

Minutes of the meeting of the Resources & Policy Committee held at Birchwood Leisure Centre, Longmead, Hatfield on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at 19:30.

PRESENT: Councillor L. Mendez - Chairman
Councillor L. Brandon
Councillor S. Jones
Councillor P. Knott
Councillor J. Nelson

OFFICERS: C. Lloyd (Town Clerk)

15. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J. Fitzpatrick (unwell), Councillor G. Wiltshire (work), Councillor B. Zhaveri (work).

16. QUESTIONS

Mr Jones requested that someone look into providing barriers at the sharp bend at the bottom of Briars Lane opposite Queensway, 6 children on bikes had been riding very dangerously through there.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

18. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th June 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

19. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE ASSETS

Members considered the report of the Head of Estates and RESOLVED that replacement of the grounds equipment be considered by the Head of Estates, the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Town Council and Councillor Wiltshire and a report be brought back to the next meeting.

(Action: Town Clerk)

20. CRICKET AT NEWGATE STREET

Members considered the report of the Head of estates and RESOLVED that 8 wickets be created at Newgate Street at a cost of £33,200 and irrigation costing £1,200.

It was further agreed that the changing rooms would need to be upgraded and the May Fayre equipment removed so that the Cricket Club could use the Council's building for teas.

(Action: Town Clerk)

21. NEWGATE STREET TENNIS

Members considered the suggestions by the Lawn Tennis Association and RESOLVED that in the first instance they would approach the hall caretaker for a bookings solution.

(Action: Town Clerk)

22. BLUE PLAQUE SCHEME - DONOVAN

Members considered the potential wording and suggested “Donovan, Born 10 May 1946, Singer, Songwriter & Guitarist Lived here from 1956. Inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2012.”

The Clerk was requested to look up anything in place in Glasgow and to check the wording with Cllr Fitzpatrick before onward approval by Donovan.

(Action: Town Clerk)

23. BLUE PLAQUE – NORMAN WISDOM

Councillors RESOLVED that a blue plaque be put up for Sir Norman Wisdom.

(Action: Town Clerk)

24. FLORAL DISPLAYS HATFIELD

Members considered the quotation and expressed concerns at the proposed locations, potential for vandalization and theft and the cost with lack of sponsorship.

It was recognised that the Vice-Chancellor of the University wished to improve the roundabouts in Hatfield recognising Hatfield’s heritage and there was synergy for his aspirations, World Hatfield Day and this project.

The Leader of the Council undertook to explore this further and the Clerk undertook to find out more about the planters available and how many months they would be left to flower.

(Action: Leader of the Council/Town Clerk)

25. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Noted that the next meeting of the Committee will take place on 21st November 2018 at 7.30pm.

26. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business;

- (i) Financial Matters
- (ii) Property Matters

27. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Head of Operational Services circulated the finance report. A summary is attached at Appendix A.

Members thanked her for a clear, understandable report and noted its contents.

28. PROPERTY MATTERS

Members noted that the planning decision was due soon for Lemsford. If it was approved it was RESOLVED that the Town Clerk obtain quotations for the building work;

A basic scheme had been drafted by Saunders Architects of Welwyn for the deHavilland site which composed a new Depot, junior pitches and amenities for the players. This had cost £1,000. Funding for this would come from the Football Foundation via a grant application (if successful) and s.106 funding. Members RESOLVED that the £1,000 architects fee be approved and the Town Clerk be authorised to submit a pre-application report to the Borough Planning Department for comment.

The pre-application for Birchwood Sports Hub was still with the Borough Planning Department. The Borough Council had requested that they join the Town Council in partnership with the scheme. Members RESOLVED that they agree to use of the Borough's architects in future and the Borough Council pay the fees in full themselves.

Closure 8.50pm

Chairman

APPENDIX A**QUARTERLY CASH FLOW ANALYSIS**

<u>INCOME</u>	APR	MAY	JUNE
RECEIVABLES - BANK	£167,298.00	£122,601.00	£147,403.00
RECEIVABLES - CASH	£10,269.23	£6,064.16	£8,915.86
PRECEPT PRO RATA	£68,540.00	£68,540.00	£68,540.00
	£246,107.23	£197,205.16	£224,858.86
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
	£189,039.00	£132,128.69	£161,191.07
INVESTMENTS - NATWEST	£911,892.06	£911,930.78	£911,967.01
INVESTMENTS - BARCLAYS	£621,664.14	£621,664.14	£621,664.14