

GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held on 25th January, 2018 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT: Frost (In the Chair), Blackburn, Harrison, Head, Holbrough, Marshall, Moore, O'Neil, and Walker.

OFFICERS: Ms. A Bentley (Finance Admin Assistant)
Mrs. S Howard (Responsible Finance Officer)
Miss N Cotham (Admin Assistant)

PR1696 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Boatman, M Boatman, Crawford, Flynn, Green, Jeffreys, Smith, and The Town Clerk.

PR1697 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND THEIR NATURE**

There were no declarations of interest.

PR1698 **MINUTES OF 21ST DECEMBER, 2017**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources meeting held on 21st December, 2017 approved as amended at Full Council on 11th January, 2018 be signed as a true record by the Chair (Councillor Frost).

This was **PROPOSED** by Councillor O'Neil and **SECONDED** by Councillor Holbrough.

PR1699 **REPORT OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER**

Members were in receipt of the following reports.

a. Monthly Payments – December, 2017.

Councillor Head referred to the payment of £516.00 to Fisher Security Limited for the key hold services. She asked if being a key holder should be paid under the £10,000 Goole Town Council pay per month, as this is the first time she has noticed a payment of £516.00 for key holder services.

The Finance Administrative Assistant informed Members that this payment is the yearly market rate for key holders.

The Responsible Finance Officer informed Members she will find out why this payment has been made.

Councillor Head referred to the payment of £5853.29 to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council regarding a commercial waste payment, she asked what this cost was for and why is it so high?

The Responsible Finance Officer informed Members that the payment of £5853.29 was a clerical error, and that the bill had been paid for the entire year instead of paying just the monthly rate and that a refund had been received.

Councillor Moore **PROPOSED** that Members approve the Officer's recommendation.

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

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the payment for the month of December, 2017, totaling £119,530.68.

b. 2016/17 Income & Expenditure to 31st December

Councillor Moore **PROPOSED** that Members **NOTE** the Officer's report.

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

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the officer's report.

c. Monthly Debtors Report.

Councillor Head requested that an agenda item is set on the next Policy and Resources meeting to set up a payment plan for West Park Café.

Councillor O'Neil stated that this was totally wrong and asked what payment this would be for?

Councillor Head informed Members that it would be for the 10% of the gross profit which is payable to Goole Town Council.

Councillor Moore requested that at the next meeting clarification on the licence which supposedly refers West Park Café paying 10% gross profit to Goole Town Council.

Councillor Head informed Members that she could provide a copy of the license where Moorlands take 90% of West Park Café profits and Goole Town Council take 10% which had been given to her by the Town Clerk. She added that even though it had been voted on not to send an invoice the issue was still there.

Councillor Frost informed Members that this would be an item on the next Policy and Resources committee meeting and the issue will hopefully be resolved then.

Councillor Moore requested that in future Monthly Debtors Reports would it be possible to have the previous month's payment movements on a separate column, next to the current outstanding payments, to make it easier to compare payments.

The Responsible Finance Officer informed officers that she will make sure to include this.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Moore that Members **NOTE** the officer's report.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Walker.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the Officer's report.

PR1700

PROPOSAL FOR A NEW MEMORIAL (REPORT OF COUNCILLOR BLACKBURN)

Councillor Blackburn informed Members that as the current cenotaph is full, it had become a problem for families who want to add their deceased relatives' names to it. He informed members that he had contacted the Royal British Legion, the Civic Society and a stone mason. He also informed Members that Julie Andrews had put forward two separate ideas for a cenotaph (copies enclosed in report) which will take 100 names, this will allow names to be added whose families had been waiting a long time.

Councillor Blackburn informed Members that he estimated the cost of the proposed new cenotaph was between £30,000 - £35,000. He stated that the finances for the original memorial was raised by residents and he hoped to raise money through public subscription. He added that the Mayor was currently fund raising for this. He also informed members that he is hoping to have the cenotaph fully erect by the middle of 2019 as this is when the First World War was officially declared to an end.

Councillor Blackburn asked that land is set aside for the cenotaph by Goole Town Council. He also asked for comments on the two designs. He informed members that the plaques will be made by a local company.

Councillor O'Neil thanked Councillor Blackburn for creating the report. She also informed members that she believes this a project that Goole Town Council should support, and that there may be places where Goole Town Council could apply for grants if the money wasn't available.

Councillor Head informed Members that she believed it would be a good idea to ask members of the public for donations. She informed members that she believed this would allow the public to feel as though they owned the memorial.

Councillor Marshall informed Members that she liked the wall on the original cenotaph and would like to see the design similar to the original.

Councillor Head **PROPOSED** that Members agree to set land aside for the memorial.

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

All Members of the council voted in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept Councillor Head's proposal.

Meeting concluded 7:53pm
