

GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held on 15th August, 2019 commencing at 6.38pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Flynn (In the Chair), Bailey, Boatman, Bottomley, Head, B Jeffreys, D Jeffreys, Marshall, Moiser, Moore, Penn, Raspin, Turner, Walker and Vause.

OFFICERS: Mr. B Robertson (Town Clerk)
Mrs C. Brophy (Admin Assistant)

PR1853 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Harrison and Whitehead.

PR1854 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND THEIR NATURE**

Councillor Head declared a personal interest in minute **PR1856** as she is the interim Chair of the Community Interest Company (CIC).

PR1855 **REPORT OF COUNCILLOR HEAD – INCOME FROM CAR BOOT SALES**

Members were in receipt of the above report.

Councillor Head explained that this item was requested by Friends of West Park as they wish to know what is intended with the proceeds from the car boot sales. She stated that it was documented at a previous meeting that the money would be ring fenced for other projects and nothing has been decided yet. She informed Members that the Responsible Finance Officer has created a new cost centre for this activity.

Several things have been mentioned including Christmas lights for Old Goole and expenditure for the Market Hall.

Councillor Moiser **PROPOSED** installing a drinking water fountain for the West Park. Many people are going into the café requesting water. A water fountain could stop this and help alleviate the use of single use plastic. The Operations Manager Amenities (OMA) has been consulted and said that this could be done near the café reasonably cheaply. West Park café has asked for an outside tap which is considered undesirable as the tap could be left running.

Councillor Moore **PROPOSED** an **AMENDMENT** to the proposal stating that a double water fountain should be installed. This would help especially when the car boot sale is held and fits in well with reducing single use plastics.

Councillor Boatman asked whether because the money was raised in the West Park it should be put back into the park.

Councillor Head answered that the money was going to be used to purchase tangible items that could not be afforded within the budget. She stated that the water fountains are a good idea and suggested that Councillor Moiser follow this up with the OMA.

Councillor Moore's **AMENDMENT** was **SECONDED** by Councillor Head.

It was **RESOLVED** that two water fountains be installed at West Park.

PR1856 **REPORT OF COUNCILLOR HEAD – VICTORIA PLEAURE GROUNDS COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY**

Members were in receipt of the above report.

Councillor Head had two proposals: -



1. That a one-year licence be granted to the newly formed VPG CIC to operate the VPG pending the negotiation of a 30-year lease from ERYC.
2. That a one off grant of £4,000.00 be awarded to VPG CIC to help with the foundation of its financial base.

Councillor Walker informed Members that he is very wary of pursuing a 30-year lease as the Council was hoping to return the ground to ERYC on the termination of its existing lease, in approximately 5 years. He expressed concern that if the CIC is not leasing directly from ERYC who is liable for the £22,000.00 per year operating costs. He said his understanding is that ERYC lease at the current market rate and he would like confirmation before anything is signed that a peppercorn rent would still apply.

Councillor Head informed Members that no fee is paid to ERYC for the current lease. She said that the ownership of the ground is held by ERYC who lease it to GTC at a 'peppercorn' rate. GTC would sublet the ground to the CIC. Should the CIC fail, an updated modern stadium would be given back. Officers are currently undertaking a feasibility study looking into retractable floodlights and a 3G pitch. She stated that ERYC had suggested a 30-year lease in order to obtain larger grants. Councillor Head said that any debts would not be GTC's.

Councillor Walker asked whether the renegotiated lease would still be granted at a 'peppercorn' rent. He still has concerns regarding GTC being liable for any debts. He questioned why GTC is being asked for £4,000.00 when Goole AFC has been running the site without a grant. He asked questions about the maintenance of the ground, fixtures and fittings and whether all stakeholders are involved. He informed Members that there are a lot of things he is unhappy with and he would like to see a report before anything is signed.

Councillor Head stated that the lease is going to be on the same basis as before. She informed Members that the CIC consists of all users/stakeholders. The CIC has contracted GTC to maintain the pitch. They are asking for the £4,000.00 grant to help get them started as they are starting with nothing. She explained that GAFC didn't require money as they had various income streams including from gate receipts, food and drink and advertising. Councillor Head said that this is a one off payment and would help bring big money sports into Goole.

Councillor Moore stated that he supported the general principle but would like to see a report as the lease still has about 5 years to run. He shares Councillor Walker's concerns. He **PROPOSED** that the item be deferred until a full report is seen. He stated that he is nervous about agreements with ERYC.

Councillor Head stated that the CIC needs money now in order to take over the running of VPG. The CIC needs assistance from GTC to start up. She explained that the previous licence holders were often on the debtors list due to cash flow problems, however they paid the debt when the money came in. She **PROPOSED** that a grant of £4,000 be awarded to the CIC.

Councillor Walker suggested that this could be a loan instead of a grant.

Councillor D Jeffreys informed Members that he had received a letter from John Read (ERYC). He said that ERYC would like to work with the CIC and a long term lease could be granted.

Councillor Head stated that in order to register as a CIC a business plan had to be produced. She said if the CIC are not given the 1-year licence, GTC will still be running it and no grants will be available.

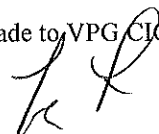
The Town Clerk informed Members that GTC is currently having to take bookings and maintain the pitch and oversee the day to day running of the VPG. It is therefore better for GTC if the CIC take over. He said that at this time, it is just a 1-year licence and can be reviewed.

Councillor Head **PROPOSED** that the CIC be granted a 1-year licence to operate the VPG.

Members voted all in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the CIC be granted a 1-year licence to operate the VPG.

Councillor Head **PROPOSED** that a one off grant of £4,000.00 be made to VPG CIC to help with the foundation of its financial base.



Members voted: - 11 For
3 Against

It was **RESOLVED** that a one off grant of £4,000.00 be made to VPG CIC to help with the foundation of its financial base.

PR1857 **REPORT OF COUNCILLOR VAUSE – SENSORY GARDEN AT CENTENARY ROAD**

Members were in receipt of the above report.

This item was removed from the agenda.

PR1858 **REPORT OF COUNCILLOR HEAD – BONFIRE NIGHT TICKET SALES**

Members were in receipt of the above report.

This item was removed from the agenda.

PR1859 **REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK – DIGITAL FILM PROJECT**

Members were in receipt of the above report.

The Town Clerk discussed the report informing Members that the project would be a collaboration between The Council, the Local Growth Partnership and Business in Goole. A bid would be submitted to the Goole Windfarms Trust to cover the full cost of the production. He asked that Councillors approve the submission of a bid.

Councillor Moore **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the submission of a bid.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Marshall.

It was **RESOLVED** that Members **APPROVE** the submission of a bid.

Meeting concluded 7.15 pm

