

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR JOBS, ECONOMY AND TRANSPORT** held on 5 August 2014 at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member – Councillor J E Dixon

Also in attendance – Councillor S A Spencer.

**119/14**                      **PETITION**                      **RESOLVED** (1) to receive the under-mentioned petition:-

<b>Location/Subject</b>	<b>Signatures</b>	<b>Local Member</b>
Wingerworth, Lodge Drive – Request to Extend Service 80	42	Councillor B Lewis
Reinstatement of Bus Service to Mapperley Village	133	Councillor P Jones
Save Swanwick School Crossing Service	692	Councillors S Marshall-Clarke and P Smith

(2) that the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment be asked to investigate the matters raised with regard to the Wingerworth and Mapperley Village petitions; and

(3) that the Swanwick lead petition organiser be advised that a future meeting of Cabinet was to consider whether or not to consult on changes to the School Crossing Patrol service.

**120/14**                      **MINUTES**                      **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport held on 15 July 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**121/14**                      **DIGITAL DERBYSHIRE DEMAND STIMULATION**

Derbyshire has been allocated £2.19m from the Superfast Extension Programme from Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK), which would potentially bring more investment in broadband infrastructure. It was therefore important that focus was given to maximising the return by encouraging and supporting both businesses and residents to take up and exploit superfast broadband.

The Council, along with Nottinghamshire County Council, has been in discussion with Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (D2N2) Local

Enterprise Partnership (LEP) regarding the importance of broadband adoption and D2N2 was supportive, giving an indicative £100,000 contribution towards a joint business case to support a LEP wide demand stimulation activity. Derbyshire's match funding contribution would be £50,000 for 2014/15 and £50,000 for 2015/16, however following the Government's announcement regarding flexibility for D2N2 LEP to reallocate underspends from 2014/15 to 2015/16 to enhance delivery of broadband projects it was likely that the match funding would be replaced by Local Growth Fund.

The existing Digital Derbyshire programme was already actively promoting and stimulating demand through press releases, identifying and supporting Digital Champions, Business Champions, social media and web-based promotion. Additional funding from D2N2 LEP would extend these activities and develop a more concerted programme of additional support and promotion, using available intelligence to identify problem areas, gaps and high levels of demand so that support can be more effectively targeted.

A Project Officer post would need to be established to co-ordinate and deliver the demand stimulation activities. The post would be fixed term for two years and part funded by D2N2 and the Council.

**RESOLVED** (1) to approve the submission of a business case to secure the D2N2 (Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire) allocation of £50,000 to support delivery of demand stimulation activities;

(2) to underwrite the match funding of £100,000 from Economy, Transport and Environmental departmental reserves with future expenditure dependent of further D2N2 funding being available through Local Growth Fund slippage or further funding government allocations via BDUK; and

(3) to approve the commencement of demand stimulation work and the appointment of a Project Officer upon approval of the D2N2 grant, subject to appropriate human resource processes and policies.

**122/14**      **PROPOSED RECIPROCAL WORK PLACEMENT WITH TOYOTA CITY**  
As part of the commemoration of the 15th year of the formal twinning agreement between Derbyshire County Council, Derby City Council, South Derbyshire District Council and Toyota City, the partners hosted a colleague, Mr Hirata, from Toyota City Council for a six week work placement. Toyota City Council has further committed to the exchange programme and collectively, the three local authority partners are hosting Mr Hirata for 12 months between May 2014 and May 2015.

A Twinning Development Team has been established to co-ordinate activity between the three Derbyshire local authority partners and its focus has been to investigate and develop the potential initiatives proposed following the Industry Festa delegation and to respond to Mayor Ota's three point plan to take forward shared work around Industry, Tourism and Environment.

The three local authorities have received personal invites from Mayor Ota to attend the United Nation's conference on 'Sustainable Development' being hosted by Toyota City in the early part of 2015.

Toyota City Council has proposed that an employee from one of the Derbyshire local authorities undertakes a six week work placement in Japan as part of the reciprocal arrangements. The officer's visit could either be aligned to coincide with this year's Toyota Industry Festa during September 2014; or to align the six week placement with a United Nation's conference on Sustainable Development being hosted by Toyota City in the early part of 2015.

**RESOLVED** (1) to note the proposal forms part of the on-going Twinning Arrangement with Toyota City and approves the proposed six week work placement to Toyota City before the end of March 2015;

(2) that the Twinning Development Team discuss with Toyota City which of the two options presents the best value in terms of maximising the return for Derbyshire regarding profile, exposure and opportunity for marketing the County; and

(3) that the Twinning Development Team undertakes an exercise to secure and evaluate expressions of interest from officers within the three local authorities and identify an appropriate officer to undertake the work placement, alongside developing clear project objectives for the placement, to be agreed by senior officers of the three partner authorities.

**123/14      PETITION – HOLLINCROSS LANE AND PIKES LANE, GLOSSOP – REQUEST FOR 20MPH ZONE**      Investigations have been undertaken following the receipt of a petition requesting a 20mph Zone in Glossop.

The petitioners concerns were appreciated, however the Authority received numerous requests for traffic calming and 20mph speed limits and these have to be prioritised. There have been no reported injury collisions in the area over the last five years and observations revealed that the high incidence of roadside parking and limited carriageway width led to reduced traffic speeds in general. Taking this into account, there were no current proposals to implement a 20mph speed limit at Hollincross Lane and Pikes Lane at this time.

