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COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 16 January 2014 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock at 6.00pm

PRESENT Councillor Jennifer Bower - In the Chair

Councillors Jacque Bevan, Richard Bright, Sue Burfoot, Albert Catt, Tom Donnelly, David Fearn, Tony Millward, Mike Ratcliffe, Lewis Rose OBE, Jacque Stevens, Colin Swindell, Philippa Tilbrook, Judith Twigg, Jo Wild.

Sandra Lamb (Head of Democratic Services), Tim Braund (Head of Environmental Health), Mike Galsworthy (Estates and Facilities Manager), Giles Dann (Policy Manager), Heidi McDougall (Head of Environmental Services), Suzanne Norton (Property Gazeteer Officer) and Jackie Cullen (Committee Assistant).

2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Burton, Andrew Statham and Geoff Stevens MBE. Councillors Albert Catt and David Fearn attended as substitute members.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor O'Brien spoke on behalf of Grindleford Parish Council, in support of their nomination under the Community Right to Bid provisions in relation to the former Country Choice Store, Grindleford.

281/13 – MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose MBE, seconded by Councillor Tony Millward and

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting of the Council meeting held on 17
(unanimously) October 2013 be approved as a correct record.

The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman agreed to alter the order of service in order that the matters relating to the attending members of the public could be dealt with first.

282/12 – ITEM 10: COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID – GRINDLEFORD VILLAGE SHOP

Councillor Bright arrived at 6.10pm during discussion of this item.

The Committee carefully considered an application from Grindleford Parish Council for Grindleford Village Shop (formerly Country Choice) to be listed as an Asset of Community Value in accordance with the Council's Policy relating to such applications.

It was moved by Councillor Jacque Bevan, seconded by Councillor Judith Twigg and

RESOLVED That Grindleford Village Shop (formerly Country Choice be added to
(Unanimously) the District Council Register of Assets of Community Value.

283/13 – ITEM 12: NAMING OF NEW ROAD FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER DARLEY DALE INFANT SCHOOL, GREENAWAY LANE, HACKNEY

Further to public consultations regarding the name 'Old School Close', Darley Dale Town Council put forward their preferred suggestion, "Hancock Way", with a supporting statement as shown in the report.

The Committee commended the school children for their letter written in support of their suggestion.

It was moved by Councillor Jacque Stevens, seconded by Councillor Richard Bright and

RESOLVED That the new road that will serve the residential development at
(Unanimously) the former Darley Dale Infant School, Greenaway Lane, Hackney be named 'Old School Close'.

284/13 – PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

A report was presented by the Policy Manager to update the Committee on the progress made with service improvement in the housing and benefits services that fall under the remit of this Committee. The 4 priority indicators were set out in Appendix 1 to the report. Appendix 2 to the report provided an individual report on the Red indicator with particular reference to the number of affordable homes completed.

The 34 affordable homes which will not be completed on schedule due to a delay caused by ecological issues will be added to next year's figure.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose OBE, seconded by Councillor Mike Ratcliffe and

RESOLVED 1. That the Committee notes that performance has improved in
(Unanimously) two of the service areas.
2. That the Committee notes the current area of under-performance and approves the proposed action plan.

285/13 – BETTER BUSINESS FOR ALL

A report was presented by the Head of Environmental Health which explained the work that officers had undertaken in partnership with the Better Regulation Delivery Office (BRDO) and the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership to introduce an enforcement project called Better Business for All (BBfA).

The purpose of this project was to ensure a regulatory environment that promoted success in business whilst continuing to provide public protection. As part of this process the partnership had drafted a Charter setting out roles and responsibilities for both business and regulators to help achieve this aim; the Charter was attached as Appendix A to the report.

A copy of BRDO's pledge that participants were expected to sign was included as Appendix B to the report. It was suggested that the Chief Executive sign on the Council's behalf, with one of the elected Members as second signatory.

The approval of the Committee was sought to endorse the BBfA Charter in order to move forward with the implementation of the BBfA programme.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose OBE, seconded by Councillor Jacque Bevan and

RESOLVED That Derbyshire Dales District Council endorses the Better Business
(Unanimously) for All Charter.

