

**MINUTES
CABINET**

Thursday 6 April 2017

Councillor John Clarke (Chair)

Councillor Michael Payne
Councillor Peter Barnes
Councillor David Ellis

Councillor Gary Gregory
Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth
Councillor Henry Wheeler

Officers in Attendance: L Parnell, M Hill, J Robinson, D Wakelin, M Cryer,
J Gray, J Sheil, P Whitworth and F Whyley

83 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None received.

84 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 MARCH 2017.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record.

85 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Councillor Clarke declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Bestwood Country Park Collaborative Agreement, as a member of the decision making body at Nottinghamshire County Council who had approved the agreement.

86 WOODBOROUGH CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

The Service Manager, Planning Policy, introduced the report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, seeking approval for the Woodborough Conservation Area Character Appraisal including proposed boundary changes to the Conservation Area and approval of the Management Plan which is included within the appraisal.

RESOLVED to:

- a) Approve the appended Woodborough Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan and the recommended boundary changes therein; and

- b) Authorise the Service Manager of Planning Policy to notify the Secretary of State of the boundary changes, and advertise the boundary changes as required by statute.

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SHARED SERVICE FOR PROCUREMENT SERVICES

The Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance presented the report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, seeking approval for the Council to enter into a Shared Service contract for Procurement Services through the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Procurement Unit.

RESOLVED:

- a) To agree to the proposal to enter into a shared service arrangement for the provision of procurement services via the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Procurement Unit (NDPU) hosted by Bassetlaw District Council; and
- b) That the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance be authorised to represent Gedling Borough Council on the Joint Procurement Board as part of the shared service arrangement.

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BESTWOOD COUNTRY PARK COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT

Councillor Clarke, having declared an interest in the item, left the meeting.

The Service Manager, Parks and Street Care, presented a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, seeking approval to enter into a collaborative arrangement with Nottinghamshire County Council for the joint management of general operations and the visitor offer at Bestwood Country Park.

RESOLVED to:

- a) approve the establishment of a collaborative arrangement between Nottinghamshire County Council and Gedling Borough Council for the management of general operations and visitor offer at Bestwood Country Park;
- b) Authorise the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance in consultation with the Director of Organisational Development and Democratic Services to negotiate and conclude a collaborative agreement to facilitate the collaborative arrangement; and
- c) Authorise the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance to represent Gedling Borough Council on the Governance Board established as part of the collaborative agreement to oversee the collaborative arrangement.

Councillor Clarke re-entered the meeting,

89 SOUTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY

The Housing Strategy and Development Officer presented a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, updating Members on the development of the South Nottinghamshire Homelessness Strategy 2017-2021 following wider consultation and prior to final drafting

RESOLVED to:

- a) Note the progress on the South Nottinghamshire Homelessness Strategy.
- b) Agree that the strategy is presented again to Cabinet later in the year in its final format so seek approval to publish once the implications of the Homelessness Reduction Bill are fully known.

90 FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to a report of the Service Manager, Elections and Members' Services, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, detailing the Executive's draft Forward Plan for the next four month period.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

91 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

Councillor Michael Payne (Resources and Reputation)

- Customers can now change their circumstances for Council Tax online.
- Staff mileage and expense claims can now be made online.
- The Communications Team had recently led on arranging the Pride of Gedling Awards with Nottingham Evening Post, which were superb.
- The "Keep Me Posted" service was advertised when council tax bills were sent out. This resulted in an additional 1000 subscribers.
- An April fool's video about dog fouling posted to social media by the Communications Team had received 22,000 views and had appeared on 80,000+ Facebook timelines.
- The IT team had been working with the Department of Work and Pensions' Job Centre to provide training and advice about computer use and providing information about grants to get a computer.

Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth (Growth and Regeneration)

- The examination of the Local Plan has now concluded and the inspector had requested some updated information.
- An application had been made to the Homes and Communities Agency capacity funding to be used to deliver a number of projects aimed at bringing forward land for development.
- 2 business engagement events, in Calverton and Arnold, had been held and had been well received. A further two events are planned to take place.
- Industrial Strategy is out for consultation.
- A consultation on East Midlands Trains services is ongoing and a specific consultation will take place in Netherfield.
- Shareware now providing good quality clothing free of charge at the Beacon Church.
- Confirmation had been received that Sainsbury would build a superstore at the Colwick Loop Road site by 2020. The Leader asked that the Chief Executive and Member of Parliament be thanked for their lobbying of the company.

Councillor David Ellis (Public Protection)

- The Council have been approved as part of the Notts Hygiene Accreditation Scheme to use the scheme to rate businesses providing tattoos, piercings and semi-permanent make up.
- A series of training courses on modern slavery had been held and attended by the Portfolio Holder.
- The Portfolio Holder attended the final event of Women's Month, a performance of the Vagina Monologues at the Bonington Theatre.

Councillor Gary Gregory (Community Development)

- The Heritage Lottery Big Group had now had their first meeting.
- The Portfolio Holder had contacted Age UK about developing pop up shops in the Arnold area for the Men in Sheds and Arnold Arts Society.
- Ley Street park project opened by the Mayor.
- The Portfolio Holder had attended a meeting of the Senior's Council, which had been well organised and a number of projects had been set out.
- It had been agreed that part of Arnot Hill Park would be designated no smoking during Arnold Carnival.
- Arnold Arts Society would celebrate their 50th anniversary at Pondhills on the 10th of May.
- A book festival would be held from the 17th to 22nd of July.

Councillor Peter Barnes (Environment)

- The Gedling Country Park visitor building was under construction and the park had been very busy over the weekend.
- Litter and dog fouling remain a problem across the Borough.

Councillor Henry Wheeler (Housing, Health and Well-being)

- Nottingham North East CCG had indicated that they are facing significant efficiency saving targets and were looking at combining resources with neighbours.
- Gedling was the first district to submit a formal bid to the Sport England local plans fund, covering health and wellbeing broadly.
- A sugar awareness campaign was to begin on 19 May.
- A very successful event had been held at Carlton Forum Leisure Centre with 237 swims in one day, free squash and table tennis and access to the health suite as part of International Women's Day.
- A young person was now taking part in the tobacco declaration working group aiming to get schools on board.
- Work was being undertaken to look at co-ordinating efforts across the public and third sector around domestic violence, sexual abuse and incest.

Councillor John Clarke (Leader of the Council)

- The Leader and Leader of the Opposition were looking at undertaking fundraising for a young person that they met at the Pride of Gedling awards.
- Age UK would be using Arnot Hill Park for their 75th national celebration.
- The Leader had recently met with Ariva trains regarding the local rail franchise.
- The Leader had been involved in an issue regarding the hedges at Gedling Country Park with Bloor Homes.
- The Council's Keep Me Posted service now had around 25,000 subscribers.

92 MEMBER'S QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

None.

93 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

The meeting finished at 1.55 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: