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NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON

8th February, 2017

PRESENT: Councillor McGilligan-Fell (in the Chair)
 Councillors Barfield, Beasant, Bolton, Bramley, Brown, Burton, Cairns, Chase, Colquhoun, Cracknell, Darby, De Freitas, Dickerson, Fenty, Goodwin, Harness, Hudson, Hyldon-King, Jackson, James, Lindley, Mickleburgh, Oxby, Parkinson, Patrick, Pettigrew, Rogers, Rudd, Shepherd, Shreeve, Stinson, Stockton, Sutton, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson.

OFFICERS:	Rob Walsh	Chief Executive
	Sharon Wroot	Director of Finance, Resources and Operations
	Simon Jones	Deputy Monitoring Officer
	Wendy Fisher	Capital and Assets Programme Manager
	Iain Lovell	Head of Communications, Marketing and Print
	Paul Windley	Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager
	Paul Wisken	Civic and Mayoral Officer

There were 16 members of the public in attendance.

NEL.144 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor took the opportunity to report on the recent high-profile visit of HMS Severn to Grimsby during which she welcomed Commodore David Elford for his first visit as well as Commander Nick Chatwin and the ship's captain, Lieutenant Commander James Reynolds. She looked forward to the further strengthening of links with the Royal Navy and congratulated Members and the wider community who had showed an interest in the visit. The Mayor gave particular thanks to ABP for ensuring the smooth operation of the visit.

The Mayor also took the opportunity to inform those present of the Mayor's Charity Challenge in April, which would involve plenty of challenges and activities for ward councillors. The Mayor thanked Members in anticipation of their support for this opportunity to reach out to all communities of the Borough.

NEL.145 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillors Barber, Brookes and Hasthorpe.

NEL.146 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Darby declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item NEL.150 relating to her role as an employee of Navigo, a director of Navigo Extra and a trustee of Care4All.

Councillor Sutton declared a personal interest in item NEL.150 relating to his position as a trustee of Linkage Community Trust.

Councillor Rogers declared a personal interest in item NEL.150 as her employment involved working with young adults.

Councillor Lindley declared a personal interest in item NEL.150 relating to his position as an employee of Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Hospitals Trust.

Councillor Shreeve declared a personal interest in item NEL.150 relating to his position as a non-executive director of Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Hospitals Trust.

Councillor Dickerson declared a personal interest in item NEL.150 relating to her role as a member on the Council of Governors of the Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Hospitals Trust.

Councillor Cracknell declared a personal interest in item NEL.150 relating to her position on the Care Plus Council of Governors.

Councillor Mickleburgh declared a personal interest in item NEL.150 relating to his role as the Dignity Champion at Fairways Care Home.

Councillor James declared a personal interest in item NEL.150 relating to her position as a director of Navigo Extra.

Councillor Stockton declared a personal interest in item NEL.150 relating to his position as the Vice Chair of Centre4.

NEL.147

URGENT BUSINESS – PETITION FOR DEBATE

The Council considered a petition received in respect of the proposed disposal of the Humberston Fitties Chalet Park.

This item was considered urgent to allow the petition be received ahead of Council's consideration of the disposal as part of the agenda for this meeting.

The Mayor invited the lead petitioner, Mr. Reynolds, to present the petition.

Mr Reynolds explained the background to the proposed disposal and commented that the aim of the petition was to support keeping the history and heritage of the site in tact while also bringing the chalet park into the 21st Century.

Councillor Patrick, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Inclusion responded to the petition and acknowledged the concerns of Mr Reynolds and the signatories to the petition. He moved that the petition be received and the matter be debated as part of the item on the agenda for this meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Oxby.

RESOLVED – That the petition be received and the matter be debated as part of the item on the agenda for this meeting.

NEL.148

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

At this point, the Mayor moved that the press and public be excluded to allow immediate consideration of the agenda item relating to the disposal of the Humberston Fitties site by way of a lease. This was seconded by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Shepherd

RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded on the grounds that discussion of the following item was likely to disclose exempt information within paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

NEL.149

HUMBERSTON FITTIES – DISPOSAL OF THE SITE BY WAY OF A LEASE

The Council considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Inclusion on the process and results of a marketing exercise to dispose of the Humberston Fitties by way of a lease. This report was considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 18th January, 2017 and was referred to Council for debate.

Councillor Patrick moved the recommendations within the report and this was seconded by Councillor Oxby.

