

PARISH COUNCILS LIAISON GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 12th October 2011 at Worksop Town Hall

Present:

Councillors: F Hart (Chair)
B A Bowles, H M Brand, I J Campbell, G Freeman, M T Gray, A Rhodes,
J B Rickells and J C Shephard.

Parish Council Representatives: J M Anderson, G Brown, S Chandler, H Holdaway,
P Nicholson, G Perry, P Potter, J Trowsdale
and G Wratten

Officers in attendance: J Brassington, S Brown, P Clark, L Dore, I Roebuck and
K Tarburton.

Members of Standards Committee: Councillor Mrs V A Bowles and Mr B Letherland.

Also in attendance: H Burton – NALC
James Collington – Owner/Director, Savoy Cinemas
Mark Wellberry – General Manager, Savoy Cinemas
James Trowsdale – Groundwork Creswell Ashfield and
Mansfield

12. SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES FOR 15 MINUTES TO ALLOW QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

13. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Rafferty and K Sutton and Parish Representatives D Langmead, C Fraser, W Davies, East Markham and Laneham Parish Councils.

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

(a) Members

There were no declarations of interest by Members.

(b) Officers

There were no declarations of interest by officers.

15. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13TH JULY 2011

With reference to Minute No 9(c), Grass Cutting Contracts, the Senior Manager Support Services advised that discussions were on-going.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2011 be approved.

16. MINUTES FOR ACTION.

RESOLVED that the Minutes for Action be received.

17. OUTSTANDING MINUTES LIST

With reference to Outstanding Minute No 9, Outstanding Minutes List, the Senior Manager Support Services informed the Group that a new format for Safer Neighbourhood Groups would see a reduction in the number of groups locally. There would obviously be implications from this for Local Area Partnerships.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Outstanding Minutes List be received.
2. The Senior Manager Support Services invite the Police and the Community Safety Co-ordinator to the next meeting of the Parish Councils Liaison Group.

SECTION A - ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PUBLIC

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

18. ITEMS SUBMITTED BY BASSETLAW DISTRICT COUNCIL

(a) Worksop Cinema

The Owner/Director of Savoy Cinemas, James Collington, presented a slideshow to the Committee which gave details of what the new cinema in Worksop will comprise, i.e. six screens able to seat nine hundred people in total. It will have the latest equipment in terms of screens, sound and seating. Aimed at a wide range of audiences, it will have special screenings during the daytime for senior citizens, mothers and babies and also schools. The building is on target for being water-tight at the end of November 2011 with internal fitting in January and February 2012 and completion by 5th March 2012.

The Committee asked questions regarding: special bus services to transport people to the cinema from rural areas, control of litter in the vicinity of the cinema, issues that had arisen around the cinema in Boston, film screening times in relation to bus service timetables and also ticket prices.

The Chairman thanked Mr Collington for his presentation and the information provided in response to questions from the Committee.

AGREED that the presentation be received.

(b) Groundwork Creswell Ashfield and Mansfield

The representative from Groundwork Creswell Ashfield and Mansfield (GCAM) presented a slideshow to the Committee which provided an overview of how the charity can help parish councils in the delivery of projects in their neighbourhood.

Groundwork is a national network and GCAM works locally with schools and North Nottinghamshire College to help young people prepare for the world of work and learn basic skills. It has previously worked with the Council, A1 Housing (Bassetlaw) Ltd, Nottinghamshire County Council and Manton Community Alliance. It has strong links to the community and offers local employment training opportunities.

Previous projects include: playgrounds, landscaping, community gardens, multi-use games areas, natural play, BMX tracks, paths, allotments and also bringing buildings back into community use.

The Committee asked questions regarding: funding for projects, partnership working, management of the projects, how the Trust are paid, how the work is undertaken and organised.

The Rural Officer advised that funding was also available from Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service (BCVS) and Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire (RCAN).

The Chairman thanked Mr Trowsdale for his presentation and the information provided in response to questions from the Committee.

AGREED that the presentation be received.

