

Cabinet Meeting – 16 December 2021

Written Answers Provided To Public Questions

Question of Mr Johnson to Councillor Mark Jones (Cabinet Member for Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change)

Q. At a previous meeting, I asked when and how the Leader became aware of the alleged wrist injury suffered by a member of Amey/Servoca staff during the opposition to illegal tree felling on Meersbrook Park Road. The question was passed to cabinet member Cllr Jones. Despite a reminder, no response has been forthcoming, either from Cllr Jones or from the Leader. Could the Leader please honestly answer the question now and have this minuted for the public record?

A. Sorry for the delay in getting this back to you. I've reviewed documents provided by officers and discussed further.

Our system logs indicate that an incident occurred on the 22/01/2018. An unidentified individual was reported to have been taken to hospital for an X-ray after sustaining an injured wrist. This incident occurred at Meersbrook Park, Meersbrook Road. It was reported that a subcontractor, working for Amey had logged the incident with the HSE, as the relevant employer of the injured individual.

Question of Mr Johnson to Councillor Julie Dore (Leader of the Council)

Q. I wonder whether, as a positive parting gesture and as a step towards detoxifying the Sheffield Labour 'brand', Cllr Dore might advise her successor to initiate an Independent Inquiry or a meaningful Truth & Reconciliation process around the Street Tree Scandal? This could be achieved without loss of face as part of the transfer of leadership and be presented as a welcome 'new broom' approach, beginning the necessary rehabilitation of our City in the perception of people locally and nationally.

A. It is solely the decision of the new Leader if he wishes to initiate any new policy, procedure and practice whilst in office. Please make representation to the new Leader if you so wish to continue to pursue this. I have received several questions regarding this issue from both opposition councillors and members of the public at both Cabinet and Council, and you will find my response in the relevant minutes if you would care to peruse via the website.

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