

Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 21 January 2009

Present were Councillors B Slade (Chairman), M V Ainsworth, Mrs J Anderson, Mrs J M Andrews, Mrs J Bradford, M J Bradford, A D Foster, Mrs B Fuller-Ainsworth, Mrs J Madden, P Scholey, Mrs C Stringer, K F Stringer and Mrs K E Usher.

In attendance were the Acting Financial Officer J C Kirk and Mrs S J Bailey, Assistant Clerk & Financial Officer, 25+ members of the public and 1 member of the press.

157/08 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following questions were asked by members of the public:

A member of the public asked the following questions:

- a) Why the minutes had not been signed off and made available to the public.
- b) If Maltby Town Council had a contingency plan with regards to the forthcoming Employment tribunal. The chairman stated he didn't know. Councillor Mrs C Stringer responded that Maltby Town Councilor have not. Also if the chairman had any information
- c) Mr Bradford stated that the Zion Church had been locked out of the building and had trouble with the heating – the Assistant Clerk and Financial Officer replied that the office had not received any complaints.
- d) Reverend Craig Wild asked if the Town Council any given any thought to the financial difficulties that the parishioners of Maltby could be finding themselves in due to the recent credit crunch. A member of the public announced that advice could be obtained from the Craggs School on 28 January 2009 between 2-3 pm.
- e) Enquiries were made if the matter of Councillors receiving the bank codes had been resolved and asked Councillor Mrs J Anderson to explain who "us" was. Councillor Mrs J Anderson said that she said "they are blaming us" and she wanted to point out that she wasn't guilty in contacting the bank. Councillor Mrs C Stringer said that the investigation into the bank codes was ongoing.
- f) A member of the public asked who was paying for the mediators to be present at this meeting and if it was the rate payers she would like to request a copy of the report. The Chairman responded that RMBC was footing the bill.
- g) Mrs A Rodgers announced that there was still time to register objections to the planning proposals on Rotherham Road.

158/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Councillors A M Laird, Mrs L Laird, C McMahon and Mrs A L Rushforth

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "A L Rushforth", is written over the printed name of Mrs A L Rushforth.

159/08 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

None

160/08 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was agreed not to exclude the press and public from any items.

161/08 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman read out the following:

- a) A letter of praise from Mrs B Rogers re the Christmas Trees
- b) A letter from Mrs D Sutton asking for financial assistance for the Maltbody Festival.

RESOLVED: that the above be noted.

162/08 MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2008

Matters were raised that could only be answered by the Acting Town Clerk who was not in attendance and as an agreement could not be reached the minutes were not agreed.

RESOLVED: that the minutes be re-presented at the Town Council meeting in February.

163/08 MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7 JANUARY 2009

Matters Arising: Minute no 63/08. Councillor Mrs J Bradford requested that she be supplied with the 3 quotes obtained for the installation of the Christmas trees around the town.

RESOLVED: that (a) the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7 January 2009 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and (b) the recommendations of the committee be confirmed as full resolutions of the Council.

164/08 Items from the National and Local County Associations

- DIS Issue No 699 – 22 December 2008
- YLCA – Branch meeting 21 February 2009, Thrybergh Parish Hall
- LCA – January 2209

All the above items were tabled.

165/08 Planning Lists

Planning lists Nos: 49-50 and 1-2 were tabled.

Councillor Mrs J Bradford requested the plans for The Grand, Mylet Lane.



166/08 Routine correspondence

- Thank you letters for the Maltby Town Council donations from the following: The Salvation Army, Rotherham District Explorer Scouts – Maltby Unit, Maltby Redwood
- Travelmaster – Increase in fares
- Yorkshire and the Humber Rural Affairs Forum
- Communities and Local Government – Communities in control – 2 booklets.

All the above items were tabled.

167/08 Routine RMBC Correspondence

- Streetpride Champions- Booklets
- RMBC – Rotherham's Cultural Magazine – Winter
- RMBC – Rotherham Tourism Forum meeting 27 January 2009.
- RMBC – MUSE – Winter 2008


168/08 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The following items were raised by:

- a) Councillor M V Ainsworth asked for an update for the path to the storage container. The Assistant Clerk and Financial Officer replied that the work will be completed when the weather permits.
- b) Councillor Mrs J Bradford asked who held the meeting in the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall in the conference room. The Assistant Clerk replied that it was a private booking.
- c) Councillor B Slade said that the footpaths from the Craggs to Roche Abbey needed cleaning up and he would report back after his walk around with the ecologist. Councillor Mrs J M Andrews asked Councillor B Slade what had happened to the £60,000 that had been allocated from the Housing Market Renewal and was there any money left. Councillor B Slade replied that some had been used between St Bartholomew's and Roche Abbey. Councillor Mr K F Stringer said that B Deakin may have some available funding.

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 18 February 2009.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.


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