MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD 4 FEBRUARY 2020

Councillors Present: Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Derek Pretty (Chairman)

P929 Apologies: Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Keith House, Cllr Patrica Jenkins, Cllr Jane Welsh

P930 To consider the Minutes of the meeting held 7 January 2020

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2020 be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising

Cllr Pretty, Cllr Welsh and the Town Clerk met with the Woodhouse Lane representatives regarding the car parking. The initial opening of the meeting saw the Bowling Club asking to withdraw their complaints.

A report will be prepared on the meeting for the March Committee. One action from the meeting was a request for signage in the area that the representatives will pay for.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council accepts this proposal and informs the representatives.

P931 Correspondence

There was no correspondence for discussion at the meeting.

P932 Risk Management

Cllr Pretty introduced the papers that was previously circulated outlining the proposed risk management policy and approach. Cllrs discussed the risks and proposed mitigation measures. Cllr Corben asked about the two red measures and if they would move once the actions had been auctioned.

Cllr Morris enquired as to the value of the public liability. The Town Clerk later confirmed this was £10m.

RESOLVED: That this is accepted subject to it being amended with the above points.

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P933 Youth Provision & Summer Residential

Cllr Pretty outlined the basis of the previous years activity and the proposal for the Summer Residential at Little Canada. Cllr Pretty raised concerns regarding the funding of young people outside of the parish area.

On discussion Cllrs felt that the staff should be paid the time due to them for attending the residential. They also felt that should the bursary for additional places not be granted that the Town Council should pay for the staff places.

RESOLVED: That funding for additional youth worker pay and travel for the residential.

RESOLVED: That funding be agreed for the costs of 2 staff places.

The Youth Team Leader spoke about the costs associated with last years residential and how this had been part funded by grants and bursaries. Whilst grants had been applied for this year, the outcome will be unknown until after the booking needs to be made. The proposed figure of £19.50 additional subsidy was requested. Cllrs discussed the impact this would have on the budget and the funding of young people from other areas. It was felt that £19.50 across the non-Hedge End young people was a small price to pay for the group to enjoy together and gain the experience.

RESOLVED: That a subsidy of £19.50 per child is offered.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk allocates £2k from the administration budget as an operating budget for the youth service with the subsidy taken from this.

Cllrs discussed young people from out of the area and how this might be funded from HEWEB to enable the project to be supported by the other areas. Cllr Mitchell would like the other areas to know that we are funding and subsidising other areas young people.

RESOLVED: That the Youth Team Leader writes to the HEWEB youth partnership to seek additional operational funding for the Friday Night Project.

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Sarah Schlesinger took Cllrs through the past term's engagement activities. The Friday Night Project continues to be popular. Unicorn Counselling is now up and running for young people with SEN, this funding has come from Tesco Bags of Help. A qualified counsellor provides sessions and then the youth team provide a drop in after.

Cllr Mitchell asked about the outcomes of the project and how this will be evidenced. Sarah outlined that she is trying to look at evaluation that doesn't breach data protection.

Once this has established it is intended to look at generic provision possibly for the younger group.

Cllr Pretty thanked the Youth Team Leader for the report which was very welcome and not something this committee had seen in the past.

Cllr Corben asked that the Youth Team Leader attends more frequently. It was suggested a termly report would be more appropriate.

Cllr Pretty suggested that the Youth Team Leader should contact the QE2 Centre as a potential venue for activities.

RESOLVED: That the weekly subs are increased.

P934 Matters for Resolution

There were none for discussion.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:38 hours.