

GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held on 23rd July, 2020 commencing at 7.28pm.

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

OFFICERS: Mr. B Robertson (Town Clerk)
Ms. Stacey Norfolk (Responsible Finance Officer)
Mr Charlie Studdy (Arts & Leisure Manager)
Mrs Nicola Dixon – (Youth & Community Arts Co-Ordinator)
Mrs C. Brophy (Admin Assistant)

PR1957 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Harrison, Marshall, Penn and Vause.

PR1958 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND THEIR NATURE

There were no declarations of interest.

PR1959 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Meetings held on 18th and 25th June, 2020 approved at Council on 2nd July, 2020 be signed as a true record by the Chair (Councillor Whitehead).

This was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Head and **SECONDED** by Councillor Walker.

PR1960 REPORT OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER

Members were in receipt of the following reports.

(a) Monthly Payments – June, 2020

Councillor D Jeffreys queried the amount of £2,400.00 paid to Forced Entertainment.

The Arts & Leisure Manager (ALM) informed Members that this is a cancellation fee for an exhibition that should have taken place next March. It is payment for work that has already been undertaken.

Councillor Turner **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the schedule of payments for June, 2020.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Boatman.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the schedule of payments for June, 2020 totaling £87,142.50.

(b) Monthly bank reconciliation & Bank statement - June, 2020.

Councillor Turner **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the bank reconciliation for June, 2020.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Boatman

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the bank reconciliation for June, 2020.

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(c) Monthly Income & Expenditure – June, 2020

Councillor Turner **PROPOSED** that Members **NOTE** the report for the period ending 30th June, 2020.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Boatman

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the report for the period ending 30th June, 2020.

(d) Kent Road Play Area

The RFO discussed the report with Members explaining that the Council has been successful in securing £21,847 from the Wind Farm Fund to refurbish the Kent Road play area.

The Operations Manager Amenities (OMA) has met with Suppliers and obtained three quotes for the refurbishment. After careful consideration and discussion with the OMA, the lowest costing scheme offered best value for money. It was the only design which offered a new multi play unit rather than refurbishment of the existing 24-year-old equipment.

The RFO asked Members to agree to the above recommendation and instruct the Operations Manager Amenities (OMA) to arrange installation.

Councillor B Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that Members **AGREE** to the recommendation and instruct the OMA to arrange installation.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor D Jeffreys.

It was **RESOLVED** that Members **AGREE** to the recommendation and instruct the OMA to arrange installation.

Members voted all in favour.

(e) Covid – 19 Snake Western Road

ERYC was contacted by Andrew Percy MP regarding the Covid Snake outside the Western Road play area. Residents are asking for the Snake to become a permanent feature set in concrete. Paul Tripp, the Head of Streetscene Services said this would not be possible as it would cause an obstruction and a trip hazard on the Public highway. Through Mr Tripp Goole Town Council has been contacted and asked to deal with the issue.

In view of this, the Covid Snake would also be a trip hazard in the park. The OMA has looked at laying out the Snake in a spiral pattern in a corner of the park.

It would cost approximately £2500 to relocate the Snake into the Western Road play area and for the Council to take responsibility for the future upkeep. Members are being asked to decide whether this is the action the Council wishes to take.

Councillor Flynn informed Members that although not present at the meeting, Councillor Marshall is in favour of preserving the Snake.

Much discussion took place with the RFO explaining that the cost of £2500 is the cost for the Council to do the work.

Councillor Moore informed Members that he fully supports what the children have done, however Andrew Percy originally asked ERYC for the money. He proposes that it is handed back to ERYC.

Councillor Turner asked about the possibility of using the Car Boot Fund.

The RFO informed Members that there is just less than £2000 in the Car Boot Fund, some of which has already been allocated to refurbishing the park toilets.

Councillor D Jeffreys stated that he agrees with Councillor Moore. He believes that this could also open a can

of worms for the Council should others make a similar request.

The Town Clerk told Members that he had similar concerns stating that ERYC manage various play areas and suggested that the Snake could be relocated to one of those.

Councillor Moore **PROPOSED** that the issue of the Covid Snake be passed back to ERYC.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Boatman.

It was **RESOLVED** that the issue of the Covid Snake be passed back to ERYC.

Members voted all in favour of this.

PR1961 **REPORT OF THE ARTS & LEISURE MANAGER – UPDATE ON LOCKDOWN EASING JUNCTION**

Members were in receipt of the above report

The ALM informed Members that Junction's theatre and cinema is unlikely to reopen in the foreseeable future until social distancing measures are lifted. Even with the new 1metre + rule it does not increase capacity enough to make opening viable.

The ALM informed Members that this raises the possibility of the auditorium being used as a space for hire to previous regular users and others. The existing hire rate for the auditorium is considerably more than the rate for the community or workshop room. He requested that regular hirers are offered use of the theatre at the same rate as the room that they normally use.

The ALM informed Members that it is doubtful that the pantomime will go ahead, however Talegate are looking into the prospect of doing an alternative Christmas Show. The possibility of live streaming in the Autumn is also being researched.

Councillor Walker thanked The ALM for his report.

Councillor Head **PROPOSED** that the ALM be given delegated authority to run Junction as he sees fit during the current lockdown period.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Boatman.

It was **RESOLVED** that the ALM be given delegated authority to run Junction as he sees fit during the current lockdown period.

PR1962 **REQUEST FROM THE CIVIC SOCIETY FOR A GOOLE TANK MEMORIAL BOARD**

Members were in receipt of the above report

Councillor Flynn discussed the report in which the Civic Society is requesting that a Memorial Board be placed in the Riverside Gardens in commemoration of the Goole Tank.

Councillor Boatman informed Members that she is happy for this to go ahead as long as the Civic Society is organising and funding it.

Councillor Moore asked whether this would impact on the Council's public liability insurance.

The Town Clerk informed Members that it would not impact the insurance.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Civic Society be allowed to place a Goole Tank Memorial Board in the Riverside Gardens.

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

PR1963 **MONTHLY DEBTORS – JUNE, 2020**

Members were in receipt of the above report

Councillor Head asked the RFO whether the outstanding amount for Debtor G is due to timing.

The RFO informed Members that a payment of £75 was made on the 13th July.

Councillor Whitehead, Treasurer of Victoria Pleasure Grounds CIC, informed Members that there are a couple of invoices to be paid however, they are not yet due. She said that they are in the process of setting up internet banking.

Councillor Turner asked about the situation with Debtor B.

The RFO informed Members that we are still awaiting the Courts reopening.

Councillor Moore queried Debtor C, stating that the amount owed remained the same as the previous month.

The RFO answered that a reminder will be sent out after 30 days.

Members **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the report.

PR1964 **VPG ACCOUNTS**

Members were in receipt of the above report

The report shows the income and expenditure accounts for VPG CIC for two quarters up to 30th March, 2020.

Members **RESOLVED** to note the report.

Meeting concluded at 8:00pm