(c) Bassetlaw Games 2012

The Leisure and Cultural Services Manager presented a slideshow which gave details of the Bassetlaw Games Legacy Action Plan as inspired by London 2012 Olympic and Paraplegic Games. The aim is to bring Bassetlaw sporting groups, volunteers and organisations together before, during and after the 2012 Games to provide a sustainable and lasting legacy which will inspire people to participate in a wide range of sporting activities. It is also hoped that the project will promote Bassetlaw as a visitor destination.

Details of working plans, the vision and priorities of the project, the promotion of existing facilities and also partners working with a steering group and staff from the Sports Development Service were shown. A provisional programme of activities had been included in the Agenda papers. The Leisure and Cultural Services Manager added that every school child in Bassetlaw would be offered the opportunity to participate in a new sporting activity and that there will be an Olympic torch relay visiting every junior school. More groups and organisations are welcome to get involved and should contact the Sports Development Service to be included in the programme. (Worksop (01909) 534523. Email: sports.development@bassetlaw.gov.uk)

The Committee asked questions about the use of Langold Country Park in the project, cycling opportunities and the possibility of junior boxing at Carlton Parish Hall.

AGREED that the presentation be received.

(d) Domestic Fuel Purchase Scheme

The Council's Rural Officer provided information on a new community-based countywide syndicate which enables its customers to purchase heating fuel at a reduced cost. An annual membership fee, (£20 for domestic users), covers oil deliveries for a year. The minimum order is 500 litres. A local co-ordinator negotiates the best price and more orders increases their negotiating power.

Membership forms are available from RCAN: telephone Mansfield (01623) 727600 or email address: oil@rcan.org.uk

In response to questions from the Committee, the Rural Officer advised that 300 members were required to make the scheme viable and that the purchase price of oil last week had been 52p per litre.

AGREED that the verbal report be received.

19. ITEMS FROM PARISH COUNCILS

(a) Bassetlaw District Council's Recycling Policy

Having looked at the proposals in the Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) Waste Core Strategy consultation document, a representative from Mattersey Parish Council sought information regarding the implications of the requirement for Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) to achieve 50% recycling by 2020 and also the change in arrangements regarding the yellow bag system for medical waste.

The Environment Services Manager admitted that BDC was currently at the lower end of the scale for recycling when previously it had been at the top. Other authorities in Nottinghamshire were doing more but these Councils had a larger budget. While BDC is currently recycling around 23%, it is optimistically hoping to achieve 25-30% but this is without additional funding and hoping to get the best out of the services it currently has. It is hoped this will be achieved through: more bulky waste collections including recycling white goods, additional kerbside collections from flats, (these have not previously had facilities for recycling), upgraded modernised 'bring' sites, continued education of residents to get the recycling message across, an additional post in the recycling structure during the next two/three years.

BDC is the collection authority and NCC is the disposal authority and they dictate and determine where collected waste is taken. NCC signed a twenty-six year contract with waste management company Veolia Environmental Services in 2006 which included phased introduction of new recycling, composting, treatment and delivery facilities. Currently, there is a Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Mansfield which handles and sorts all the kerbside recycling collections of mixed paper, card, cans and plastic bottles for the county. A composting facility in central Nottinghamshire is planned but there is a delay to the new energy recovery facility proposed for the former Rufford Colliery site. All the District Councils are working jointly on initiatives to hit targets but for BDC this would entail additional services having to be provided, e.g. recycling garden waste and food waste. There would be an additional cost for this which would have to be paid for either through Council Tax or on a chargeable basis.

The Environment Services Manager informed the Committee that clinical waste is collected in yellow bags as hazardous waste. It is collected separately and delivered to a specialist incinerator at Nottingham which is an expensive process. NCC pay for this but it is not sustainable. It is now considered that much of the waste is not officially hazardous but is sometimes just unpleasant and offensive and it is this type that it is considered can be collected with normal waste. Where waste is still considered hazardous, it will still be collected and disposed of separately as clinical waste.

AGREED that the verbal report be received.

20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

As there was no other business to be discussed the Chairman closed the meeting.