

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD 6 FEBRUARY 2024

Councillors Present: Cllr Keith House, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Derek Pretty (Chair), Cllr John Shepherd, Cllr Jane Welsh

P1271 Apologies: Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Jim Mitchell

P1272 To consider the Minutes of the meeting held 2 January 2024.

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 January 2024 be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising

No matters arising not on the agenda.

P1273 Correspondence

- TADIC AGM Minutes. Cllr Pretty noted how many referrals there were for Mental Health & Wellbeing.
- Acknowledgement from WI regarding grant award.

P1274 Market

Councillors discussed the previously circulated report including if the economic development in the village as a result of having the market adds value. Some residents are clearly using it and it should perhaps be retained for that reason. Cllrs asked if we could look for a quarterly or 6 monthly licence to see how it goes over the summer months. There was also discussion about negotiating the licence fee if this was an administrative process. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to ask EBC if a shorter licence could be granted and if there is a negotiation to the fee and to consider this again in March.**

P1275 Hampshire County Council Future Services Consultation

Councillors discussed the proposed budget cuts in the consultation. Cllrs discussed the option to reply to the salient points and ask individual councillors to complete the consultation. Cllrs felt that Adult Social Care, Grants, Highways Maintenance, Highways Winter Service, HWRCs, Passenger Transport, School Crossing Patrols, Street Lighting should be responded to. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed that the Clerk would produce a written response and circulate around the committee before submitting. The consultation to be sent to all Councillors asking them to respond.**

P1276 Property Strategy

Councillors discussed the previously circulated draft property strategy. There was a discussion about contractors increasing the price in the summer holidays and could it be considered to use external contractors during term

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time as a way to reduce costs although recognising this might have an impact on hire. It was suggested that the Clerk approaches local small building companies to see if this is something that would be of interest. Cllrs discussed that some of the buildings should be considered individually with a business case so more detail can be provided. Cllrs discussed the need to look at the portfolio of properties as a whole and what purpose they are serving. The focus needs to be on which properties we want to invest in and if the properties are not being utilised effectively or cost effective then consideration should be given as to their continued use with an individual business case. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed that we would demolish Taplin as per the original business case. Cllrs agreed that we should consider alternatives for repurposing Turnpike Pavilion. Consider the business case for Old School House^{1st} Floor. A business case to be presented for the potential of a public works loan for the refurbishment of Drummond.**

P1277 HEWEB CIP List

Councillors discussed the HEWEB CIP list and considered projects that would be suitable to ask HEWEB to fund. Consideration should be given for the Drummond Boiler replacement, consideration for any of the play equipment identified on the play strategy and anything that is already identified on the capital programme. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should work with the Local Area Manager to identify suitable projects for funding.**

P1278 Clerks Update

The Clerk updated the Councillors on having received the refund from TADIC. We were also kindly awarded £2,150 from Cllr Tonia Craig for the paddling pool fencing which is now installed. Also £242 for some trees at Turnpike and £981 for removal of the bin store and trees at Drummond. We were also awarded £964 from Cllr Rupert Kyrle for a new bench at Beattie Rise open space.

**P1279 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.

P1280 Scouts Lease

P1281 Bowling Club Lease

P1282 Bowling Green Equipment

P1283 Berrywood Fields Lease

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There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:34 hours.