



MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MELTON

SCALFORD HALL, MELTON ROAD, MELTON MOWBRAY

15 DECEMBER 2010

PRESENT:-

Councillors M. Moore (Mayor)
N.R.G. Angrave, P. Baguley, P.M. Chandler
P. Cumbers, S. Dungworth, A. Freer, M.C.R. Graham MBE
R. Marks, T. Moncrieff, M.O'Callaghan, J.T. Orson,
P.M. Posnett, J.B. Rhodes, N. Slater, D.R. Wright, J. Wyatt

Young Mayor – David Downing

Chief Executive
Corporate Director (KA)
Chief Accountant
Senior Democracy Officer, Democracy and Involvement Officer

The Reverend Kevin Ashby offered a prayer

CO42. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barnes, Botterill, Chapman, Dean, Holmes, Holt, Illingworth, Jackson, Moore-Coltman, D.E. Orson and Sheldon.

CO43. MINUTES

The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 13 October 2010 were confirmed and authorised to be signed by the Mayor.

CO44. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute CO52 – Naming of the Council Offices

Councillors J.T. Orson, Posnett and Rhodes each declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in this item due to their roles as County Councillors.

CO45. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since becoming Mayor in May, the Mayor had attended many local Mayoral

appointments, and as some were aware during the past few months she had not been well at times. The Mayor stated that her Deputy, Councillor Alison Freer, had been remarkable at standing in at the last minute and had not always found it easy with a young family. She expressed her gratitude for the Deputy Mayor's kindness and presented a gift in appreciation.

The Deputy Mayor read out the Mayor's announcements on behalf of the Mayor.

Melton Borough Award

The Mayor presented a Melton Borough Award to Stephen Hallam in recognition of the following :-

- Being Managing Director of Ye Olde Pork Pie Shoppe in Nottingham Road, Melton Mowbray since 1992 and treasurer of the Melton Mowbray Pork Pie Association
- Being Instrumental in putting Melton Mowbray on the food map
- Producing a great service to tourists, the real heart of Melton
- Being a fantastic ambassador for Melton Mowbray
- Bringing joy to people through the passion that he shows
- Most of Melton Mowbray are affected by the service he offers

Mr. Hallam thanked the Mayor and Council for the award and said that he felt humbled that he had been considered for the award through his work and it was also due to his colleagues that he was able to do what he did. He went on to state that he considered the Borough did not sing its praises enough and there were great products in and around Melton and the Borough. Also due to its food provenance, Melton had become a tourist destination on the map.

Special Mayor's Award

The Mayor presented a Special Mayor's Award to Michael Cathro in recognition of the following:-

- His impressive exhibition artwork completed as part of his final major project for the Art and Design Foundation course at New College, Nottingham
- His great talent and being an inspiration to other young people within the Borough through his outstanding work

Mr. Cathro thanked the Mayor for the award and stated that he was honoured to receive it and he hoped that it inspired others to have passion for similar projects themselves.

Money Game – Presentation by The Hub

The Mayor handed over to Councillor Posnett. Councillor Posnett advised that she had organised a Money Game in the local high schools to help young people understand how the Council works out how to spend its budget. The Hub had submitted the winning entry and the young team from The Hub presented their project to the Council.

The Young Mayor presented the prize money of £50 to The Hub Team.

Young Mayor's Presentation

The Young Mayor stated that he felt honoured to be speaking at the Council

meeting. He reported that he had attended the Remembrance Service, Mayor's Civic Carol Service and presented awards at his school. He had been attending meetings of the Melton Youth Council and was involved with them in arranging a music festival featuring teenage bands. He was a Sixth Form Student and was doing his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award and had helped young people contribute to the naming of the new Council Offices. He had set up a new Facebook site for young people to contact him about youth issues. He explained that his aims were to encourage the Council to review its decision to remove free swimming for the under 17s and get better and safer cycle routes around Melton. He asked for direction on how to take these matters forward and on behalf of the young people he represented, he thanked the Council for listening to him.

The Deputy Mayor continued with the Mayor's announcements as follows :-

Christmas Engagements

During December, the Mayor would be attending many Christmas events. She had already been to some and had been received with warmth and enthusiasm and it had been a great pleasure to pass on the Seasons' Greetings to so many people.

Mayor's Appeal

The Mayor thanked all who had supported her Appeal so far. Although she was supporting a local charity she was not aiming to beat records. Her priority this year was to celebrate and support local communities and achievement.

Mayor's Carol Concert

She was delighted with the great success of the Carol Concert with local young children taking part. She was most grateful to The Reverend Kevin Ashby and James Gutteridge, who had helped with the organisation to make it such a highlight of her year.

