

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD 2 JANUARY 2024

**Councillors Present:** Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Keith House, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Derek Pretty (Chair), Cllr John Shepherd, Cllr Jane Welsh

**In attendance:** David Howse - Youth Team Leader

**P1259 Apologies:** Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Cliff Morris

**P1260 To consider the Minutes of the meeting held 7 November 2023.**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2023 be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

### Matters Arising

No matters arising not on the agenda.

**P1261 Correspondence**

- TADIC 6 Monthly Report. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to pursue the 6 months refund for the SLA agreement.**
- CAB Annual Report.
- CAB Qtr 2 Newsletter.

**P1262 Youth Update**

Councillors heard from the Youth Team Leader, who explained that as a result of staff shortages the club had to move online while recruitment took place. Since new Youth Workers have been appointed the club could resume meeting in person. The Christmas meal was a time for the new youth workers to meet everyone and was a real success with 20 young people taking part. In the New Year there are a number of new members for both groups, planning has taken place and include a talk from a mental health expert. There is a yoga session and at the request of young people a Hedge End's got Talent. There is also a fully funded day activity to Avon Tyrell for 17 young people. Safeguarding has been reviewed and will have some local training for the Youth Workers. David would like to make contact with the PCSO.

**P1263 Budget Monitoring**

Councillors discussed the previously circulated report. The main items to note is the increased costs of insurance and energy. There is a saving on non-domestic rates as these were less than predicted. There are increased costs of maintenance on buildings due to some unforeseen works required. Overall, the budget is on track. **RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the report and Cllr Pretty requested that insurance quotes are sought earlier in the year to allow for comparison.**

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**P1264 Projected Outturns**

Councillors discussed the previously circulated report. Cllr Corben asked about the deposits held and if these are held in a separate account. The Clerk confirmed that they are held in the main bank account, however are coded separately on the finance system and this is reconciled frequently. **RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the report.**

**P1265 Woodhouse Lane Height Barrier**

Councillors discussed the previously circulated report recommending the installation of a height barrier following misuse of the car park by someone storing commercial vehicles on site. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to the installation of a height barrier.**

**P1266 2024/25 Budget Setting**

Councillors discussed the previously circulated report including the draft budget. The Clerk outlined that some Hall Hire fees had a mismatch and asked for this to be corrected. Councillors also noted that there is still a budget entry for TADIC. Councillors discussed the proposed precept increase at 9.5% and the proposed fees and charges increase at 9.5%. The exception to the fees and charges would be the Hall Hire Local Group Rate where the commitment should be to keep it below the private event rate. Cllr Pretty requested that funds were allocated to the Play Area Strategy. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to recommend to Full Council the following: to remove TADIC from the budget; to a percentage increase in precept of 9.5%; to a percentage increase in fees and charges of 9.5% with the exception of Hall Hire Local Group Rate which will increase 2.5%; to include a Play Area Strategy budget line of £15k.**

**P1267 Clerks Update**

The Clerk updated the Councillors on the parking enforcement at Old School House. A request has also been received from Barclays to extend to the end of March 2024.

**P1268 All members of the public and press are requested to leave the meeting -  
Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960**

**P1269 Scouts Lease**

**P1270 Bowling Club Lease**

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There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 19:56 hours.