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POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2nd May 2023.

Held face to face at Civic Offices commencing at 7.00pm.

Present

Cllr de Launey (Chairman)	Cllr. Morris-Jones MBE	Cllr. Hall
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Also in attendance: Cllr. D. Roberts and A Roberts – Deputy Town Clerk.

- 139/22 Welcome** – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 140/22 Apologies for Absence** – Were received from Cllr. Gorse – family commitment, Cllr Davis – work commitment and Cllr Hosken – other commitment. Apologies were assumed from Cllr Carter. The following members unanimously voted to accept these apologies Cllr deLauney, Cllr Morris-Jones MBE and Cllr Hall. There were no votes against and no abstentions.
- 141/22 Declarations of Interest** – None.
- 142/22 To approve the minutes and the confidential minutes of 4th April 2023** – The minutes were proposed as true and accurate records by Cllr Morris-Jones MBE, he was seconded by Cllr Hall. The following members voted in favour, Cllr deLauney, Cllr Morris-Jones MBE and Cllr Hall. There were no votes against and no abstentions.
- 143/22 Matters Arising**
- **Toilets** – The Clerk reported that the Parade toilets had been the subject of further vandalism and were currently closed and that quotations were currently awaited to enable the required repairs to be undertaken.
 - **George Evans Memorial** – The Clerk reported on the dedication event that was held on the 25th April 2023, which had been attended by a number of Councillors, family members and members of the public. It was noted that the event was successful and a number of positive comments had been received. Members were advised that the WEST team had undertaken some preparatory works to the area prior to the event.
 - **Shelter Removal** – The Clerk advised that since the previous meeting which had agreed the removal of the Bus Stand in Dawley Road, Arleston the same had since been removed. It was confirmed that the concrete base remained.
 - **SIDs** – the Clerk confirmed that the two cloud variant SIDs had been finally received and were delivered last Friday, and were pending being placed in position subject to the appropriate access to the Cloud being secured. The units had been configured to be located on the Holyhead Road and the Haygate Road adjacent to the Haygate Fields housing development. On delivery the Clerk requested the SIDs technician to attend the SIDs on Holyhead Road to check their configuration, because of enquiries that had been raised and following this he confirmed that the SIDs appeared to be working as anticipated and also commented on the locations chosen together with the correct installation of the same as being excellent. Members were advised of locations that had been identified for two of the non-cloud variants which would be substituted by the cloud variants.

- **Bowring Café Lease** – the Chairman confirmed that the new lease for the Bowring Café lease had now been completed and backdated to the 1st January 2023.
- **Coronation Plaque** – The Chairman reported that following the meeting of Full Council the WEST team had been requested to investigate the installation of the plaque on the Lych Gate, but that unfortunately this particular location was considered to be unsuitable. Further enquiries and discussions had been made by the Town Council with the plaque manufacturers who had confirmed that ideally it should be located in an inside location. The Mayor provided further information in relation to the plaque and that it should ideally be seen by a larger number of members of the public and that ideally a location should be identified within the Council building. It was reported that a number of locations were identified and that another aspect was the timed unveiling which had been confirmed as 7 May 2023 at 12:00noon on the basis of information that had been provided by the Lord Lieutenant. It was noted that a final decision in relation to the location would be made prior to the end of the week. Members noted the position.
- **Admaston House Community Centre Trust (Grant Application)** – the Clerk referred members to the grant application that had been approved in principle subject to a number of conditions that had been resolved by the Grant Panel. Members were advised that the conditions had now been met by the applicants and as a result he was now in a position to proceed with the payment of the grant if approved by the Committee. The Committee approved payment accordingly. The following members voted in favour, Cllr S de Launey, Cllr Morris-Jones MBE, and Cllr S. Hall. There were no votes against and no abstentions.

144/22 Finance – The Clerk said the relevant finance reports had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr deLauney proposed acceptance of items a-d listed below. Cllr Morris-Jones MBE seconded and the following members unanimously voted in agreement, Cllr de Launey, Cllr Morris-Jones MBE and Cllr S. Hall. There were no votes against and no abstentions.

- To agree receipts** for March 2023
- To agree payments** for March 2023
- To agree Petty Cash** for March 2023
- Receipts/Payments** – compared with budget as at 31st March 2023.

145/22 Wellington Ukraine English Speaking Club – the Chairman reported on a grant application from this group but they could not meet the usual criteria i.e. the submission of financial statements or a bank account statement – but since the grant application had been received – it had been noted that the House of Prayer Trust had agreed that any grant payment could be paid to them. Members were advised that the Group had submitted an application for £500. Cllr Morris-Jones MBE proposed that the grant should be paid and this was seconded by Cllr deLauney and resolved accordingly. The following members voted in favour, Cllr S de Launey and Cllr Morris-Jones MBE. Cllr S. Hall wished to record her abstention. There were no votes against.

146/22 To receive a report from the Regeneration Board Meeting – the Chairman reported on the technical difficulties that had been experienced at the previous meeting which had resulted in no members of staff being able to be present at the meeting. The minutes were to be drafted by the Chairman but that to date he had been unable to complete the same. This item accordingly was deferred to the next meeting.

147/22 Community Action Team – The Clerk said reports had been distributed and there were no comments from members. The latest WEST team report was tabled for the members attention. The Committee were referred to the many positive comments and feedback

which had been received. The reports were noted.

148/22 The next meeting date was agreed as 6th June 2023 at 7:00pm

149/22 Closure of Meeting – Cllr S. de Launey proposed closure of the meeting in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Local Government Act 1972, he was seconded by Cllr Hall. The following members voted in favour, Cllr S de Launey, Cllr Morris-Jones MBE, and Cllr S. Hall. There were no votes against and no abstentions.

Chairman.....6th June 2023