Councillor Fenty raised a number of concerns about the potential impact of the proposed disposal on tenants of the chalet park. He felt that there was insufficient information to enable a reasonable, fair and fully informed decision. Therefore, he moved an amendment that the matter be referred to scrutiny to make sure that the correct questions had been asked as part of the bidding process, to allow a fuller

evaluation of the preferred bidder and to ensure that appropriate protection for chalet owners was assured through the process. This was seconded by Councillor Harness.

The amendment was debated and a number of queries were raised by Members with regard to the bidding process and the potential implications of the disposal. The Chief Executive and the Deputy Monitoring Officer provided advice to Council in response to these queries.

Councillor Watson then moved, in respect of the amendment, the closure motion "that the vote be put". This was seconded by Councillor Wilson, and the Mayor put this closure motion to the vote. The motion was declared carried and the amendment was put to the vote. The amendment was declared carried by 20 votes to 19.

RESOLVED - That the disposal by way of lease of the Humberston Fitties Chalet Park be referred to scrutiny to make sure that the correct questions had been asked as part of the bidding process, to allow a fuller evaluation of the preferred bidder and to ensure that appropriate protection for chalet owners was assured through the process.

At this point the meeting was briefly adjourned to allow it to be re-opened to the press and public.

NEL.150

MOTION TO THE COUNCIL

The Council considered a motion submitted in accordance with the Council's Constitution, by six Members of Council, to be proposed by Councillor Hyldon-King and seconded by Councillor Patrick as follows:

Over the last few years, but even more so in the last few weeks, councils, the NHS, charities and care providers have all been increasingly vocal about the desperate need to tackle the funding crisis in adult social care. This crisis is happening right now, meaning that councils such as North East Lincolnshire will be left shouldering the increasing burden without further support for these vital services. There is a need for government to take part in a mature conversation about how we fund social care.

As such, this Council calls for the Leader and Chief Executive to write to both the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for Health and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to express our deep concern that the recent announcement of increased flexibility regarding the use of the adult social care precept is merely a sticking plaster that will not serve, of itself, to meet the significant medium to long term challenges faced by the most vulnerable adults and families in this Borough. Furthermore, that letter should call on the Government to recognise the impact this crisis is having and to re-think the approach by taking steps to outline how it intends to work with local government and the health sector in tackling the issue.

An amendment to the Motion had been received, in accordance with the Constitution, and was moved by Councillor Beasant seconded by Councillor Rudd, requesting that the final sentence be amended to read “Furthermore, that letter should call on the Government to recognise the impact this crisis is having and to re-think *their approach by working with other political parties to bring about a political consensus*, and take steps to outline how it intends to work with local government and the health sector in tackling the issue”.

Members debated this amendment and at the conclusion of the debate, the amendment was put to the vote. A recorded vote was held in accordance with the requirements of the Council’s Standing Orders, the votes cast were recorded as follows:

For the Amendment

Councillors Barfield, Beasant, De Freitas and Rudd (4 votes).

Against the Amendment

Councillors Bolton, Bramley, Brown, Burton, Cairns, Chase, Colquhoun, Cracknell, Dickerson, Fenty, Goodwin, Harness, Hudson, Hyldon-King, Jackson, James, Lindley, McGilligan-Fell, Mickleburgh, Oxby, Parkinson, Patrick, Pettigrew, Rogers, Shepherd, Shreeve, Stinson, Stockton, Sutton, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson (34 votes).

The amendment was therefore declared lost and the debate returned to the substantive Motion. Councillor Parkinson then moved, in respect of the substantive Motion, the closure motion “that the vote be put”. This was seconded by Councillor Hudson, and the Mayor put this closure motion to the vote. The motion was declared carried and the motion was put to the vote. A recorded vote was held in accordance with the requirements of the Council’s Standing Orders, the votes cast were recorded as follows:

For the Motion

Councillors Barfield, Beasant, Bolton, Bramley, Brown, Burton, Cairns, Chase, Colquhoun, Cracknell, De Freitas, Dickerson, Fenty, Goodwin, Harness, Hudson, Hyldon-King, Jackson, James, Lindley, McGilligan-Fell, Mickleburgh, Oxby, Parkinson, Patrick, Pettigrew, Rogers, Rudd, Shepherd, Shreeve, Stinson, Stockton, Sutton, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson (38 votes).

Against the Motion

None.

RESOLVED – That the Leader and Chief Executive write to both the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for Health and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to express the Council’s deep concern that

the recent announcement of increased flexibility regarding the use of the adult social care precept was merely a sticking plaster that would not serve, of itself, to meet the significant medium to long term challenges faced by the most vulnerable adults and families in this Borough. Furthermore, that letter should call on the Government to recognise the impact this crisis is having and to re-think the approach by taking steps to outline how it intends to work with local government and the health sector in tackling the issue.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.