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POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3rd September 2024 at CIVIC OFFICES COMMENCING at 7.00pm.

Present

Cllr. Carter (Chairman)	Cllr de Launey	Cllr Cook	Cllr Luter	Cllr Pierce	Cllr McGinn
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Also in attendance: Cllr Snell, Cllr Gorse and Karen Roper CEO/Town Clerk.

- 39/24 Welcome from the Chairman** – Cllr Carter welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 40/24 Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr. Davis. The following members approved the apologies, Cllrs Carter, de Launey, Cook, Luter, Pierce and McGinn.
- 41/24 Declarations of Interest** – There were no declarations of interest made at this point in the meeting.
- 42/24 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th August 2024.**
The minutes were proposed as a true and accurate record by Cllr Cook and he was seconded by Cllr de Launey. The following members voted in favour Cllrs Carter, de Launey, Cook, Luter, Pierce and McGinn there were no abstentions and no votes against.
- 43/24 Matters Arising**
- **DBS** – There were now 2 members who had not completed the process Cllr Carter said they would be reminded to do so.
 - **Christmas Lights** – The CEO/Town Clerk reported that our former contractor had agreed to deliver our lights to our new contractor. Cllr Carter thanked staff for resolving this difficult situation.
 - **Bowring Park Winter Planting** – Members were informed that information had been received regarding the winter bedding plants. Discussions with neighbouring parishes are taking place and staff will continue to source alternative quotations for future supply. Cllr Carter suggested a meeting be set up with Idverde to discuss back dated invoices.
 - **Parade Toilets** – The CEO/Town Clerk said the Nayax system had now been closed and all monies returned to the Town Council. The toilets are closed and there was a general discussion about the future use of the building. Cllr Carter asked to see the quotation from the BiT team. Cllr de Launey said he thought the building was still owned by Telford and Wrekin and asked the CEO/Town Clerk to find the old paperwork.
 - **WEST** – Stolen tools – a claim had sent to the Insurance company. Premises at the Bowring park changing rooms was being considered for future storage and the BiT team had suggested the Town Council take over the whole building. The implications of this would be explored, Cllr Luter asked to be kept informed as Ward Member.

- 44/24 Income and Expenditure reports for July and August 2024 –**
A list of all invoices and income received for the 2 month period had been circulated with the agenda. The CEO / Town Clerk gave a report on progress with updating the accounting reporting systems and confirmed no further questions had been received from the External Auditors. Cllr Carter said it seems good that progress is being made. Cllr de Launey proposed acceptance of receipts and payment, items a & b on the agenda. He was seconded by Cllr Cook and the following members voted in favour Cllrs Carter, de Launey, Cook, Luter, Pierce and McGinn there were no abstentions and no votes against.
- 45/24 Contribution to Home Start -** Members asked for details of the payments made last year and for this item to be added to the October agenda for consideration.
- 46/24 Honouring Past Members -** Cllr Carter asked members for comments on the report. Cllr Pierce asked when the policy would take effect, how far back do we go to acknowledge former members. The matter would be further discussed at the Friday meeting and a report brought back to the October meeting.
- 47/24 Minutes of the Regeneration Meeting of 22nd August 2024 were noted –** Cllr Carter said discussions relating to the Wilkinsons car park were ongoing. He also said the communications around the regeneration of Walker Street should be improved to let people know what is happening. He said that thought about the future purpose of the partnership needed to happen as traders seem to be heading for another tough period with many reporting a downturn in business. Cllr Gorse said that market traders also needed to hear and take on board positive messages as she had overheard negative comments. Cllr Carter said the positive messages need to be almost daily to get the message through to people.
- 48/24 To Agree the Full Council Agenda for 10.09.24 -** Cllr Carter said the agenda seems fine apart from the Conservation Working Group needing to change the name on the agenda to the Dothill and Shawbirch Local Nature Reserve to avoid confusion. He then asked if there are any further comments. Cllr Pierce said she would like to be in receipt of planning information ahead of their meetings so she could be up to date in case of questions from the public. The CEO/Town Clerk said all agendas were put on the website and notice boards for every meeting of the Council including Committee meetings. Cllr Carter suggested a system of diary appointments is set up in Outlook to include minutes and agendas so that the onus is on members to access information for themselves.
- 49/24 The date of the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 1st October 2024.**
Cllr Cook gave his apologies in advance of the meeting.
Cllr Carter asked for an item to be added to the P&R agenda entitled. *Town Council Planning*.

Chairman.....1st October 2024