

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

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

P1296 Apologies: None received.

P1297 To consider the Minutes of the meeting held 5 March 2024.

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2024 be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising

No matters arising not on the agenda.

P1298 Correspondence

- None on the agenda.

P1299 Market

Councillors discussed the previously circulated report and the associated correspondence from Eastleigh Borough Council. Councillors noted that last year there was a small profit albeit this was due to Barclays being on the market. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to proceed with a licence for 6 months and then review it again after that.**

P1300 Community Grants

Councillors discussed the previously circulated report. It was noted that several of the applications were repeats of previous years and were unsatisfactory. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed the following projects and amounts:**

- **2nd Hedge End Brownies - £250**
- **8th Hedge Rainbows - £250**
- **31st Amazon Sea Scout Group - £250**
- **Community Speedwatch - £350**

Cllrs declined to fund the following projects and amounts:

- **Home Start Hampshire - £1,300**
- **Pavilion Pirates - £570**

P1301 Hall Hire

Councillors discussed the previously circulated report looking at the options for incentivising Friday hire. Friday day and evening is difficult to fill with regular hires as most people want Tues/Wed. Councillors discussed the

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issues that might arise including short term hire not being sustainable for a group, that people generally don't want a Friday evening and that any offer must be time limited as we cannot be where the council was previously with longstanding gentleman's agreements. Councillors were keen to ensure that this was time limited, and 6 months was considered a suitable time scale. It was considered that a 25% discount should be applied. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed that we would trial the incentive at a reduction of 25% making clear it is time limited for 6 months.**

P1302 Investment Policy

Councillors discussed the previously circulated report and draft investment policy. It was noted that the Council used to invest reserves when it had significant developer contributions, and this was managed by the Clerk. Councillors discussed the issues with less known banks and recited the Icelandic banks scenario. Whilst some banks are offering a higher interest, they require additional officer time and some are also requiring checks on all councillors, it was discussed that as the Council already banks with Lloyds and has signatories that this would be a simpler option whilst other options are explored. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed the Investments Policy and that £85,000 should be deposited in a Lloyds account on a 6-month fixed term.**

P1303 Clerks Update

The Clerk updated the Councillors on conversations that have taken place around additional land transfer at Home Farm.

**P1304 All members of the public and press are requested to leave the meeting -
Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960**

Cllr Cliff Morris declared an interest in the Leases.

P1305 Scouts Lease at Norman Rodaway

P1306 Bowling Club Lease

P1307 Berrywood Fields Lease

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 19:50 hours.