A trial 20mph speed limit site was being set up in Derbyshire this financial year, the results of which would help to shape how the Authority used this type of measure in the future. Further consideration may be given following the results of the trial.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the request for a 20mph Zone for Hollincross Lane and Pikes Lane, Glossop be refused at this time;

(2) the request be given further consideration based upon the outcome of a trial site programmed for implementation this financial year; and

(3) the local Member and petitioners be informed accordingly.

**124/14      PETITION REGARDING PARKING CONCERNS – MELLOR ROAD, NEW MILLS**      A petition has been received requesting measures to enforce and improve parking restrictions on Mellor Road, New Mills.

Following a site visit with the Police in 2013 the central white lining was refreshed and the Police undertook to enforce parking adjacent to the double white lining system. The Local member has asked for local community groups to highlight the problems, however if undue road safety or obstruction problems persisted further parking restrictions might have to be considered to ensure free passage along the road.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the Police be asked to enforce the current restrictions on Mellor Road, New Mills and the site be monitored;

(2) should undue problems persist, further consideration be given to implementing extended parking restrictions to address this in consultation with the local Member; and

(3) the local Member and lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

**125/14      OBJECTIONS TO PROHIBITION OF WAITING ORDER – MILL ROAD, CROMFORD**      Following consultation and public notice on the proposal to introduce “No Waiting at any Time” restriction on Mill Road, Cromford, one objection has been received. The objector believed that the current parking levels did not affect the free movement of two way traffic and would like the County Council to divert its resources to Water Lane, Cromford.

The proposal would restrict parking at two locations which would aid access in to off-street parking areas. The current parking provision on Water Lane, Cromford would be investigated.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the “No Waiting at any Time” restrictions Mill Lane, Cromford, as detailed in the schedule and shown on drawing number ST/BG/320/12C, attached to the report, be implemented in due course; and

(2) the local Member and objector be informed accordingly.

**126/14      CHESTERFIELD VARIOUS ROADS PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND LOADING, DISABLED PARKING SPACES, LOADING BAY AND TAXI CLEARWAY ORDER 2013**      The proposed Chesterfield Various Roads Proposed Prohibition of Waiting and Loading, Disabled Parking

Spaces, Loading Bay and Taxi Clearways Order 2013 Order was advertised in the local press and on site from 27 June 2013 to 19 July 2013.

A number of objections have been received to specific lengths of the proposals. It was therefore thought pertinent to make the Order in two parts. The first of which would include all the proposals that were advertised and not objected to and the second part of the Order would consist of the restrictions mentioned in the recommendations.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the proposal to convert the existing taxi bay on the north side of Knifsmithgate, to the east of its junction with Elder Way, not be proceeded with;

(2) the proposed loading bay on the western side of Stephenson's Place be extended northwards by 5 metres;

(3) Part 2 of the Order be made with the amendments made to the proposals, as advertised, as listed in recommendations (1) and (2) above, along with the remainder of the proposals for Stephenson's Place; and

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

**127/14      HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT GRANT BUDGET**      All of the partnership schemes that were half or part funded by English Heritage (EH) have now come to an end within Derbyshire. EH was still contributing to Conservation Area Partnership Schemes on its Heritage at Risk Register and, currently, only Clay Cross and Eckington Conservation areas in Derbyshire were on the Risk Register. North Derbyshire District Council has been contacted to consider

Former partners to the Cromford, Belper and Milford schemes within the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site area have expressed a desire to continue the scheme without EH, for at least an additional year, with the same level of partner funding. This comprised £10,500 from Derbyshire County Council, £5,500 from Derbyshire Dales District Council, £3,500 for Amber Valley Borough Council and £1,500 from Belper Town Council.

Whilst South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) officers were working towards securing a Townscape Heritage (TH) grant from the HLF for Swadlincote Conservation Area, it was proposed that the County Council enters into an historic areas grant scheme with SDDC with match funding of £10,000.

The County Council operated an Archaeological Grant Scheme and it was proposed to allocate £10,000 from the Historic Environment Grants Budget. This grant scheme usually contributes half of the costs of the Archaeology and Conservation in Derbyshire publication, however due to the Derbyshire Archaeological Advisory Committee's surplus funding being allocated to this publication, this year's contribution would be £1,830.

The Conservation and Design section was keen to ensure that new funding opportunities from the HLF were taken advantage of and officers were working with Bolsover District Council (BDC) on their stage-two submission for the New Bolsover Model Village scheme and with South Derbyshire District Council on their stage-two submission for the Swadlincote Conservation Area Townscape Heritage scheme. BDC was seeking a contribution from the County Council of £40,000 over three years and SDDC was seeking a contribution of £10,000 per year for three years.

**RESOLVED** to approve (1) the allocation of £10,500 towards the Derwent Valley Mills Conservation Area Partnership Scheme for 2014-15;

(2) the allocation of £10,000 towards a Conservation Area Partnership Scheme in Swadlincote between Derbyshire County Council and South Derbyshire District Council for 2014-15;

(3) the allocation of £10,000 towards Archaeological Grants for 2013-14;

(4) a £1,830 contribution towards the printing and publication costs of Archaeology and Conservation in Derbyshire, subject to (3) above being approved;

(5) the issue of a letter of financial support in principle to Bolsover District Council for £40,000 over three years, beginning 2015/16, to support its stage two bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund; and

(6) the issue of a letter of financial support in principle to South Derbyshire District Council for a £10,000 annual allocation for three years, beginning 2015/16, towards the Swadlincote Townscape Heritage scheme to support its stage two bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

**128/14**                      **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 15 July 2014.

**129/14**                      **EXEMPT MINUTES**                      **RESOLVED** that the exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport held on 15 July 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.