



Premises and Regeneration Committee

Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 23 May 2007

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

In attendance – Mr D J Morton (Clerk & Financial Officer), Mrs S J Bailey (Administrative Assistant) and 4 members of the public and 1 press.

P01/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

P02/07 COMMUNICATION RECEIVED BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman referred to a letter regarding Rotherham MBC matters sent by a member of the public.

P03/07 UPDATE FROM THE CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICE ON THE ROLE AND WORK OF THE PREMISES AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

The Clerk and Financial Officer gave a general appraisal of the work of the Premises and Regeneration Committee back to November 2000. He then responded to questions and comments from members.

RECOMMENDED: that the report of the Clerk and Financial Officer be noted.

P04/07 REFURBISHMENT AND OPERATION OF THE EDWARD DUNN MEMORIAL HALL

The Clerk and Financial Officer gave a general update on the refurbishment on the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall. He also explained the current situation regarding quotations received for the installation of the additional storage.

RECOMMENDED: that a) the report of the Clerk and Financial Officer be noted and b) that one additional quotation for the additional storage be obtained as soon as possible.

P05/07 IDP STEERING GROUP

Councillor C McMahon gave a general report on the work Of the IDP Steering Group and commented that the programme was now nearing completion. He confirmed that the next meeting will be held in June 2007.

RECOMMENDED: that the report of Councillor McMahon be noted.

P06/07 PUBLIC SQUARE

The Clerk and Financial Officer gave a brief update on the development of the Public Square at the front of the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall and invited Councillors to attend a meeting, to discuss the details of the scheme, to be held on the following day with representatives of Sure Start and Groundwork Dearne Valley.

RECOMMENDED: that the report of the Clerk and Financial Officer be noted.

P07/07 ZION YOUTH CLUB

The Clerk and Financial Officer referred to a meeting regarding the Zion Youth Club he had attended earlier in the day with representatives of the Zion Church and a senior officer of Rotherham MBC Young People's Service. He confirmed the outcome of the meeting was that the Church had agreed to resolve a number of issues to the satisfaction of the RMBC Senior Officer prior to the Youth Club re-opening on 4 June 2007, all subject to Council approval.

At this point Councillors M Ainsworth, J Anderson, J Bradford, M Bradford, A Foster and B Fuller-Ainsworth declared a prejudicial interest and left the room.

Following further discussions, members felt confident in agreeing to the re-commencement of the Zion Youth Club.

RECOMMENDED: that subject to the suggestions of the RMBC Senior Officer, the Zion Youth Club be allowed to re-commence on Monday 4 June 2007.

P08/07 TIMINGS AND LOCATION OF FUTURE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The question of timings and future location of council and committee meetings was discussed. Representations of the Zion Church provisionally offered to move their Wednesday night booking to accommodate council meetings and promised to report the final answer the Clerk and Financial Officer

P09/07 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting to be 27 June 2007 to be held at the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall at 7.00 pm.

P10/07 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Councillor Mrs J Bradford referred to a discussion with Mr P Benson regarding Housing Market Renewal. The Clerk and Financial Officer confirmed that Mr Benson had been invited to attend the next meeting of the council.

P11/07 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public commented on a) the room hire rates at the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall and b) the possibility of holding a Councillors surgery event on Coronation Park on 18 August 2007.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

