



Rutland County Council

Catmose Oakham Rutland LE15 6HP
Telephone 01572 722577 Facsimile 01572 758307 DX 28340 Oakham

Record of a meeting of the **PLACES SCRUTINY PANEL** held in the Council Chamber, Catmose, Oakham at 7.00 pm on **Thursday 13 March 2014**

- PRESENT:**
- Mr J T Dale (Chairman, in the Chair)
 - Mr M E Baines
 - Mr W J Cross
 - Mr D C Hollis
 - Mr J Lammie
 - Mr J R Muntton
 - Mr M A Oxley
 - Mr D L Richardson
 - Mrs C L Vernon
 - Mrs C Cartwright
- OFFICERS PRESENT:**
- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| Miss S Bingham | Corporate Support Officer |
| Mrs V Brambini | Director for Places (Development and Economy) |
| Mr D Brown | Director for Places (Environment, Transport and Planning) |
| Mr R Clayton | Culture & Leisure Services Manager |
| Mr B Culpin | Senior Planning Policy Officer |
| Mr A Daynes | Corporate Support Team Manager |
| Mr J Frieland | Oakham Enterprise Park Business Manager |
| Mrs M Green | Accountant |
| Mrs C Malyon | Sports Development Manager |
| Mr P Parmar | Property Manager |
| Mr P Phillipson | Incoming - Director for Places (Development and Economy) |
- IN ATTENDANCE:**
- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| Mr T C King | Portfolio Holder for Places (Development) and Finance |
| Mr M D A Pocock | Portfolio Holder for Places (Environment & Transport) and Resources |
- ALSO PRESENT**
- Mr Richard Gale
 - Mr N Wainwright
 - Mrs G Waller
- APOLOGIES:**
- Mr B Montgomery

836 RECORD OF MEETINGS

The Record of the Meeting of the Places Scrutiny Panel held on 28 November 2013, copies of which had been previously circulated, was confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Record of the Special Meeting of the Places Scrutiny Panel held on 15 January 2014, copies of which had been previously circulated, was confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

837 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

For the record:

In respect of item 14, Barleythorpe Hall:-

- Mr Hollis stated that he had used an interested developer previously, therefore he would take no part and would leave the meeting during consideration of this item.

838 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

No Petitions, Deputations or Questions had been received.

839 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS

No Questions with Notice from members had been received.

840 NOTICES OF MOTION FROM MEMBERS

No Notices of Motion had been received from Members.

841 CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER REFERRED TO THE PANEL FOR A DECISION IN RELATION TO CALL IN OF A DECISION

No matter had been referred to the Panel for a decision in relation to call-in of a decision in accordance with Procedure Rule 206.

The Chairman agreed to alter the order of the agenda so that Report No. 65/2014, Barleythorpe Hall and Report No. 48/2014, Oakham Enterprise Park Sports Centre, would be considered as the next items of business.

842 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was recommended that the public and the press be excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1092, as amended, and in accordance with the Access to Information provisions of

Procedure rule 239, as the following item of business was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

RESOLVED

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1092, as amended, and in accordance with the Access to Information provisions of Procedure rule 239, as the following items of business were likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

---oOo---

Mr Hollis left the meeting at this point.

---oOo---

843 BARLEYTHORPE HALL

Report No. 65/2014 from the Director for Places (Development and Economy) was received the purpose of which was to update Members on revised offers received for Barleythorpe Hall and the proposal from a third party to remarket jointly.

The Chairman, Mr Dale, invited the Portfolio holder Portfolio Holder for Places (Development) and Finance, Mr T King, to introduce the report.

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- i. Page 79, Appendix B the offer stated 'gross with' this should be 'net of'.
- ii. There had been discussions with the community and ward members before Christmas regarding the development area and the access to it.
- iii. The council had received revised and counter offers for the site; with the current offers the panel could consider retention of the site to be an option.
- iv. All future development of the site would be subject to planning consent being approved.
- v. Professional advice has been sought by the Council on the all bids. This considered the current offer as a reasonable offer.
- vi. The site could be mothballed but this would lead to further deterioration.
- vii. The information and cost of any planning application that has been made by the Council for this site could be provided to the chair in due course.
- viii. Casterton Business & Enterprise College (CBEC) has previously stated that the building would not be suitable for a college and this would not be in the community's interests.
- ix. No joint development is being considered by the Council.
- x. The acreage of the site to be supplied after the meeting.
- xi. Dividing the site into two plots had been considered.
- xii. The information that is available to ward members and the community is that

