

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Draft Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Calne on Monday 25th March 2019

PRESENT: Cllr Glenis Ansell – Town Mayor
Cllr Robert Merrick – Deputy Town Mayor (Chairman)
Cllr Heather Canfer
Cllr David Conway
Cllr Terry Couchman
Cllr Jon Fisher
Cllr Rich Jones (*Substitute for Cllr Mark Mewett*)
Cllr Robert MacNaughton
Cllr Tony Trotman

OFFICERS: Jeannette Young – Director of Council Services
Stuart West – Head of Operations
Alison Cawkwell – Finance Officer

Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

71/18 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Widger and Cllr Mewett who was substituted by Cllr Jones.

72/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

73/18 MINUTES

It was proposed by the Chairman, Cllr Merrick, seconded by Cllr MacNaughton and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Monday 4th March 2019 as a true record, and these were signed by the Chairman.

74/18 GRANTS AND DONATIONS – LIST OF GRANTS & DONATIONS AWARDED 2018/19

The list of grants and donations awarded to date were noted by members.

74/18.1 Grant Application – Thriving Through Venture

Members discussed the grant application and there were mixed feelings as although the grant would provide four young people with an educational and social experience about how the mango farmers in the Gambia live and the benefits of engaging with local schools, it could be interpreted as going against our grant policy criteria as awarding grants to an individual is not permitted. It was also felt that as there was no other provision for youth services in the town this application should be supported.

It was therefore proposed by the Town Mayor, Cllr Ansell, seconded by Cllr MacNaughton and

RESOLVED

- 1) to award a grant of £1,600 to Thriving Through Venture to enable four local teenagers to visit The Gambia for educational and social purposes, under the General Power of Competence.
- 2) that should the necessary funding not be achieved, or this trip be cancelled for any reason, that this funding should be returned to the Town Council.

75/18 RECOMMENDATION FROM AMENITIES COMMITTEE – COMMUNITY COPSE

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, Cllr Ansell, seconded by Cllr MacNaughton and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to confirm that the fees for the planning permission and drafting of the lease for the Community Copse totalling up to £1,000, can be made from budget code 105-4159 (Legal and Professional) and to note that discussion will now commence to draft a lease which will be brought back to a future meeting for approval.

76/18 DECISION BY URGENT MATTERS COMMITTEE – FORMER YOUTH DROP IN CENTRE

The Town Mayor, Cllr Ansell, declared an interest in this Agenda Item, as Chairman of the Former Drop In Centre.

The Town Council contractual term of the tenancy for the Drop In Centre ended on 2nd November 2015. The building continued to be occupied as a 1954 Act protected tenant. Following a decision that the lease for the Drop In Centre should not be renewed, three months' notice was given and the building was vacated in August 2018. The Town Council has a liability in relation to property dilapidations and a condition survey was provided.

Negotiations culminated with a time limited offer of £4700 from the Landlord plus the prescribed fees to settle the matter.

Members noted the following decision which was made by the Urgent Matters Committee regarding the above situation concerning the Former Youth Drop In Centre:

The Urgent Matters Committee approved that a payment of £4700 be made to the Landlord from the remaining budget 110-4315 (Drop in Centre) with prescribed fees of £3600+ VAT split with £2654 coming from 105-4159 (Legal and Professional) and £946 from 110-4315 (Drop in Centre).

77/18 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

It was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr MacNaughton and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that in view of the sensitive nature of the business to be transacted, to consider lease/contract negotiations, that any public be excluded, and instructed to withdraw.

Public meeting closed at: 19:05

78/18 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, Cllr Ansell, seconded by Cllr Canfer and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the Confidential Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Monday 4th March 2019 as a true record, and these were signed by the Chairman.

79/18 RECREATION GROUND

Members received the notes from the Recreation Ground Working Group meetings held on 5th March and 20th March 2019.

Meeting Closed at: 19:15