Melton & Belvoir Christmas Livestock Show and Sale

The Mayor reported that this show went from strength to strength in attracting many entrants and visitors. She had the pleasure of presenting some prizes and her Deputy was honoured to attend the Livestock Dinner the following evening.

Victorian Fair and Christmas Lights Switch On

Both these events attracted large crowds that had a very positive impact on the town's economy. The Victorian Christmas Fair organised by Ruth Wakeling had been a remarkable event. She hoped that the Council could ensure this remained a permanent fixture in the town's calendar of events.

Staff Christmas Drinks

The Mayor reminded Councillors to attend the Staff Christmas Drinks event on 23 December. She stated it would provide a good opportunity to meet with colleagues and staff.

HMS Quorn

The Mayor drew the Council's attention to an update from HMS Quorn that had been circulated with the agenda.

The Mayor stated that during Christmastime people would think about the Armed Forces and their families. As with all our personnel who served in HM Armed Services, their work was vital and even with the full knowledge of the risks involved

it did not make the loss of loved ones any easier and she was sure all their selfless work, passion and commitment would never be forgotten.

Invitation to Christmas Drinks

The Mayor invited Councillors to join her for a Christmas drink following the meeting. Lastly, she wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

CO46. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader

- (a) stated that the current financial situation was a legacy from the previous government and that the Council had just received its financial settlement. He advised that Councillors would be meeting in January to consider how to go forward with such a low settlement and that serious decisions would need to be made as to how to balance next year's budget. He referred to the restructuring and human cost of the financial situation;
- (b) advised that the Melton Court Service would be closing and efforts to save it had failed;
- (c) wished everyone a Happy Christmas and a good New Year with enormous challenges as the Council moved to its new offices. He referred to the beneficial foresight in building on the Burton Street site.

CO47. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions received.

CO48. PETITIONS

In accordance with Procedure Rule 24.1 and Part 2 of the Petitions Scheme, the Chief Executive shall report the receipt of a petition to the next meeting of the Council where there shall be no debate or comment thereon.

Rebecca Vickers who was the organiser of a petition, attended the meeting and spoke in support of her petition which was received on 3 December 2010 and contained 42 signatories. The petition stated the following:-

'We the undersigned want to stop the street dance lessons price being increased and believe that it is worthwhile for the council to continue funding the sessions. It is worthwhile for the council to fund these lessons because they are very popular, improve our fitness, keep us active and are fun!'

It was noted that the Petition would be referred to the next meeting of the Community and Social Affairs Committee at its meeting to be held on 25 January 2011.

RESOLVED that receipt of the petition be noted and that it be referred to the next meeting of the Community and Social Affairs Committee on 25 January 2011.

CO49. RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Licensing Committee : 8 December 2010

Licensing Act 2003 - Review of Statement of Licensing Policy

RECOMMENDED that the Council approve the reviewed Statement of Licensing Policy.

The Council considered the above recommendation.

RESOLVED that the Statement of Licensing Policy be approved.

CO50. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

The Chairmen of Committees answered questions upon items of reports of Committees when those items were being received or under consideration by the Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.1 of the Constitution:-

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| Development Committee | 14 October 2010 |
| Special Community & Social Affairs Committee | 27 October 2010 |
| Development Committee | 4 November 2010 |
| Rural, Economic & Environmental Affairs Committee | 10 November 2010 |
| Development Committee | 25 November 2010 |
| Licensing Committee | 8 December 2010 |
| Policy, Finance & Administration Committee | 8 December 2010 |

Policy, Finance and Administration Committee : 8 December 2010

Minute P57/10: Award of Merit Task Group – Melton Borough Award

Councillor Marks requested that the introduction to his first comment on page 29 be amended to read:-

‘Councillor Marks spoke as a Member of the Task Group’ rather than he ‘spoke on behalf of the Task Group’

Councillor Cumbers supported this amendment as she advised that there had been differing opinions expressed at the last Task Group meeting and she was very much in support of the new award and hoped it continued.

It was noted that this proposed amendment be referred to the next meeting of the Policy, Finance and Administration Committee.

CO51. MID YEAR REPORT ON THE TREASURY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2010-11

The Chief Accountant submitted a report (copies of which had previously been circulated to Members) which stated that

- (a) revisions to the regulatory framework of Treasury Management during 2009 introduced a requirement that the Council receive a mid year treasury review in addition to the annual report and strategy on treasury management;

- (b) the report met the requirement and incorporated the needs of the Prudential Code to ensure adequate monitoring of capital expenditure and the Council's prudential indicators (PI's). The treasury strategy and PI's were previously reported to Council on 3 February 2010. Revisions to future years were provided where required.