During the discussion the following points were raised:

- i. This is a positive chance to sell Barleythorpe Hall, and for the structure and heritage of the building to remain on the site.
- ii. Concern was raised regarding the level of offers received and that they were significantly lower than previous offers which were rejected when the proposed development was smaller.
- iii. The current offer is welcomed. This is a specialist development opportunity. No one knows what will happen to the market going forward.
- iv. Happy for the delegated powers to officers and the portfolio holder to make the decision.
- v. Concerns were raised regarding a planning application submitted by the Council and the cost of the work undertaken to submit this.

AGREED:

- i. The Panel noted the contents of report 65/2014 and the majority of members supported the sale of the site to the preferred bidder.

---oOo---

Mr Hollis re-joined the meeting

---oOo---

844 OAKHAM ENTERPRISE PARK SPORTS CENTRE

Report No. 48/2014 from the Director for Places (Development and Economy) was received the purpose of which was to seek Members' support to proceed with the proposed project and for support of the draft business plan in order to achieve this. The approval of the Council's funding bid to Sport England had resulted in a Lottery Funding Agreement with a set of conditions which require acceptance. This was in addition to the requirement for partnership funding (approved as part of Key Decision 157 in consideration of Report 152/2013 in July 2013).

The Chairman, Mr Dale, invited the Portfolio Holder for Places (Development) and Finance, Mr T King, to introduce the report

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- i. Section 106 funds were negotiated with Sainsbury's after demolition of the gymnasium on the old Rutland College site.
- ii. Funding has come from the successful Sports England bid with the

- iii. Facilities that would be offered to the community, this would be to clubs, not on a 'pay and play' basis as this would be in direct competition with the facilities at Catmose College run by Stevenage Leisure. Stevenage Leisure is a non-profitmaking organisation, which is an asset to the council.
- iv. The Judo club has moved onto the site and there is interest from the Gymnastics club which currently uses village halls. It is hoped that the facility will attract people from outside Rutland.
- v. Sport England have some flexibility in the time scales.
- vi. Plans for the new facility at Oakham Enterprise Park include a community multi-purpose studio that will be designed to include dance but not exclusively. Dance groups requiring a higher specification will be referred to Catmose Sports Centre where there are two dance studios with sprung floors.

During the discussion the following points were raised:

- i. Concerns over the use of the site going to clubs.
- ii. Concerns over leisure facilities in Rutland being on two sites and the potential for overlap.
- iii. Impressed with the facilities on the site and welcomed the opportunity for the community to use the facilities in the future.
- iv. Concerns that the timescale set out by Sport England are tight, applauded officers' work on this project.
- v. The facilities should be promoted for use to disabled groups also.

AGREED:

- i. The Panel noted the contents of report 48/2014 and the majority of members supported the recommendations.

---oOo---

Mr Frieland, Mr Parmar, Mrs Maylon and Mr Clayton left the meeting and did not return.

---oOo---

845 The exempt session was closed at this point and the public and press were readmitted to the meeting.

---oOo---

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY CHARGING SCHEDULE

The Chairman, Mr Dale, invited Mr Culpin to give a Verbal update, the purpose of which was to update Members on the Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule.

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- i. There were confirmed and proposed regulation changes on Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).
- ii. Confirmed changes were:
 - Residential extensions, annexes and self builds will be exempt from CIL.
 - Changes to the size of dwelling that was applicable to CIL.
 - There was to be scaling back on the section 106 and CIL, this will not take place for 12 months.
- iii. Proposed change:
 - Developments of less than 10 dwellings was not to be subject to Section 106 or CIL.
- iv. Dwellings demolished and larger properties built in place are subject to Section 106 and CIL for the net increase in the size of the dwelling.
- 846 v. There was modification of Section 106 to mirror CIL on self builds; this was in the regulations if more information was needed.

SPEED LIMIT AND ACCESS RESTRICTION REVIEW

Report No. 64/2014 from the Director for Places (Environment, Planning and Transport) was received the purpose of which was to consider proposals to change speed limits.

