regarding the parking charges in on-street pay and display parking bays in Derbyshire. Charges were originally set above those of borough and district off street parking to make it more attractive to park off street. Whilst changes have been made to off street charges the County Council has not made any changes. To restore the balance the on-street pay and display parking charges needed to be increased.

To avoid large increases it was proposed to introduce an interim increase, with the step to the desired charge level taking place after a further 12 to 24 months. The detailed charges were contained within the Appendix to the report.

RESOLVED that the changes to the on-street parking charges, listed in Appendix A to the report, be advertised and introduced.

23/14 ON-STREET PAY AND DISPLAY REVIEW As part of a major review of all public services that were provided by the County Council following the continuing cuts to public spending by the Government, a review of the existing parking operations has been undertaken, which included scope for introducing on-street pay and display bays.

There was scope for introducing pay and display charges in Matlock Bath, however, there was a need to recognise the special relationship with motorcycles and to design charges and bays accordingly. It would also be an opportunity to review waiting times within the current limited waiting areas. The number of bays in Buxton town centre could be increased to cater for the loss of spaces at The Crescent and some could be re-orientated to create echelon style parking bays. In Castleton it would be an opportune time to review the times of operation of the existing charges.

RESOLVED that (1) a scheme to introduce on-street pay and display restrictions in Matlock Bath be investigated;

(2) proposals to introduce amendments to the existing restrictions in Buxton town centre to maximise the number of parking spaces available be consulted upon; and

3) investigations be carried out into whether it would be feasible to extend the times that the existing on-street pay and display restrictions apply in Castleton.

24/14 DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CAR SHARE SCHEME

The County Council's Car Share Scheme contract was due for renewal on 30 April 2014 and there was therefore a requirement to initiate the appropriate procurement process to ensure continuity of the service.

Car sharing provided health, environmental and social benefits. The closed section of the Scheme for County Council employees only formed the bedrock of the Derbyshire County Council's Employee Travel Plan – 'Miles Better', a major component of the Council's Smarter Travel programme.

RESOLVED that approval be given for the continuation of Derbyshire County Council's Car Share Scheme for a minimum period of three years with an option to extend for a further two years.

25/14 CYCLE HIRE CHARGES RESOLVED that the increase in "extra days hire" charge for cycle hire in 2014/16 from £10.00 to £11.00 be approved.

26/14 LICENSING THE RE-USE OF HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT INFORMATION Following the Information Tribunal decision in the 'Markinson case' and on advice from the Director of Legal Services, charging for Historic Environment Records (HER) was discontinued whilst the issue of charging for access to information was reviewed.

In 2012 the Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers (ALGAO) produced a guidance note on charging for HER services. This advised that whilst the decision meant charging for the provision on HER information was probably not possible under the Environment Information Regulations (EIR), the supply of information did not give the person receiving the information an automatic right to re-use it in a way that would infringe copyright. The re-use of public information was covered by the re-use of Public Sector Information Regulation 2005. The Freedom of Information Act 2000, EIR 2014 and the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005 might all apply to HER charging regimes depending on the circumstances.

Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire County Councils have adopted the approach of licensing the re-use of heritage data and have clear conditions, charging policies and rates set out on their websites. To date, this approach has not been challenged. If the County Council decided to institute a similar process, it would need to establish clear charging policy, including the fees to be charges, which would be published on the Council's website.

RESOLVED to (1) agree in principle that the County Council institutes a system of licensing commercial users and other users as appropriate, for the re-use of historic environment information; and

(2) note that details of the proposed charges and terms and conditions of the HER licensing scheme will be reported to the next Cabinet Member meeting.

27/14 CONSULTATION ON LOCAL AUTHORITY PARKING The Department for Transport was consulting on Local Authority Parking. The consultation ran from 6 December 2013 to 14 February 2014 and officers have drafted a response which was attached to the report.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member gives approval to the Council's officers to respond to the consultation on Local Authority parking in the manner laid out in the papers attached to the report.

