

Notes on the Meeting of South Ribble Borough Council on Wednesday, 15th February 2006 at West Paddock.

Attended by Cllrs Mrs M Gray and Mrs I Smith.

Meeting took place in the Shield Room, Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland where there was ample parking.

There was an Executive Cabinet meeting immediately before the Full Council meeting, so more or less all of the Borough Councillors were present but the members not on the Cabinet were in the Public Gallery Section at this meeting. The acoustics were bad even though there were microphones in use in both the meetings (this could probably have been sorted out by member training).

At Executive Cabinet the Mayor invites councillors first and then the public to ask questions, make statements or comments on each item after the Executive members have debated the subject but before a vote is taken.

We were allowed to stay in whilst the Executive Cabinet debated a confidential item by special permission, although the members of the public that were present and the press were asked to leave.

The Full Council Meeting started with a prayer from the Mayor's Chaplain.

After each Agenda item was discussed by the Executive Cabinet members at the Full Council Meeting all councillors present were invited to ask questions, make statements or comments on each item. After being answered by the Executive Member on each the subject the public was allowed to speak before a vote was taken.

There were 2 members of the public besides Cllr Mrs M Gray and myself. One of these appears to be either an ex councillor or a Parish Councillor. He was present at a previous planning meeting we attended and asks a question or tries to make a statement at each step in the proceedings.

The member of the public questioned or spoke on every item, he even challenged the choice of Mayor Elect. He was told to sit down. Apparently it was not the first time he had been told to sit down and be careful about his demeanour or he would be removed from the room.

An accumulative time of 3 minutes is given to each member of the public to speak to the full agenda.

Report prepared by Cllr Mrs I Smith

