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POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th JANUARY 2022

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

Cllr. S. de Launey	Cllr. A. McClements	Cllr. S. Hall
Cllr. P. Morris-Jones	Cllr. J. Gorse	Cllr. M. Hosken
Cllr. L. Carter		

Also in attendance – Town Clerk K. Roper.

105/21 Chairman's Welcome – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Deputy Clerk, A. Roberts for standing in for the Clerk who was unwell today.

106/21 Apologies for Absence - There were no apologies received.

107/21 Declarations of Interest - Cllr Morris – Jones declared an interest in Item 10 on the agenda relating to the Orbit.

108/21 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 7th December 2021 - The minutes were proposed by Cllr Hosken as a true and accurate record, seconded by Cllr Gorse.

The following members unanimously voted in agreement Cllr de Launey, Cllr A. McClements, Cllr S. Hall, Cllr P. Morris-Jones, Cllr J. Gorse, Cllr M. Hosken and Cllr L. Carter. There were no votes against and no abstentions.

109/21 Matters Arising

- a. **George Evans Tribute** – The Deputy Clerk reported that the rock was moved today and was placed in the Peace Garden.
- b. **Cyclist Dismount Signs** - The Deputy Clerk reported the order had been placed for the enforceable signs costing around £3,846.96 but they would not be installed until March or April 2022. The Police and Crime Commissioner had been approached to pay half the cost following his offer of help at the last meeting. The Clerk had also requested Telford and Wrekin install the unofficial signs as soon as possible. Cllr L. Carter commented the most of the problem was caused by a lack of Police Officers to enforce.
- c. **Speed Indicator Devices** – The Deputy Clerk gave an update on the positioning and status of the current units. Cllr J. Gorse said she had driven around and found that some units were working intermittently. The Deputy Clerk agreed to check the settings of the units and asked members to forward their preferred new positions for the units which will be collated and agreed at the January meeting

110/21 Finance

Cllr M. Hosken proposed acceptance of items 6a-d listed below, he was seconded by Cllr Gorse. The following members unanimously voted in agreement Cllr de Launey, Cllr P Morris-Jones, Cllr A. McClements, Cllr S. Hall, Cllr J. Gorse, Cllr M. Hosken and Cllr L. Carter. There were no votes against and no abstentions.

- a. **To agree receipts** for October 2021
- b. **To agree payments** for October 2021
- c. **To Agree Petty Cash** for October 2021
- d. **Receipts/Payments** compared with budget as at 31st October 2021
- e. **Bank** – The Deputy Clerk said the Clerk had previously distributed to members the response to her letter to The Chief Executive of the TSB Bank confirming they are unable to offer the Town Council a suitable account. The Chairman said he would follow this up himself. The Deputy Clerk would be seeking to present alternative bank account options for the next meeting.
- f. **Draft Budget 2022/23** – The Chairman gave an overview of the draft budget and answered questions posed by members. He said this would be presented to Full Council and a consultation period would start now and finish at the January Full Council meeting. Cllr L. Carter asked for further information and breakdown of the proposed figures. Cllr J Gorse asked for information about arrangements with the Brass Band now the 10 year agreement had ended.

111/21 **Amendment to Standing Orders** – Following the October Full Council meeting, Minute Ref 50/21, members voted for named votes to be minuted at all meetings of the Town Council. The Clerk had amended Standing Orders and had presented the amendments for Policy and Resources to make recommendations to Full Council on 14th December 2021. There was a lively discussion as to whether these changes were necessary and the Chairman said that as this was a policy decision Full Council will need to make the judgment.

112/21 **Regeneration Partnership Meeting held 17th November 2021** – The Chairman asked if members had any questions on the report. None were raised.

113/21 **To receive a report from the Community Action Team (including the WEST)** – The Town Clerk had circulated the reports. There were no comments made.

114/21 **To agree the Town Council acts as loan guarantor for the Orbit.** – The Chairman said that further information had now been received and the arrangements would be as a Deed of Guarantee. The bank is a social lender and their aim is to enable businesses to stay in community ownership and buildings to be used for charitable purposes. The mortgage will be 65% of sale price which will leave annual interest and capital payments in the region of £17.5k to be guaranteed by the Town Council. If there was to be a forced sale they lender would only recover their outstanding debt and if there was a surplus the council would be reimbursed direct for any payment made under the guarantee.

Cllr S de Launey proposed and was seconded by Cllr L Carter. The following members unanimously voted in agreement Cllr S. de Launey, Cllr A. McClements, Cllr S. Hall, Cllr J. Gorse, Cllr M. Hosken and Cllr L. Carter. There were no votes against and Cllr Morris-Jones abstained.

115/21 **To Agree Purchase of a Defibrillator for Market Square** – Cllr P. Morris-Jones said he had enquired as to whether the existing internal defibrillator unit could be moved to the outside wall but this was not possible because it had been donated by a private individual and was a dedicated memorial. The Chairman said Heartstart had quoted £1,460.00 plus VAT for a fully installed defibrillator. Cllr A. McClements proposed

acceptance of the quotation and was seconded by Cllr J Gorse. The following members voted in agreement Cllr de Launey, Cllr A. McClements, Cllr S. Hall, Cllr J. Gorse, Cllr M. Hosken, Cllr L. Carter and Cllr Morris-Jones there were no votes against and no abstentions.

- 116/21 To Agree Purchase of Additional CCTV Cameras –** To cover Market Street, Maddies and Market Approach, King Street, Covering the back of the Plough Inn, Church and pull in space, Church Green, to cover the front of the Church and bench areas.

Ward funding from Cllr Carter will cover 5k over 2 financial years the proposal is for the Town Council to pay the remaining balance of £4,387 split across 2 financial years.

It was proposed by Cllr P Morris-Jones, seconded by Cllr A McClements. The following members unanimously voted in agreement Cllr de Launey, Cllr A. McClements, Cllr S. all, Cllr J. Gorse, Cllr M. Hosken, Cllr L. Carter and Cllr Morris-Jones, there were no votes against and no abstentions.

- 117/21 The next meeting date was agreed as 4th January 2022**

- 118/21 Closure of the meeting –** Cllr de Launey proposed to close the meeting to the press and public during consideration of the next items of business in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Local Government Act 1972 and was seconded by Cllr J Gorse. The following members voted in agreement Cllr de Launey, Cllr A. McClements, Cllr S. Hall, Cllr J. Gorse, Cllr M. Hosken, Cllr L. Carter and Cllr Morris-Jones. There were no votes against and no abstentions.

Chairman.....4th January 2022