286/13 – PUBLIC CONVENIENCES – ASHFORD IN THE WATER

A report was presented by the Corporate Director on the future of the public conveniences at Ashford in the Water in light of discussions relating to the transfer of ownership to the Parish Council.

It was decided at the Council meeting on 29 September 2011 that ownership of the public conveniences would be transferred to the Parish Council who in the future would be free to operate the toilets as they wished. However, subsequent discussions regarding operating costs resulted in the Parish Council deciding not to take ownership. Derbyshire Dales District Council had carried out planned improvements to the facilities and had continued to service them ever since.

It was moved by Councillor Judith Twigg, seconded by Councillor Tom Donnelly and

RESOLVED
(Unanimously)

1. That the offer from Ashford in the Water Parish Council to take over the operation of the public conveniences as outlined in the report is approved.
2. In the event that agreement with the Parish Council cannot be reached, the public conveniences be added to the list of those subject to seasonal closure and be closed during the winter each year.

287/13 – REVIEW OF LEISURE SERVICES

Councillor David Fearn left at 7.27 during discussion of this item.

A report was presented by the Corporate Director in order to start the process of a review of the District Council's Leisure Service. It set out the suggested scope of the review and recommended the methodology that should be followed in bringing the review to a conclusion.

It was discussed whether the review could be completed in-house or whether outside help might be beneficial. Members' attention was drawn to para.4.2 regarding the scope and purpose of the review, in particular the three questions the review sought to answer. With this in mind, a Members' workshop had already been held and further workshops were welcomed.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose MBE, seconded by Councillor David Fearn and

RESOLVED That the scope and methodology of the review outlined at sections 3
(Unanimously) and 4 of the report be approved.

288/13 – REVIEW OF PLAY PROVISION

Councillor Bright left at 7.37 during discussion of this item.

A report was presented updating the Committee on the review of play provision and outlining proposals for two play areas in Wirksworth and Matlock, as these sites were felt to need urgent attention.

Members were advised that a review of play provision was in progress, the results of which would be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee.

It was moved by Councillor Mike Ratcliffe, seconded by Councillor Jacquie Stevens and

RESOLVED 1. That the current review of the District Council's play facilities
(Unanimously) be noted, and when completed, the recommendations be reported to a future Environment Committee.

2. That the play provision at Yokecliffe Park, Wirksworth be repaired by Derwent Treescapes at an approximate cost of £1,500, to be funded using the park's revenue budget and a contribution from Wirksworth Town Council.

3. That the skateboard park in Hall Leys Park, Matlock be repaired and the work be awarded to Derwent Treescapes at a cost of £9,322 plus VAT, to be funded using the park's revenue budget.

289/13 – NEW ITEM: LAND AND PROPERTY DISPOSALS – FORMER ASHBOURNE TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

Councillor Mike Ratcliffe left at 8.38pm during discussion of this item.

The Chairman agreed to the inclusion of this item on the agenda as urgent business, as a decision matter could not wait until the next meeting of the natural committee.

A report was presented by the Estates and Facilities Manager seeking authority to dispose of the former Ashbourne TIC property at Market Place, Ashbourne as shown on the plan attached to the report at Appendix 1.

Appropriate signage indicating new tourist facilities would be installed on completion of the disposal of the centre, and all tourism signs on the building would be removed. It was proposed that the property be put up for sale at an auction on 24 February 2014.

It was moved by Councillor Tony Millward, seconded by Councillor Tom Donnelly and

RESOLVED

1. That the freehold of the former Ashbourne TIC property at Market Place, Ashbourne as shown on the plan attached at Appendix 1 is offered for sale on the open market by an estate agent experienced in the sale of such properties, on the terms outlined in paragraph 3.2 of this report.
2. That should the above disposal be by public auction, authority is delegated to the Council's Valuer to set the guide and reserve prices in consultation with the Auctioneers.

Voting	In Favour	11
	Against	0
	Abstentions	1

MEETING CLOSED 7.48PM

CHAIRMAN