

GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 8th February, 2018 at 7.10 pm

PRESENT: Walker (In the Chair), Blackburn, M Boatman, Crawford, Flynn, Frost, Green, Holbrough, Huntington, and O' Neil.

OFFICERS: Mr B Robertsons (The Town Clerk)
Miss N Cotham (Admin Assistant)

GTC2697 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Boatman, Harrison, Head, Jeffreys, Moore, Marshall, and Smith.

The Chair (Councillor Walker) reminded the public that under Standing Order 13A any elector of Goole will be afforded time at the beginning of this session to raise any matters of concern. A time limit of 5 minutes per person will be allowed.

GTC2698 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & THEIR NATURE.**

Councillor Walker and Councillor Flynn declared an interest to item 8 of the agenda as they are both members of the Goole Fields Wind Farm Trust.

Councillor Walker also pointed out that there is no item 3 on the agenda, but suggested moving item 7, the Police Attendance, to item number 3 to allow the Police Officers to speak first so they could leave the meeting earlier. Councillor Walker pointed out that this would mean item 8 of the agenda would now become item 7, and the agenda will then be numbered correctly.

Councillor Blackburn **PROPOSED** to move item 7 of the agenda to item number three.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor O' Neil.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** Councillor Blackburn's proposal.

GTC2699 **POLICE ATTENDANCE**

Phillip Ward informed Members that 2018 is looking to be a very positive year after appoint a new chief constable. He explained to Members that the East Riding area is now only split into two divisions, the North and South back, he informed Members that he overlooks the North Bank area.

Mr Ward informed Members that over the last 18 months has been able to recruit 300 more Police Officers, and is eventually aiming to have 1950 Police Officers in the area. He informed Members that he is currently employing an estimated number of 40 Police Officers per month and that he hoping to having most of these officers patrolling by March 2019, and 100 of these officers responding the 999 calls within the same time frame.

Mr Ward explained to Members that currently 75% of police demand is not crime related but is made up of cases with vulnerable people, such as assault cases and missing people. He informed Members that he is currently putting in research to see where police officers currently need to be patrolling in regards to demand and the types of cases that are mostly seen in specific areas. He also informed Members that by September, 2018 there will by 6 Police Officers patrolling on each shift in Goole, eventually increasing to 10 Police Officers. He explained that this would be an increase of 40% in Goole alone which is very good.

Mr Ward suggested to Members inviting the Chief Constable into a Working Party meeting and adding him to the agenda, and also informed Members that research has been conducted into public and policing feedback, and that he is now looking to double the amount of Police Investigators by 2/3 by the end of March 2018, which is a great amount for Goole. He also explained that many bids have



Mr Gadd informed Members that he is looking to have Police bases in both Pocklington and Howden once he understands the demand for those areas, which means it will then be possible to put the right number of officers in the right places.

Mr Ward informed Members that there are 3 different areas where the types of demand are very different and both teams will be delivering a service in each of these areas, and that it is definitely needed to work through the type of demand for each area by April to deliver a better area.

Councillor Frost asked about the opening times in the Goole Station and whether it would still close at lunch time.

Mr Ward informed Members that Goole Station will still close on a lunch time as this is generic through the stations in the East Riding area.

Mr Gadd informed Members that he can't provide specific opening and closing times but they are available on the website, and when the station is closed there's a yellow phone outside the station that goes straight through to 999.

Councillor Blackburn asked whether multi agency will be pushed out for the 5 rivers project.

Mr Gadd informed Members that multi agency will be pushed out as it has been found to work successfully.

Debbie Fagin informed Members that there is a new plan working with community's watch to broaden neighborhood watch so that it doesn't solely focus on crime. She also informed Members that it is proving to be really successful.

Councillor Blackburn thanked Mrs Fagin as he believed this is a great aspect as it gives neighborhood watch a chance to bring forward issues in the community and be able to do something to resolve these issues.

Mr Gadd informed Members that he is encouraging members to sign up online in order to communicate with the members of the community.

Councillor Blackburn asked since changing how do Anti-Social Behavioral Orders now work?

Mr Ward informed Members that they used to be able to put various restrictions around a child or parent, but now they can only do that if a crime is committed, and are working very closely with the magistrate system to take it seriously. He informed Members that the aim is to decriminalize the youth of today.

Councillor Flynn asked about the non-emergency number and informed Members that he had noticed it will now be changed to a call back centre, he asked how effective this would be.

Mr Ward explained that it is already very effective as the customer is now told what the expected wait time of the call will be when dialing 111 and that you can choose to request a call back which would mean you wouldn't lose your place in the waiting list.

Councillor Flynn asked for the feedback on a whole for the call back centre.

Mr Ward informed Members that the call back center has received around 60%-70% positive feedback.

Councillor O' Neil asked how they will be able to monitor the improving community crime over the next year.

Mr Gadd informed Members that they will constantly monitor tables which show the highest in demand of wards, but will also monitor changes in lower demand wards. He informed Members that the team will also be monitoring the effects of helping more vulnerable people and seeing a reduction in these types of issues, and a reduction in response times.

Mrs Fagin informed Members that the Safety Partnership are now responsible for allocating funding in their locality and will also address what are the locals needs and the strength of resilience in local areas. She informed Members that the plan would be for everybody to work collectively, and

Councillor Frost **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 25th January, 2018 be signed as a true record subject to amendments.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor O'Neil.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 25th January 2018 be signed as a true record subject to amendments.

GTC2701

REPORT OF THE ARTS AND LEISURE MANAGER

Councillor O' Neil informed Members that the council should approve the report in principle.

Councillor O' Neil **PROPOSED** to accept the recommendation.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Blackburn

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation

The Full Council meeting concluded at 7.25pm.

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