Nottinghamshire County Council

minutes

Meeting	Culture Committee
Date	1st November 2016 (commencing at 10.30am)

Membership
Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

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

Chris Barnfather
Alan Bell
John Clarke
John Cottee
Tom Hollis
Roger Jackson
Mike Pringle
John Wilkinson
John Wilmott

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Pete Barker	-Democratic Services
Mark Croston	-Cultural Services Commissioning Manager
Sally Gill	-Group Manager, Planning
Derek Higton	-Service Director, CFCS
Chris Jackson	-Biodiversity Officer
Mark Knight	-Group Manager, Marketing
Philippa Milbourne	-CFCS
Heather Stokes	-Team Manager, Conservation

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Peter Gaw	-Inspire
Carol Newman	-Inspire

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 6 September 2016 were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Wilkinson replaced Councillor Fielding for this meeting only.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Wilkinson declared a private interest in the item entitled 'Service Update for the Period 15 August to 9 October 2016', as it included a reference to Beeston Library and Councillor Wilkinson is Chair of the Planning & Licensing Committee, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting on that item.

Councillors Knight and Cottee each declared a private interest in the item entitled 'Inspire Update' as they are both members of the Inspire Board, which did not preclude them from speaking or voting on that item.

The Committee agreed that the order of items be changed to enable the report entitled 'Commercial Operations at Rufford Abbey Country Park' to be considered wholly in the exempt part of the meeting.

SERVICE UPDATE FOR THE PERIOD 15 AUGUST TO 9 OCTOBER 2016

RESOLVED 2016/044

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

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

SHERWOOD FOREST VISITOR CENTRE AND COUNTRY PARK – PROGRESS UPDATE

RESOLVED 2016/045

That Culture Committee notes the progress made on entering into legal agreements with the RSPB as partner to design, build and operate a new visitor centre at Sherwood Forest Country Park, to decommission the existing facilities, and the next steps.

INSPIRE UPDATE

RESOLVED 2016/046

That the update on the delivery of reading, arts and cultural activity delivered by Inspire be noted.

INSPIRE COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE AND MARKETING ACTIVITY PROTOCOL

RESOLVED 2016/047

That Members note the Inspire Communications and Marketing Activity Protocol, attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

RESPONSE TO PETITION: MAINTENANCE OF MILLENNIUM GREEN

RESOLVED 2016/048

1) That the information set out in the report regarding the management of the site be noted.

2) That it be noted that the petition has been forwarded to the Mansfield Woodhouse Millennium Green Trust to respond in their role as landowners and managers.

3) That the lead petitioners be informed accordingly and a report be presented to Full Council for the action to be noted.

THE GRIZZLED SKIPPER PROJECT IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

RESOLVED 2016/049

That Committee note the contents of the report.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2016/050

That the committee's work programme be noted.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: 2016/051

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.

COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS AT RUFFORD ABBEY COUNTRY PARK

RESOLVED: 2016/052

1) That the preferred bidder, as identified in the Exempt Appendix to the report, be awarded the contract to partner with the Council and operate and develop further the commercial operations and visitor offer at Rufford Abbey Country Park, whilst the Council continues to maintain the Park overall.

2) That the entering into the necessary Legal Agreements to give effect to the project within the financial parameters set out in the Exempt Appendix to the report, be approved.

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 Exempt Appendix to the report.

Councillor Barnfather requested that his vote dissenting against the above decisions be recorded.

The meeting closed at 12.10pm

CHAIRMAN