

Minutes of Kimberley Town council meeting of the Full Council held on Thursday, 28 November 2013 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Kimberley.

Present: Councillors J McDonald – Chairman
D Nunn - Vice- Chairman
K Boettge
C Brown
A Cooper – also Borough Councillor
J Dickman
T Halford
J Pearce
K Tennant
I Wilson

Borough Councillor R Robinson

County Councillor K Rigby

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Kirwan – Holiday; M McGuckin – Family and S Cooper – Holiday.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. REPORTS FROM COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

County Councillor K Rigby gave update on current NCC Budget and reported that huge cuts were being faced across all portfolios. Councillor Nunn asked about the road resurfacing programme. Councillor Rigby confirmed that this programme was at risk.

Borough Councillor A. Cooper gave update on the Core Strategy. Core Strategy was currently at inspection stage and the Inspector had requested that Broxtowe Borough Council carry out public consultation on preferred sites until 10 January 2014. A Town Council public meeting had been booked for 16 December 2013 which would give residents opportunity to comment on specific sites.

BCC Cllr R Robinson gave presentation on proposed Oxylane Village Development on land adjacent to A610. A report on the application to date was given. It was reported that Kimberley Leisure Centre was now owned by the Kimberley Academy which would impact on future refurbishment plans. The proposed development had been revised during 2012 and includes 15,000 trees and shrubs. Questions were

raised as to whether the Drs Referral scheme and Broxtowe Leisure card would continue.

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26 September 2013 were accepted as a true record.

5. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

No petitions were presented.

6. CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

Details were given of arrangements for Light switch on. Cllr J McDonald thanked everyone for all the hard work and looked forward to an evening of enjoyment for everyone involved.

7. OXYLANE

Discussion was held over proposals introduced by Borough Councillor R Robinson earlier in the meeting. Councillors I Wilson, K Tennant and J Pearce expressed their concerns over the development, as Kimberley Leisure Centre was easily reached by public transport and on foot. Doubts were raised that the Oxylane Village would be accessed by public transport. Councillor Tennant was concerned over lost jobs and impact closure of the Leisure Centre would have on local economy. Councillor Wilson was concerned that young people would not be able to access the new facility. Councillor Pearce further expressed concerns about GP referral schemes as they were very popular in the local community.

8. BREWERY SITE

Councillor A. Cooper left the meeting.

A letter had been received from Save Our Brewery Site (SOBS) requesting that the Kimberley Town Council support their submission to Broxtowe Planning Department with regards to the planning application on the Brewery Site.

A discussion was held over the contents of letter. Councillor Wilson stated that he would like older buildings retained and redeveloped but recognised the cost to developers. Councillor Dickman explained the fine line to get balance of properties that suited planners; but felt that site must be developed before it falls into further disrepair.

Cllr K Boettge requested further details about SOBS and hoped to attend the forthcoming meeting.

CEMETERY CHAPEL UPDATE

It was confirmed that a new timer had been fitted and the lights were now working satisfactorily.

9. WAR MEMORIAL

Councillor C Brown gave update on Architectural Report which had been received. Three quotes for recommended work had been obtained. The most expensive was £98,368.16 with the cheapest being £83,935.00. Discussion was held over costings as the War Memorial Trust grant would be a maximum of £30,000 and Broxtowe Borough Council's donation of £7,000. leaving a shortfall of £47,000.

Discussion held over importance of protecting the structure of the memorial whilst refurbishing the exterior facade. It was agreed to contact the Architect for a revised programme to submit to the War Memorial Trust.

10. YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Feedback had been received from the first session which showed that a number of young people had participated and spectated in the session.

11. CLERK'S REPORT

It was resolved to accept the Clerk's report.

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/SIGNATORIES

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments.

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

A short discussion was held over item 514.

15. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

16. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Events Committee – 9 January 2014 - 6.30pm
Amenities & Estates Committee – 9 January 2014 – 7.30pm

17. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 9 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

18. HUMAN RESOURCES

The report on staffing matters was considered and noted.

19. KIMBERLEY MINERS' WELFARE FOOTBALL CLUB

The report on the Football Club was considered and noted.