

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2007 AT 6.30 P.M.

PRESENT: MRS. M.L. SHERWIN - MAYOR  
MR. K.W.P. LYNCH - DEPUTY MAYOR

Mrs. M. Aldridge, Mr. P.R. Batty, Mr. M.O. Bevins, Mr. D.C. Bill, Mr. C.W. Boothby, Mr. D.R. Bown, Mr. J.C. Bown, Mrs. R. Camamile, Mrs. C.M. Claridge, Mr. J.F. Collins, Mrs. M.A. Cook, Mr. D.S. Cope, Mrs. M.J. Crooks, Mr. W.J. Crooks, Mr. N.B.L. Davis, Mr. B.H. Edwards, Mr. R.D. Ellis, Mrs. D. Finney, Mr. R.J. Furniss, Mr. M.A. Hall, Mr. D.E. Hinton, Mr. K.A.J. Hunnybun, Mr. C.G. Joyce, Mr. M.R. Lay, Ms. J.E. Price, Mrs. E.A. Spencer, Mr. J.E. Stanley, Mr. D.W. Thorpe and Mrs. R.W. Wright.

Officers in attendance: Mr. S. Atkinson, Mr. B. Cullen, Ms. L. Horton, Mr. S. Kohli, (from 7.00 p.m.), Mrs. P.I. Pitt, Mr. T.M. Prowse and Mrs. J. Puffett.

Prior to commencement of the meeting a minute's silence was observed in memory of Mrs. Sylvia Davis, the wife of the Reverend Canon Brian Davis, the Vicar of St. Mary's Church, Hinckley.

458 PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Robert Stephen of St. Catherine's Church, Burbage offered prayer.

459 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mrs. S. Francks and Mr. K. Vessey.

460 MINUTES (C38)

It was moved by Mr. Bevins, seconded by Mr. Davis, and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

461 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal, non-prejudicial interests were declared as follows:

The Mayor - report No. C41 as a member of the County Council's Children and Young Persons' Services Board.

Mr. Davis – reports nod. C42 and C43 as Member Youth Champion and Member Equalities and Diversity Champion, respectively.

462 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor announced that the funeral of Mrs. Sylvia Davis was to be held at 11.30 a.m. on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2007 and it was understood that the Deputy Mayor would attend.

The Mayor reported on her intention, in the light of her recent discussions with the Australian High Commission, to discuss with Leicestershire County Council Education Exchange Liaison Officer the possible promotion of exchange visits between this Borough's young people and Australian counterparts.

Finally, the Mayor circulated to Members details of her forthcoming charity event "Evening in Paris" at the Paramount Hinckley Island Hotel on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

463 MINUTES OF SCRUTINY COMMISSION MEETING – 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2006 (C39)

In presenting these the Chairman of the Commission referred to minute No.350 (Draft East Midlands Regional Plan) and to concerns of the Commission over the number of houses required in the Borough per annum. Additionally, Members having requested clarification on figures stated in the report as to the number of caravans to be sited in the Borough the Chairman confirmed that the figures given at the Commission meeting were correct.

On the motion of Mr. Lay, seconded by Mrs. Camamile it was

RESOLVED – the minutes of the Scrutiny Commission meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2006 be received.

464 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS – MAY 2007/MAY 2008 (C40)

Consideration was given to the above and on the motion of Mr. Bevins, seconded by Mr. Furniss, it was

RESOLVED – the schedule of meetings attached to the report of the Head of Corporate Services be approved.

465 LEICESTERSHIRE CHILDREN'S TRUST ARRANGEMENTS (C41)

Council was advised of arrangements to develop and introduce a Leicestershire Children's Trust, under section 10 of the Children's Act 2004, and to which all district/borough councils would be partners.

It was moved by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Bevins and

RESOLVED – the Leicestershire Children and Young Persons Services Board and Leicestershire County Council be advised that this Authority support and formally approve the arrangements being made to establish a "Children's Trust", including the draft Constitution of the Board and the Executive.

466 THE EQUALITY STANDARD FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT – FINAL DRAFT CORPORATE EQUALITY AND RACE EQUALITY POLICIES (C42).

Circulated at the meeting were minor textual amendments to these documents which had been identified during consideration and endorsement by Personnel Committee and Cabinet of this and the following report .

On the motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Bevins, it was

RESOLVED – subject to the incorporation into these documents the textual amendments highlighted by the Chief Executive the Corporate Equality and Race Equality policies be adopted.

467 SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN POLICY (C43)

As with the previous report, minor textual amendments were circulated at the meeting. An equivalent policy to safeguard vulnerable/older persons would be brought before Members in due course.

On the motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Camamile it was

RESOLVED – subject to the textual amendments referred to agreement be given to the adoption of the Safeguarding Children Policy and the incorporation of this into the Council's staff handbook.

468 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY (C44)

Consideration was given to the above, which would provide a framework for achieving the Council's objective to "secure a healthy, safe, respectful and attractive environment". As part of an environmental management system it was intended that this policy would be reviewed every 12 months.

The fire alarm bell sounded at 7.05 p.m., at which point Members evacuated the chamber and the building, returning at 7.15 p.m. with the exception of Mr. Edwards who returned at 7.20 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Bevins, and

RESOLVED – the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Environmental Policy be approved and adopted.

469 REVISIONS TO CURRENT CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

On the motion of Mr. Bevins, seconded by Mr. Furniss, it was

RESOLVED – a meeting of the Planning Committee be now held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2007 and on the motion of Mr. Bevins, seconded by Mr. Lay, it was

RESOLVED – the Scrutiny Commission meeting scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2007 be brought forward to 19<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

(The meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.)