

GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held on 21st February, 2019 commencing at 7. 18pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Frost (In the Chair), G. Boatman, M Boatman, Flynn, Head, Holbrough, Huntington, B Jeffreys, D Jeffreys, Marshall, Moore, O'Neil and Walker.

OFFICERS: Mr. B Robertson (Town Clerk)
Mrs. S Howard (Responsible Finance Officer)

PR1792 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Blackburn, Crawford, Harrison and Smith.

PR1793 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND THEIR NATURE**

No declarations of interest were received.

PR1794 **MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources meeting held on 24th January, 2019 approved at Council on 7th February, 2019 be signed as a true record by the Chair (Councillor Frost).

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

PR1795 **REPORT OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER**

Members were in receipt of the following reports.

a. Monthly Payments – January, 2019.

Councillor O'Neil **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the schedule of payments for January, 2019.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moore.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the schedule of payments for January, 2019 totalling £166,699.38.

b. 2019/20 Income and Expenditure to 31st January, 2019.

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

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor G Boatman.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the Officer's report for the period ending 31st January, 2019.

c. Annual Review of Financial Risk Assessment and Management.

Members were in receipt of a report from the Responsible Finance Officer, which identified the financial Risks to which the Council might be exposed and actions in order to minimize such risks.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Moore and **SECONDED** by Councillor D Jeffreys that the Council has reviewed the potential risks and approves the measures identified to mitigate such risks.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Financial Risk Assessment and Management plan for 2019.

PR1796 **REQUEST FOR TREE PLANTING IN GARDEN OF REFLECTION**

Members were in receipt of a letter from a local mental health charity requesting approval for a garden of reflection to be established at Centenary Road gardens, which could assist people with mental health issues. This could involve the planting of a tree and the installation of a board with some inspirational quotes. Members resolved to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak on this issue.

Nicola Vause addressed Members regarding the proposal and highlighted the number of deaths by suicide locally. She also answered Members' questions.

Councillor O'Neil pointed out that there are existing trees from which laminated quotes could be hung.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor O'Neil and **SECONDED** by Councillor Head that approval be given for the above.

It was **RESOLVED** that approval be given to the organisation for the installation of inspirational quotes at Centenary Road gardens.

PR1797

REQUEST FOR VARIATION OF CHARGES

Members were in receipt of a report of the Arts and Leisure Manager regarding a request from a hirer of Junction for a reduction of £500 in his week's hire charge, which is already subject to a 10% discount for block booking.

Members were asked to consider what discount if any should be applied.

Councillor M Boatman expressed sympathy with the applicant whose company contributes to other arts organisations within the area.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor M Boatman and **SECONDED** by Councillor G Boatman that reduction applied for be agreed.

It was **RESOLVED** that the £500 reduction in hire charges sought by the applicant be **APPROVED**.

PR1798

MARKET CAFÉ TENANCY

The Town Clerk reported on a request by the operator of the market café to extend her period of notice beyond her two months entitlement in order for her to continue trading prior to her taking up the lease of new premises.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor O'Neil and **SECONDED** by Councillor Head to approve the extension of the market café operator's period of notice to the end of May, 2019 and that the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to extend the period of notice if necessary.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** Councillor O'Neil's proposal.

It was **RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded for the following item under the public bodies (admission to meetings act) 1960 in that it contains commercial information as defined under the local government act 1972 schedule act 12a the divulgence of which may be detrimental to the council.

PR1799

MONTHLY DEBTORS REPORT

Members were in receipt of a report of the Responsible Finance Officer detailing monthly debtors as of 31st January, 2019.

The Responsible Finance Officer explained the circumstances surrounding the debt owed by Circus Sallai, who had undertaken to secure a booking in West Park by depositing a £500 bond.

She also pointed out the Food 4 U has yet to query its invoice.

Councillor O'Neil explained that a Trustee had been tasked with liaising with the Project Manager and the Responsible Finance Officer to resolve the matter.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor B Jeffreys and **SECONDED** by Councillor Head that the report be noted.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the report.

Meeting concluded 8.05 pm

