

GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held on 18th February, 2021 commencing at 7.36pm.

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

OFFICERS: Mr. B. Robertson (Town Clerk)
Ms. S. Norfolk (Responsible Finance Officer)
Mrs C. Brophy (Admin Assistant)

PR2012 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Marshall.

PR2013 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND THEIR NATURE**

Councillor D Jeffreys declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item no PR2016. He is Secretary of the Crime Prevention Panel.

PR2014 **MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Meetings held on 21st and 28th January, 2021 approved at Council on 4th February, 2021 be signed as a true record by the Chair (Councillor Flynn).

This was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Turner and **SECONDED** by Councillor Penn.

PR2015 **REPORT OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER**

Members were in receipt of the following reports.

(a) Monthly Payments – January, 2021

Councillor Turner **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the schedule of payments for January, 2021.

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

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the schedule of payments for January, 2021 totaling £95,630.99.

(b) Monthly bank reconciliation & Bank statement – January, 2021.

Councillor B Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the bank reconciliation & bank statement for January, 2021.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moiser.

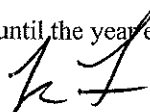
It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the bank reconciliation & bank statement for January, 2021.

(c) Monthly Income & Expenditure – January, 2021

Councillor Turner asked whether the Council has received the second lot of covid grants.

The RFO answered that we receive the money on a monthly basis and have now received everything.

Councillor Flynn informed Members that with two months to go until the year end the budget is looking ok.



The RFO stated that finances are looking good considering, largely due to the grants from covid as there is currently no income from the Theatre.

Councillor B Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that Members **NOTE** the report for the period ending 31st December, 2020.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moiser.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the report for the period ending 31st January, 2021.

(d) Annual Financial Risk Management

Councillor Moore **PROPOSED** that Members review the risks and **APPROVE** the actions taken.

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

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the risks and action taken.

PR2016

REPORT OF COUNCILLOR B JEFFREYS AND COUNCILLOR D JEFFREYS – THE ERECTION OF STEEL BOLLARDS AT FOUNTAYNE STREET PLAYING AREA

Members were in receipt of the above report

Councillor D Jeffreys informed Members that there is an ongoing issue with travellers invading the site. This was last discussed in September 2018. He informed Members that it costs £300 to £400 to clear up every time they leave. He has visited the site with the OMA and also consulted with the Fire Brigade and Ambulance Service who are happy with the proposal. He told Members that Sammy Rowan who is known and trusted by the Council will carry out the work.

Councillor Turner stated that he agreed as something needed to be done following the travelers last visit.

Discussion took place regarding any planning issues. Members were informed that ERYC's Planning Officer is happy with the plans.

The Town Clerk informed Members that a decision needed making at that evenings meeting.

Councillor D Jeffreys **PROPOSED** the erection of steel bollards at Fountayne Street play area.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Turner.

Members voted all in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that steel bollards be erected at Fountayne Street play area.

PR2017

REQUEST OF STEPHEN WALKER – TO CO-ORDINATE A PROJECT TO PLANT WILDFLOWERS IN THE CENOTAPH

Members were in receipt of the above report

The Town Clerk informed Members that he believes a scattering of wild flowers is what is being requested and it is a one off to mark War Graves week which takes place 21st to 28th May.. If agreed, it will be delegated to the OMA to sort.

Members discussed the neatness of the Cenotaph and agreed that the British Legion should be consulted on the matter.

Councillor Moore stated that the inclusion of poppy seeds would be very appropriate if this goes ahead.

It was agreed that Councillor Harrison raise the matter on the Agenda at the next British Legion Committee Meeting in March and feedback to Members. A decision can then be made.

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.

PR2018 **MONTHLY DEBTORS – JANUARY, 2021**

Members were in receipt of the above report

The RFO informed members Debtor B had a summary judgement made against her. She has until the 9th March to pay. Should no payment be made, the debt will be referred to the High Court.

Debtor C has given lots of reasons why the debt has not been paid and this is an ongoing issue.

Debtor A received some grants which has enabled them to pay. They are in a much better position now.

PR2019 **REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK – AMENITY LEASES**

Members were in receipt of the above report

The Town Clerk informed Members that due to the Amenity leases ending in 2024, it is stopping some external funding being granted. One example of this is the VPG. Funding will not be granted until the new 30-year lease has been entered into.

The Town Clerk is recommending that Members authorise him to enter into early discussions with ERYC with a view to entering into a new leasing arrangement for Goole amenities, possibly to run coterminous with the lease of West Park. He stated that he is hoping that the peppercorn rates continue.

This was **PROPOSED** by Councillor D Jeffreys and **SECONDED** by Councillor B Jeffreys.

Members voted all in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk be authorised to enter into early discussions with ERYC with a view to entering into a new leasing arrangement for Goole amenities, possibly to run coterminous with the lease of West Park.

Meeting concluded at 8.02pm

