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POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at the Wellington Civic Offices on Tuesday 4th February 2020 commencing at 7.00pm.

Cllr L. Carter (LC) - Chairman	Cllr. M. Hosken (MH)	Cllr S. Hall (SH)
Cllr J. Gorse (JG)	Cllr F. Burns (FB)	

In attendance – Karen Roper – Town Clerk (KR).

- 112/19 Election of Chairman for the meeting** – In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Cllr Hosken proposed that Cllr Carter act as Chairman, this seconded by Cllr Gorse and unanimously agreed by members.
- 113/19 Chairman's Welcome** – Cllr. Carter welcomed everyone to the meeting
- 114/19 Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from Cllrs de Launey and Lowe due to holidays and Cllr P. Morris-Jones. The apologies were accepted.
- 115/19 Declaration of Interest** – None were declared at this point.
- 116/19 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2020** – The minutes were proposed by Cllr Burns, seconded by Cllr Gorse and RESOLVED by members as a true and accurate record.
- 117/19 Matters Arising**
- Speed Indicator Device (SID)** – The Clerk reported that the traffic officer had been unable to progress the SID. She would ask for an update.
 - Defibrillator Report** – The Clerk said that one unit had been installed and a new location for the second unit was yet to be confirmed.
 - Bowring Lease** – The Clerk reported that she had contacted the tenants who had identified a mistake on the paperwork. Once corrected they have agreed to sign the lease.
 - Gateway Signs** – Members reported that the signs at Bennetts Bank and Apley Avenue were not in place. The Clerk was asked to progress the project.
 - Idverde** – The Clerk reported that she was meeting with Idverde officers on the 7th February. Members discussed the service provision both in the past and present making the following comments:
 - Monitor the new contract over the next 3 months
 - Identify the gaps in service provision
 - Publish the good feedback.
 - Invoice private owners for additional work done on their property
 - Standards have to be maintained

- West team to fill in the gaps and add value
- Gum to be removed
- Encourage pride in the community

- f. **WEST** – Members asked the Clerk to publicise what the WEST team do and agreed they would like the team to tackle areas not covered by Idverde.
- g. **Notification of next ICM meeting** – Reports were made available to members. The date of the next ICM meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 19th February 2020 at 12:00 noon at the Town Council offices.

118/19 Finance

Agenda items, 6a to 6d were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Hosken, seconded by Cllr Hall and approved by members subject to the satisfactory resolution of the following questions being answered by email as soon as possible.

- Toilet income – why all paid on the same day?
- Toilet income – why such odd amounts?
- The Clerk gave an explanation of the Electricity costs at Bowring Park going forward.

119/19 Regeneration Board Report – Members received the notes from the meeting and made the following comments;

- Some businesses are moving into the Market leaving more units on the high street empty.
- These units need to be converted into housing as more people living in the Town Centre would support existing businesses
- Post Office – Members agreed the current condition of the Post Office was unacceptable. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with area post office officers.
- The type of new businesses being encouraged is important because there are too many coffee shops, nail bars, fast food outlets etc. Members said that Local Planning Policy can have some control relating to the types of business that are permitted.
- Cllr Carter said the Local Plan at the Borough will help to stop duplication in the types of businesses allowed
- The planning committee were thinking along the same lines
- The type of living accommodation being proposed was of concern because of the increasing number of HMO's being proposed.
- Members considered it was good to have a good mix of housing stock available
- MH suggested that a local estate agent / auctioneer / property valuer is invite to advise the Regeneration committee.
- Grants – members were concerned about some of the new businesses failing and having received a £10k grant from the Borough, how does this get paid back?

120/19 To agree date and time of the next meeting as Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 7.00pm

Chairman.....3rd March 2020