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POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th July 2023.

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

Present

Cllr de Launey (Chairman)	Cllr. Cook	Cllr. Pierce	Cllr. Gorse	Cllr McGinn	Cllr Luter
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Also in attendance: K. Roper – Town Clerk.

- 15/23 Welcome from the Deputy Chairman** – Cllr de Launey welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 16/23 Apologies for Absence** – Were received and accepted from Cllr. Carter. The following members unanimously voted to accept his apologies Cllr Cook, Cllr Pierce, Cllr Gorse, Cllr McGinn, Cllr Luter and Cllr de Launey. There were no votes against and no abstentions
- 17/23 Declarations of Interest** – No declarations of interest were notified relating to the agenda.
- 18/23 To approve the minutes and the confidential minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th June 2023** – The minutes were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Gorse, she was seconded by Cllr de Launey. The following members voted in favour Cllrs de Launey, Pierce, Gorse, McGinn and Luter. There were no votes against and Cllr. Cook abstained as he was not present.
- 19/23 Matters Arising**
- **Toilets-** The Clerk reported that the Parade toilets were still closed and the requested report is being compiled.
 - **Speed Indicator Devices** – The Clerk circulated a basic policy document which included the original list of locations, members asked for the following locations to be added to the list;
 - Watling Street by the Cock Hotel
 - Glebe Street
 - College Ward King Street

Cllr Luter said he was in agreement that the 3 units remain in place on the Holyhead and Haygate Roads.

The Chairman explained that the 2 x new units awaiting commissioning would have cloud-based data download. Cllrs Cook and Luter asked that they are copied into the reports when sent to the Borough and Police.

Councillor Pierce asked that e-scooters issues are taken up through the CAT team meetings.

- **Bus Users Group** - The Chairman asked if members still wished to be represented on this group along with other parishes. Members agreed and the Clerk was requested to add to the Full Council Agenda.
- **Climate Change** – Cllr Luter explained that the focus was now on local, community groups and businesses to take matters forward with the town council taking a supportive role. Members agreed that the best way forward would be to discuss how to re-engage with the Borough Council's activities around the climate change agenda. Cllr Pierce said that Cllr Latter had indicated his interest in becoming a main contact / champion for climate change. The Clerk was asked to add this subject to the August agenda.
- **Walkers are Welcome** - There was brief discussion on appointing a representative to this group. Cllr Pierce said she had been approached by the group and was willing to remain as the point of contact. Cllr de Launey proposed Cllr Pierce as representative on Walkers are Welcome, he was seconded by Cllr Gorse, the following members voted in favour Cllrs de Launey, Cook, Pierce, Gorse, McGinn and Luter. There were no votes against and no abstentions.
- **Town Centre Parking** - The Deputy Chairman said he thought parking pressure had eased and to understand the current situation suggested the Borough should do a survey on the car parks. The Clerk was asked to add this to the August agenda.

20/23 Dothill Conservation Group – The Deputy Chairman proposed to appoint 4 members to this group and nominated Cllrs McGinn, Jinks, Tomlinson and Pierce. He was seconded by Cllr Luter and the following members were in agreement Cllrs de Launey, Cook, Pierce, Gorse, McGinn and Luter. There were no votes against and no abstentions.

21/23 Finance – The Clerk said the reports were previously circulated together with an additional report highlighting changes in income and expenditure, late payments, budget forecast and current financial position. Members again commented that they found this new report much easier to read. The Deputy Chairman proposed to accept items a-d listed below he was seconded by Cllr McGinn. The following members unanimously voted in agreement, Cllr de Launey, Cllr Cook, Cllr McGinn, Cllr Luter, Cllr Pierce and Cllr Gorse. There were no votes against and no abstentions.

a) To agree receipts for May 2023

b) To agree payments for May 2023

c) To agree Petty Cash for May 2023

d) Receipts/Payments – compared with budget as at 31st May 2023.

e) Progress Report on PAYE transfer to T&W – The Clerk reported the Borough needed a Bacs SUN (Service User Number) before they could complete the transfer. This had been requested from our bank.

f) Public inspection of accounts – The Clerk informed members of the commencement and finish date of the inspection period being 19th June 2023 to 31st July 2023 and confirmed notices and copies of the accounts were available online and displayed on noticeboards.

22/23 To Consider purchase of a Cargo bike – The Deputy Chairman said he had been approached by the group who operate a free delivery service on Market days. They had loaned a bike from Shrewsbury but this was no longer an option so they needed to purchase their own at a quoted price of £6,674.00. An approach had been made to the Borough Council for funding but they were unable to help. Cllr de Launey explained the money could be available because levelling up funding had been used to pay for street furniture in the Market Street improvements, therefore ear marked Town Council funds

were no longer needed. Members had the following questions:

- What responsibilities would we have around maintenance and repairs
- What insurances would be needed
- What about storage
- Charging and associated costs
- Is there a 2nd hand option
- Members thought 2 x bikes are currently in use
- Would like further information on how the bikes are used journey's made to and from and loads taken

Members agreed that they are supportive of the idea in principle and asked for a cost benefit analysis to be brought back to the next meeting.

- 23/23 Receive Report from the Regeneration Partnership on 19th April 2023 and 21st June 2023** - Cllr de Launey explained the meeting dates had been altered to 6 full meetings per year (to include Borough members) and the town council would also meet for a further 6 meeting dates independently. He also commented that the Partnership were still waiting for receipt of the Towns Fund and Levelling Up Funding. Cllr Gorse asked if Sally would attend all meetings and Cllr de Launey confirmed she would.
- 24/23 CAT Report** – The Clerk had circulated an updated report including numbers of tickets issued and patrol dates and times. Members said the additional details were useful.
- 25/23 The next meeting date was agreed as 1st August 2023 commencing at 7:00pm**
- 26/23 Closure of Meeting** – Cllr 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 Gorse. The following members unanimously voted in agreement, Cllr de Launey, Cllr Cook, Cllr McGinn, Cllr Luter, Cllr J. Pierce and Cllr J. Gorse. There were no votes against and no abstentions.

Chairman.....1st August 2023