

## MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

21 JANUARY 2014

### ITEM 7 – MOTIONS

#### AMENDMENT TO MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR A V SMITH

##### Process

- a. The changes set out in paragraph 1 below indicate the proposed additions, deletions and amendments to the original motion. Members are asked to vote on these changes.
- b. Should these changes be accepted, Members will then be asked to vote on the amended motion as shown in paragraph 2 overleaf.
- c. Should the changes not be accepted, Members will be asked to vote on the original motion as set out in the agenda.

#### 1. PROPOSED CHANGES

**RETAIN** Council understands that as a result of government cuts Leicestershire County Council have made it clear they are unable to sustain Snibston Discovery Museum and are looking to reduce the offering to visitors by redevelopment focusing on mining and the scheduled ancient monument.

**ADD** However, this Council recognises the importance of honouring the past coal mining history and heritage of this district and that the educational aspect of Snibston Discovery Park is available in the future within Coalville in a sustainable way.

**DELETE** North West Leicestershire District Council is ambitious for Coalville and believes that the loss of a major part of this attraction will have a significant negative impact on Coalville. The loss of footfall to the remaining colliery museum is likely to render it unviable.

**ADD** We would like to see the other aspects of the museum i.e the fashion gallery, being retained and accessible to the public in a specialised facility to protect the textiles, wherever that may be.

**ADD** The Council is also very keen to ensure the country park is retained and ideally enhanced. The ongoing provision of the Century Theatre would also be of significance

**AMEND** We ~~would~~ therefore support ~~moves for a~~ **the** community organisation or trust **and other interested groups in having discussions with Leicestershire County Council to take on the running of Snibston so that current facilities can be retained and improved upon.**

**DELETE** We call on Leicestershire County Council to realise this is a major community asset for North West Leicestershire and wider afield and to refocus their objectives for Snibston Discovery Museum towards engagement with the community to secure the future of this vital attraction”.

## **2. AMENDED MOTION IN ITS ENTIRETY**

“Council understands that as a result of government cuts Leicestershire County Council have made it clear they are unable to sustain Snibston Discovery Museum and are looking to reduce the offering to visitors by redevelopment focusing on mining and the scheduled ancient monument. However, this Council recognises the importance of honouring the past coal mining history and heritage of this district and that the educational aspect of Snibston Discovery Park is available in the future within Coalville in a sustainable way.

We would like to see the other aspects of the museum i.e the fashion gallery, being retained and accessible to the public in a specialised facility to protect the textiles, wherever that may be.

The Council is also very keen to ensure the country park is retained and ideally enhanced. The ongoing provision of the Century Theatre would also be of significance.

We would therefore support the community and other interested groups in having discussions with Leicestershire County Council regarding their plans”.