Nottinghamshire County Council

minutes

Meeting	Culture Committee
Date	21st July 2015 (commencing at 2.00pm)

Membership
Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

John Knight (Chairman)
Pauline Allan (Vice-Chairman)

Roy Allan
Chris Barnfather
John Clarke
John Cottee
Maureen Dobson
Sybil Fielding
Tom Hollis
Roger Jackson
Mike Pringle

Ex-officio (non-voting)
A Alan Rhodes

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Pete Barker - Democratic Services
Steve Bradley - Group Manager, Cultural and Enrichment Services
Eddie Brennan - Countryside Access
Peter Gaw - Group Manager, Libraries, Archives & Information
Sally Gill - Group Manager, Planning
Derek Higton - Acting Corporate Director, CFCS
Simon Starr - Director of Sport Nottinghamshire
Angus Trundle - Countryside Access

MEMBERSHIP

The clerk to the Committee reported orally that Councillor Roy Allan had been appointed to the Committee in place of Councillor Bell for this meeting only.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 9th June 2015 were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Cottee declared a private, non-pecuniary interest in item 7, Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre & Country Park, as his work as a Councillor at Rushcliffe Borough Council brought him into contact with one of the bidders for the contract, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting on that item.

APPLICATION TO REGISTER LAND AS A TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN - THE LORDS GROUND, MANSFIELD WOODHOUSE

The Chairman reminded the Committee of their responsibilities regarding Town and Village Green decisions.

RESOLVED 2015/033

That the application is rejected for the reasons set out in the report.

APPLICATION TO REGISTER LAND AS A TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN – TOTON SIDINGS IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND DERBYSHIRE

Councillor Richard Jackson spoke against the recommendations contained in the report.

RESOLVED 2015/034

That the Committee considers the Inspector's report and rejects the Application for the reasons set out therein.

Councillor Hollis requested that his abstention from the above vote be recorded.

Councillor Dobson requested that her vote dissenting against the above decision be recorded.

SERVICE UPDATE REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 18 MAY 28 JUNE 2015

RESOLVED 2015/035

That the update on a range of initiatives being undertaken to improve and enhance the quality of life for Nottinghamshire people be noted.

SHERWOOD FOREST VISITOR CENTRE AND COUNTRY PARK– FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Steve Bradley is retiring and this will be his last Committee meeting, on behalf of the Committee the Chairman thanked Steve for his dedication and hard work over the years.

Committee will receive reports if any further significant decisions are required, in addition to receiving regular update reports.

RESOLVED 2015/036

1) That Bidder A be approved as the partner to build, manage and operate a new visitor centre for Sherwood Forest Country Park, subject to successful clarification/fine-tuning of the legal agreements described in this report

2) That approval be given to the Council entering into the necessary Legal Agreements to give effect to the project within the financial parameters as set out in the Exempt Appendix.

3) That approval be given to the delegation of authority to the Corporate Director, Children, Families and Cultural Services, in consultation with the Group Manager, Legal and Democratic Services, to approve any additions or amendments to any agreements which in their judgement are necessary to give effect to the project and which are within the financial parameters set out in the report.

SPORTS SERVICE UPDATE: DECEMBER 2014 TO MAY 2015

Simon Starr, Director of Sport Nottinghamshire, reported on the success of the secondment of the Sports Service Team.

RESOLVED 2015/037

That the progress made since the secondment of the County Council Sports Service Team to Sport Nottinghamshire in December 2014 be noted.

CO-LOCATION OF TUXFORD LIBRARY INTO TUXFORD PRIMARY ACADEMY

RESOLVED 2015/038

1) That the co-location of Tuxford Library into the Tuxford Primary Academy building be approved.

2) That a community partnership library be developed with the Tuxford Primary Academy.

WORK PROGRAMME

A report on the secondment of the County Council Sports Service Team to Sport Nottinghamshire will be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED 2015/039

That the committee's work programme be noted.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: 2015/040

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that discussions are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information described in paragraph 3 of the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

EXEMPT INFORMATION ITEM

SHERWOOD FOREST VISITOR CENTRE AND COUNTRY PARK– FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

RESOLVED: 2015/041

That the information contained in the exempt report be noted.

The meeting closed at 3.35pm.

CHAIRMAN