RESOLVED that

- (1) the mid year position on treasury activity for 2010-11 be approved;
- (2) the changes to the security and liquidity benchmarks be approved;
- (3) changes to the investment criteria be approved;
- (4) the mid year position on prudential indicators be noted.

CO52. NAMING OF THE NEW COUNCIL OFFICES

The Chairman of the Council Business Development Sub-Committee, Councillor Graham,

- (a) reported that at the Sub-Committee meeting held on 29 November 2010 a long list of suggested names for the new Council Offices had been considered that had been put forward following a public and staff consultation exercise;
- (b) reported that the Sub-Committee had considered the long list and agreed a shortlist of 3 names as follows :-
 - Parkside Place
 - Stilton Place
 - Town Hall
- (c) reported that an extension to the closing date was given for the young people's nominations to 2 December. Two suggestions had been received from young people and they were as follows :-
 - Framland Place - named after the old hunting lodge that was originally on the site of where the new Council building would be
 - Cooksboro' House - winner of the first Grand National in 1840 which was held in Melton Mowbray
- (d) requested that the Council consider the above nominations at (b) and (c) and agree a name for the new Council Offices.

Councillor Graham pointed out that following some internet research, it was recorded that 'Cooksboro' House' won the race but as the horse was not ridden by a farmer or a gentleman, there was an appeal and the winning place was subsequently awarded to 'Game Chicken'.

Motion

Councillor Graham considered it was important to name the building something other than Council Offices so that partners felt involved in the building. He stated that it was revolutionary to be sharing Council Offices with other agencies and the name should reflect that the building would not be just a Council office. Therefore

he proposed 'Parkside Place'. Councillor Wright seconded the motion.

Amendment

Councillor Marks proposed an amendment to call the building 'Town Hall' as this name was used nationally and was a name that had been used for centuries. Councillor Cumbers seconded the amendment.

Councillor O'Callaghan stated that the building would not be a Town Hall as there was no Town Council. He considered this to be an inappropriate and boring name that did nothing for the Council or the Borough.

Upon the amendment being put to the vote, there were 4 in favour and 12 against therefore the amendment was lost.

Amendment

Councillor J.T. Orson proposed an amendment for the name 'Parkside' and this was seconded by Councillor Angrave. The original mover and seconder indicated they were happy to accept this amendment and it become the substantive motion.

Amendment

Councillor Rhodes proposed an amendment for the name 'Council Offices' as this was what they were and he considered that the building would automatically be referred to as such. He considered that the building should not have a pretentious name and the name should be practical and people know what it is. Councillor Chandler seconded this amendment.

Upon the amendment being put to the vote, there were 8 in favour and 8 against. The Mayor gave her casting vote against, therefore the amendment was lost.

Amendment

Councillor O'Callaghan stated that he considered 'Stilton' should be used somewhere in the name and the address be 'Stilton House, Parkside' or something similar. He felt that the name should do something and say what the Council was about and have links to our heritage. He explained that Melton had established its heritage around local food products and to name the Council Offices after one of these would imprint this heritage on people's minds. He referred to the signs into the town which stated 'rural capital of food' and this should follow through on our headed paper etc. He further stated that Melton was the registered home of 3 food products and this was unique across Europe and a heritage the Council should be proud of. He added that the name of the new Council Offices should be associated with one of these classic products.

Councillor O'Callaghan proposed an amendment for Stilton House/Place, Parkside instead of Station Approach or Stilton being somewhere in the name. Councillor Dungworth seconded the amendment.

Councillor Graham reiterated his support for a name that included 'Parkside' and read some comments received from a member of the public in support of 'Parkside Place' that concurred with his view as follows :-

'...sounds green and pleasant and inviting and makes anyone who hears it think of the park itself (or if they are new in town, ask themselves "which park?" and maybe wander in that direction) which is one of Melton's jewels. Parkside Offices again

are as much a description as a proper name; Parkside House is a bit better; but Parkside Place sounds fantastic and has the advantage of two 'P's...'

Upon the amendment for Stilton House/Place, Parkside instead of Station Approach or Stilton being somewhere in the name being put to the vote, there were 3 in favour and the majority against, therefore the amendment was lost.

Substantive Motion

Upon the substantive motion for the name 'Parkside' being put to the vote there were 13 in favour and 3 against with no abstentions, therefore the substantive motion was carried.

RESOLVED that the name of the new Council Offices be 'Parkside'.

The meeting which commenced at 6.30 p.m., closed at 7.35 p.m.

Mayor