

GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL
POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held on 18th November, 2021 commencing at 7.22pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Flynn (In the Chair), Bottomley, Handley, Harrison, D Jeffreys, Moiser, Raspin, Turner and Walker.

OFFICERS: Mr B. Robertson (Town Clerk)
Mr G. Whitehead (Arts Programme Manager)
Mr P Batten (Operations Manager Amenities)
Mrs C. Brophy (Admin Assistant)

PR2092 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailey, Boatman, B Jeffreys, Marshall, Penn, Vause and Whitehead.

PR2093 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND THEIR NATURE

There were no declarations of interest

PR2094 MINUTES

This item was inadvertently placed on the Agenda. The Minutes need approving at Full Council in December prior to signing.

PR2095 REPORT OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER/DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Members were in receipt of the following reports.

(a) Monthly Payments – September, 2021

Members were recommended to approve the schedule of payments for September, 2021.

Councillor Flynn queried the payments to the Green Team and Joanne Dendle for HAF meals.

The APM informed Members that these were for meals provided as part of Summer Activities which included a meal. ERYC provided a grant for this.

Councillor Turner asked about a payment of £115 for a Facebook advert.

The APM informed Members that this covers various items, the cost is £20 per event and the Council is charged at certain periods.

Councillor Moiser **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the schedule of payments for September, 2021.

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

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the schedule of payments for September, 2021 totaling £121,853.57.

(b) Monthly Bank Reconciliation & Bank Statement – September, 2021

Members were recommended to approve the bank reconciliation for September, 2021.

Councillor Turner **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the bank reconciliation & bank statement for September, 2021.

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

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

(c) Monthly Income & Expenditure to 30th September, 2021

Members were requested to note the report for 30th September, 2021.

Councillor D Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that Members **NOTE** the report for the period ending 30th September, 2021.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Bottomley.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the report for the period ending 30th September, 2021.

PR2096 CHAIR OF GOOLE & DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION TO ADDRESS MEMBERS ON THE ITEM DEFERRED FROM THE LAST P&R MEETING

Mr South thanked Members for inviting him to speak. He stated that he has been in touch with the Operations Manager Amenities (OMA) since January who made him aware of the recommendation which had been made by the Amenities Working party to close the bowling green. Mr South said that there is a bowling green at Airmyn however, it is a different size from the one at West Park and is also a problem for pensioners to get to. West Park is the only green that people can walk or cycle to.

Mr South informed Members that there used to be four bowling greens in Goole. These were situated in the Memorial Gardens, Riverside Gardens, South Park and West Park. West Park is now the only one. In the past many businesses such as Fisons and clubs such as the Dockers Clubs had teams that played there. It was largely funded by those now redundant firms.

Mr South told Members that 95% of players were lost due to the Covid pandemic, many of whom have not yet returned. In view of this he is unsure how many will return to play next season. There are currently 3 teams playing at West Park with approximately 23 players.

A discussion took place regarding the cost of playing and the cost of maintaining the green. Mr South told Members that he understands that the financial implications are not good. His concern is that once the green is closed there is no going back, especially as there is currently an influx of industry bringing people into Goole.

Councillor Turner asked about the possibility of Airmyn also playing at Goole. Of the 35 regulars who play at Airmyn, 29 live in Goole. He stated that he does not want to remove the facility however the bowling club should consider applying for funding.

Councillor Walker informed Members that he also doesn't support closing the bowling green, He said that it is not about making a profit, it comes down to whether the Council wants to maintain the facility. In his view everything possible should be done to keep it.

Councillor Handley stated that she agreed with Councillor Walker that it should not all be about the money. She had however hoped that the bowling club was going to inform the Council what it intends to do to help.

Several other Councillors agreed with Councillor Handley that they had hoped for more input and interest from Members of the bowling club.

Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that Mr South should liaise with his club to see what they can do to increase numbers as input is needed from the people who want to keep the bowling green.

Councillor Turner **PROPOSED** that the decision on closing the bowling green be deferred until the end of January, 2022.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moiser.

It was **RESOLVED** that the decision on closing the bowling green be deferred until the end of January, 2022.

PR2097 REPORT OF THE ARTS PROGRAMME MANAGER – CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

Members were in receipt of the above report

The APM discussed the report with members stating that there are no events taking place at Junction from 23rd December until January. Bearing this in mind, he is recommending that Junction is closed from lunch time on Christmas Eve until Tuesday 4th January, 2022.

He explained the arrangements made for staff wishing to use holiday entitlement and those who wished to work during this period.

Councillor Walker **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the recommendation that Junction is closed from Lunchtime on Christmas Eve until Tuesday 4th January, 2022.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Handley.

It was **RESOLVED** that Members **APPROVE** the recommendation that Junction is closed from lunchtime on Christmas Eve until Tuesday 4th January, 2022.

PR2098 NEW FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Members were in receipt of the above report

The Town Clerk informed Members that the new Financial regulations are in line with Model Financial Regulations. The review has been requested by the Auditor.

Councillor Flynn pointed out an error on the version 2021 date. This should read 18th November, 2021.

The Town Clerk informed Members that this will be corrected and the Minute number reference will be in place.

Councillor Walker **PROPOSED** that the new Financial Regulations be **APPROVED**.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Turner.

It was **RESOLVED** that the new Financial Regulations be adopted.

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 or personal information as defined under the local government act 1972 schedule act 12a the divulgence of which may be detrimental to the council.

PR2099 MONTHLY DEBTORS –SEPTEMBER, 2021

Members were in receipt of the above report

The Town Clerk informed Members that Debtor B's debt has been paid today.

A discussion took place regarding Debtor C stating that he is just getting back on his feet following the Pandemic.

The Town Clerk informed Members that the building is leased by the Council from a private individual and then leased to Debtor C by the Council.

Meeting concluded at 8.15pm

