



### **Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 18 March 2009**

Present were Councillors B Slade (Chairman), Mrs J Anderson, Mrs J M Andrews, Mrs J Bradford, A D Foster, A M Laird, Mrs L Laird, Mrs J Madden, Mrs A L Rushforth, Mrs C Stringer, and Mrs K E Usher.

In attendance were the Acting Clerk C McMahon, Acting Financial Officer J C Kirk and Mrs S J Bailey, Assistant Clerk & Financial Officer, 40+ members of the public and 2 member of the press.

Before the commencement of the meeting Graham Sinclair gave a presentation on the proposed Maltby Academy. He responded to questions asked by Councillors and members of the public. No vote taken or asked for.

The chairman thanked Mr Sinclair for his presentation.

#### **189/08 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The following questions were raised by members of the public which were responded to by the Chairman, Councillors, or other members of the public:

- a) Thanking the council for their support by hiring a solicitor to defend Maltby Town Council against the Employment Tribunal.
- b) If the public questions were always minuted.
- c) A request under the FOI for the 3 quotes for the engagement of solicitors representing Maltby Town Council.
- d) For the support from Maltby Town Council regarding extra car parking spaces at the new combined Leisure and Service Centre.
- e) Concerns over where the money for the cost of the solicitors and the possibility of compensation being paid out to the former Clerk was coming from as the precept had not been increased. The Chairman responded stated that it would be out of reserves.
- f) Problem with the minutes and always have been.
- g) Why wasn't the Councillors covered by insurance to protect themselves from solicitors costs.
- h) The total of the invoices owed to Wake, Smith and Tofields todate. A member of the public stated that it wasn't all our side as the other side have written and spoke to the solicitors
- i) Maltby Festival accounts had been handed to the Acting Clerk without going through the Maltby Festival Committee.

#### **190/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Councillors M V Ainsworth, Mrs B Fuller-Ainsworth, M J Bradford, P Scholey, and K F Stringer

#### **191/08 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST**

Councillors J C Kirk Item 9 - Grants. Councillors Mrs J Anderson and Mrs J Bradford Item 14 - Maltby Festival.

192/08 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was agreed not to exclude the press and public from any items.

193/08 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CHAIRMAN

The chairman stated that he had not received any communications.

When doubts were expressed as to the validity of this statement made by the chair and it was pointed out that the Acting Clerk had been informed that the documents had been sent to Councillor B Slade, his reply was to the effect was that he believed that he had only received copies sent out to the Acting Clerk and not the originals.

The Chairman was asked if the outstanding invoice for the work prior to 24 September 2008 had been paid. Councillor Mrs A L Rushforth reminded the council that the decision had been made and passed that the invoice from Wake Smith and Tofield before the 24 September 2008 was not going to be paid by the Council. The chairman responded that he had paid an invoice for work carried out up to June 2008.

Councillor A D Foster was asked why he had informed Mr Serby that Councillor B Slade had delegated powers to which he responded that it was to stop the council giving the ex-clerk a large sum of money.

Councillor Mrs C Stringer asked the Chairman why he hadn't read out a copy letter sent to T Mumford complaining about Councillors behaviour toward the Assistant Clerk and Financial Officer.

**RECOMMENDED:** that the above be noted

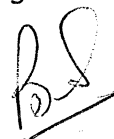
194/08 MINUTES OF THE PREMISES AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2009

**RESOLVED:** that (a) the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11 February 2009 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and (b) the recommendations of the committee be confirmed as full resolutions of the Council.

Matters Arising: Minute no P76/08 (d) Councillor Mrs J Anderson stated that the Acting Clerk has said the kitchen refurb would cost £500. Councillor Mrs K E Usher said she wanted to see the quotes obtained. Councillors Mrs J Bradford and A D Foster stated that the Clerk does not have delegated powers to sanction work at the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall without prior council decision. The Acting Clerk disputed this and will provide the Councillors with the relevant minute number.

195/08 MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2009.

**RESOLVED:** the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18 February 2009 confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

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196/08 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2009

**RESOLVED:** (a) the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25 February 2009 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and (b) the recommendations of the committee be confirmed as full resolutions of the Council.

197/08 MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2009

**RESOLVED:** that (a) the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4 March 2009 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and (b) the recommendations of the committee be confirmed as full resolutions of the Council.

198/08 COMMUNICATION FROM THE STANDARDS BOARD

The Standards Board gave notice that the Chairman B Slade's Adjudication Panel hearing will be held on 30 April 2009 at the Aston Hotel, Sheffield.

**RESOLVED:** that the above be noted.

199/08 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENT TO WAKE, SMITH AND TOFIELDS SOLICITORS

**RESOLVED:** that invoices for January and February be paid and that the Acting Clerk be authorised to pay further invoices in connection with the Industrial Tribunal Case.

200/08 RECORDING OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**RESOLVED:** To place on the agenda for next month for discussion,

201/08 APPLYING CONDITIONS FOR GRANTS OVER £100

**RESOLVED:** that the F&GP committee apply conditions on an individual basis to any grants over £100.

202/08 MALTBY FESTIVAL

Due to the problems outlined in the public session with the accounts it was decided that this item be considered at the next F&GP meeting.

**RESOLVED:** Maltby Festival Grant to be an agenda item on the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting.

203/08 JOB DESCRIPTION AND ASSOCIATED PAPERWORK FOR POST OF CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER

**RESOLVED:** that the council proceed to advertising the post of clerk using the job description and terms of employment provided by YLCA and that YLCA be approached to advertise the vacancy.



204/08 ITEMS FROM THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS

- DIS Issue No 699 – 22 December 2008
- YLCA – Branch meeting 21 February 2009, Thrybergh Parish Hall
- LCR – January 2009

All the above items were tabled.

205/08 Planning Lists

Planning lists Nos: 7, 8, 9 and 10 were tabled.

206/08 Routine correspondence

- Thank you letters for the Maltby Town Council donations from the following: The Salvation Army, Rotherham District Explorer Scouts – Maltby Unit, Maltby Redwood School.
- Travelmaster – Increase in fares
- Yorkshire and the Humber Rural Affairs Forum
- Communities and Local Government – Communities in control – 2 booklets.

207/08 Routine RMBC Correspondence

- Streetpride Champions- Booklets
- RMBC – Rotherham's Cultural Magazine – Winter
- RMBC – Rotherham Tourism Forum meeting 27 January 2009.
- RMBC – MUSE – Winter 2008

208/08 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The following items were raised by:

- a) Councillor Mrs J M Andrews asked if there was any training available locally for Councillors. The Acting Clerk agreed to obtain from YLCA.

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 15 April 2009.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

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