

SADDLEWORTH & LEES DISTRICT EXECUTIVE
14/11/2013 at 7.30 pm



Present: Councillor Beeley (Chair)
Councillors Alexander, Harkness, Heffernan, McCann, Roughley
and Sheldon

Officers in attendance:
Michele Carr AED Neighbourhoods, Housing and
 Planning
Christine Chester Constitutional Services
Lisa MacDonald District Co-ordinator

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hudson
and Sedgwick.

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

The Chair, Councillor Beeley, advised that she wished to
introduce an item of Urgent Business relating to the new
Saddleworth School. This item related to a statement to be
made to the press which required approval by the District
Executive. This item was taken as the final agenda item.
Councillor Beeley advised that as the Borough's representatives
of the district she considered that a statement should be
released reflecting the views of the District Executive on the
proposed siting of the new Saddleworth School.

The Chair read out the following statement for Members'
approval:

"The Saddleworth & Lees District Executive support the principle
of a new school for Saddleworth and Lees and strongly
appreciate the need for modern, fit for purpose facilities in the
Saddleworth area.

If the only feasible site is part of the former WH Shaw Pallet
Works, then the District Executive would support the
development of this area to ensure that the opportunity for a
new school for the children of Saddleworth & Lees is not lost. "

A discussion took place relating to the content of the statement.
In view of the outcome of the discussion it was suggested that a
recorded vote be taken on this item and in accordance with
Council Procedure rule 12.3 at least five Members requested a
recorded vote on this Amendment.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Councillor Alexander	FOR	Councillor McCann	FOR
Councillor Beeley	FOR	Councillor Roughley	FOR
Councillor Harkness	FOR	Councillor Sedgwick	ABSENT
Councillor Heffernan	FOR	Councillor Sheldon	AGAINST

Councillor Hudson ABSENT

On being put to the vote SIX VOTES were cast IN FAVOUR and ONE AGAINST.



It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the above statement be released to the press at the earliest opportunity.

Note: Councillors Hudson and Sedgwick were both absent from this meeting.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No public questions had been received.

5 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2013 be approved as a correct record.

6 **PETITIONS**

No petitions had been received.

7 **SADDLEWORTH AND LEES BUDGET REPORT AND APPENDIX 1**

In considering the applications for funding Members expressed concern that this was the third time that funding had been sought to support The Diggle Blues Festival and stated that they were not in favour of year on year applications.

It was suggested that, in view of the fact that there were only two meetings of the District Executive on the calendar for the Municipal Year 2011/12, Members should give consideration as to how the remaining funds should be spent.

An Elected Member suggested that enquiries be made into the possibility of a Group belonging to the National Rural Touring Association - staging an event in the area with some support from the District Executive. Councillor Roughley offered to research this project.

Mention was also made of the possibility of funding additional Defibrillators for the district.

RESOLVED that:

1. The budget available for 2013/14 be noted;
2. The budget commitments made be noted;
3. Provisional funding of £5,000 be allocated to support applications for the refurbishment of the tennis courts at Churchill Playing Fields;
4. A final sum of £1,000 be allocated to support the Diggle Blues Festival 2014.
5. The District Executive look into the possibility of staging and supporting a performance in the area by a group from the National Rural Touring Association.

6. The District Executive look into the possibility of providing more defibrillators in Saddleworth and Lees.



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DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Saddleworth and Lees District Executive will take place on Thursday 30th January 2014 at 7.30pm.

The meeting started at 7.40 pm and ended at 8.20 pm