The Chairman, Mr Dale, invited the Portfolio Holder for Places (Environment & Transport) and Resources, Mr M Pocock, to introduce the report

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- i. The approved locations on the report have been recommended by the police. These can be reviewed. The Chair will take concerns to Cabinet.
- ii. The community are happy with the new speed restrictions;
- iii. The cost of implementation would be covered by the Parish Councils. The County Council could consider paying the cost for this implementation and recover this from the Parish Councils at a later date.
- iv. The Council have previously reduced the quantity of signing in Rutland; therefore, no unnecessary signing would be used.

During the discussion the following points were raised:

- i. Concern that the cost of the scheme would be charged to the Parish Council that suggested the change, not necessarily the village that the new speed limit would be implemented in. The Chair will take this concern to cabinet and feedback the answer to panel members.

- ii. The proposed change to the speed limit in Oakham (pg. 12 of report), could this not be reviewed at the same time as the speed limit to Oakham Bypass.
- iii. Concern was raised regarding the following individual locations:
 - Empingham (pg.11) - starting location of the proposed speed limit on Whitwell Road, Empingham.
 - Empingham (pg.17) - The report states Whitwell Road; this should be Edith Weston Road. Disappointment that this proposal has been rejected.
 - Empingham (pg.13) – Further review requested as the proposal was rejected.

AGREED:

- 847
- i. Subject to costing covered by the County Council and recovered from the Parish Council at a later date and further reviews of individuals proposals, the Panel supported the recommendations in the report.

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT POLICY

Report No. 59/2014 from the Director for Places (Environment, Planning and Transport) was received the purpose of which was to review the Council's Planning Enforcement Policy.

Members held no discussion on this item.

AGREED:

- 848
- i. The Panel noted the contents of report 59/2014 and recommended to cabinet that the revised policy is adopted.

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT – QUARTER 3 2013/2014

Report No. 36/2014 from the Chief Executive was received the purpose of which was to report on the Council's Performance for the third quarter of 2013/14 and the year to date.

Members held no discussion on this item.

AGREED:

- 849
- i. The Panel noted the contents of report 36/2014.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT – QUARTER 3 2013/2014

Report No. 31/2014 from the Chief Executive was received the purpose of which

was to report on how the Council was performing against its revenue and capital budgets and report a forecast year end outturn position as at 31 December 2013.

Members held no discussion on this item.

AGREED:

850

- i. The Panel noted the contents of report 31/2014.

STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

Report No. 66/2014 from the Director of Resources Was received the purpose of which was to update the Places Scrutiny Panel on the current status of the Risk Register.

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- i. Risk 23 (pg.70 of report)
 - Monies from Sport England have now been released;
 - Defects have been identified and will be resolved over the summer 2014;
 - The site had undertaken a large amount of demolition and an appraisal of this will be taken forward.

During discussion the following points were raised:

- i. Risk 27 (pg. 65 of report). Mr R Gale requested that his concerns be noted in the minutes that the harassment of the three UKIP councillors should stop. This item has been raised at other Scrutiny Panels. Mr Gale would like to know which Scrutiny Panel this items was to be discussed at. Mrs V Brambini identified that an email had been sent to all councillors and the Monitoring Officer regarding this matter. Mr T King requested that a copy of the email to be circulated with the minutes for this meeting.

AGREED:

851

- i. The Panel noted the contents of report 66/2014.

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND TOPICS

WORK PROGRAMME 2013/2014 AND REVIEW OF FORWARD PLAN

The Panel was asked to consider the Forward Plan and Work Programme 2013/2014.

The Chairman, Mr Dale, asked for comment and questions.

During the discussion the following points were raised:

- i. The panel requested a financial report on each Capital Project.

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- 852 i. All financial information for Capital Projects was outlined in the Financial Management Report – Quarter 3 2013/2014. The Chair was asked to look into the development of this report as it would be a large undertaking of work.

ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

- i. Change of date of the Children’s Scrutiny Panel from the 1 May 2014 to 24 April 2014.
- 853 ii. The Chair wished Mrs V Brambini all the best for the future and thanked her on behalf of the Places Scrutiny Panel for all her time and effort she had put in.

DATE AND PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 2 April 2014 (Special Meeting)

---oOo---

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

---oOo---