28/14 CONSULTATION ON DERBY CITY LOCAL PLAN PART 1 : DRAFT CORE STRATEGY Derby City Council (DCity) has forwarded its Local Plan Part 1 - Draft Core Strategy (LPDCS) to the County Council for comments.

The County Council submitted detailed Technical Officer comments to the City Council on its Derby City Preferred Growth Strategy in February 2013. Those comments related primarily to 'Duty to Co-operate' and cross boundary growth issues, the proposed scale and distribution of housing growth, Green Belt matters, highways and transport issues, and landscape and visual impact matters.

The LPDCS identified six key priority areas for regeneration. It was proposed that existing employment areas would be protected from development from other uses. The policies sought to protect the natural and historic environment and it was proposed that retail and leisure development would be directed to the City Centre and existing district centres. Proposals were identified for a new highway scheme called the South Derby Integrated Transport Link.

Following completion of the consultation on the LPDCS the City Council intended to publish its Local Plan Part 1 – Pre-Submission Core Strategy in the summer of 2014.

Overall, the LPDCS was broadly supported as it was founded on a comprehensive and extensive evidence base. However, there were various outstanding issues that required further co-operative working between the County and the City Council, particularly relating to the transport impacts, education provision needs and other infrastructure requirements associated with the proposed strategic housing and employment growth in the LPDCS.

To meet the statutory deadline of 19 December 2013, informal office comments were made to the City Council that were without prejudice to the decision of the Cabinet Member.

RESOLVED to authorise officers to respond formally to Derby City Council on its consultation for the Local Plan Part 1 – Draft Core Strategy, as described in the report and Appendix.

29/14 CONSULTATION ON NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S MINERALS LOCAL PLAN – PREFERRED APPROACH

Nottinghamshire County Council has forwarded its Minerals Local Plan – Preferred Approach to the County Council for comments. The Preferred Approach document sets out how much mineral was considered to be likely to be needed up to 2013; where it was considered it should be worked, including potential sites; and what environmental standards it was considered should be in place.

It was considered that the document would benefit from further explanation of how the preferred approach for each topic was reached, especially the links between the evolution of national planning policy, the influence of updated evidence, the findings of the Sustainability Appraisal, and individual comments; and how these influences have been used, and taken into account, to inform the preferred approach, as well as the discarding of reasonable alternatives. Detailed comments on specific areas of the document were contained within the report.

RESOLVED to authorise officers to respond formally to Nottinghamshire County Council on its consultation for its Minerals Local Plan – Preferred Approach, as described in the report.

30/14 DERBYSHIRE WATERWAYS STRATEGY The Draft Waterways Strategy aimed to address all the canals under Derbyshire County Council's care and suggested a strategic plan for their development. It considered the economic potential of the County's waterways; their cultural and heritage value; the contribution canals make to the local environment; the wide access benefits to the countryside and the impact that waterways has on the health and well-being of communities.

It was proposed to undertake consultation on the strategy from 12 February until 12 March 2014.

RESOLVED that (1) the Derbyshire Waterways Strategy be approved as a draft and be available for external consultation; and

(2) a final version of the Strategy, taking into consideration the comments received, is submitted to Cabinet for approval in April 2014.

31/14 BUDGET MONITORING 2013/14 The net budget for the Jobs, Economy and Transport portfolio was £88.315m. The budget monitoring was currently projecting an underspend of £2.067m at the year end. Key variances were detailed in the report.

Resolved to note the report.

32/14 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 consider the Exempt Reports of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment on:-

- (a) Community Rail Partnerships 2014/15 and 2015/16. (contains information relating to an individual)
- (b) Pay and Display at Countryside Sites. (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding that information))
- (c) Future of the Bolsover Countryside Partnership Beyond March 2014. (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding that information) and contains Information relating to an individual)
- (d) Potential Redundancy Situation – Planning and Environment Division, Rights of Way, Shand House. (contains information relating to an individual)

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