

GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held on 20th January, 2022 commencing at 7.07pm.

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

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

PR2108 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Boatman, Harrison, Marshall, Penn and Whitehead.

PR2109 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND THEIR NATURE

There were no declarations of interest

PR2110 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Meetings held on 16th December, 2021 approved at Council on 6th January, 2022 be signed as a true record by the Chair (Councillor Flynn).

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

PR2111 REPORT OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER/DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Members were in receipt of the following reports.

(a) Monthly Payments –December, 2021

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

Councillor Flynn queried the payment of £6000 to IOU Ltd.

The APM informed members that this is payment for ‘My 3 Words Project’, an Arts company, this was funded by the Arts Council.

Councillor Raspin queried the payment of £1380 to The Ray Lee Company.

The APM informed Members that this was a cancellation fee for ‘congregation’ which was cancelled last minute. The company are returning to Junction later this year at reduced rates.

Councillor Raspin also asked about the £1026 for job adverts.

The APM informed members that this is to replace the two vacancies in the Arts Team. To gain the best skilled candidates, the jobs have been advertised nationally.

Councillor Bailey queried the payment to Fishers for an Airtime Licence.

The Town Clerk informed members that this is an annual fee.

Councillor Moiser questioned the payment of £1066 for the filming of the panto.

The APM informed members that due to the concern around covid restrictions, it was decided to film the pantomime for home viewing as a back up option.

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

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

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the schedule of payments for December, 2021 of £104,789.64.

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

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

Councillor Bailey **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the bank reconciliation & bank statement for December, 2021.

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

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

(c) Monthly Income & Expenditure to 31st December, 2021

Members were requested to note the report for 31st December, 2021.

Councillor B Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that Members **NOTE** the report for the period ending 31st December, 2021.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Walker.

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

PR2112 TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE WEST PARK BOWLING GREEN, ITEM DEFERRED FROM THE POLICY & RESOURCES MEETING 18TH NOVEMBER, 2021

Members were in receipt of the above report

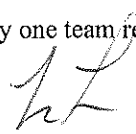
Members of West Park Bowling Team in attendance are :-

Mr Colin & Mrs Pauline Hedley of 24 Newland Road, Goole
Mr Stephen Theaker of 87, Ilkeston Avenue, Goole
Mr Soffe of 2, Woburn Drive, Goole
Mr Vandertak of 11, Henry Street, Goole
Mr Malcolm South of 7, Halifax Avenue, Goole
Mr Jeffrey Cooledge of 10, Olive Grove, Goole
Mr John Barber of 7, South Park Way, Snaith

Mr South started by saying that he had not felt that it was his place to invite other people to the previous meeting as he was unsure of covid restrictions.

He informed Members that 99% of the players at West Park are rate payers of Goole. He said that Goole previously had five bowling greens, West Park is now the only one left at a time when recreation should be promoted especially for the elderly and disabled. He added that there are plenty of activities for children in Goole but bowling is the only thing for the elderly. He told Members that the bowlers are attending the next Friends Of West Park meeting to see what can be done to encourage people to try bowls. They are prepared to provide the equipment for any events. Mr South informed Members that they are desperate for the bowling green to remain open.

Mr Theaker informed members that due to covid there is only one team representing Goole. This brings in



many visiting teams such as Airmyn and Fishlake. He said that the last green closed 3 or 4 years ago and if this one closes it will be lost forever. Many of the people who play are elderly and can't play other sports but still need exercise. He told members that they need to know what is happening with the green, whether an extension is being given before recruiting new players.

Mr Theaker informed Members that next year is Goole and District Bowling Clubs Centenary year; it would be a sad demise if there is no bowling green in Goole for the celebrations. It would be good to invite celebrities and host celebrations at West Park. He added that some people have played bowls for 73 years and that bowls keeps people active both mentally and physically. Mr Theaker added that the West Park team is not a club, just people who play there. He said that the formation of a club could bring in revenue.

Mr Barber introduced himself stating that he is the ongoing president of the Goole & District Bowling Association. He said that he has a vested interest as he still bowls. He is the former Chief executive of Boothferry Borough Council and remembers when the parks and cemetery were transferred over to Goole Town Council. He praised the redevelopment of West Park saying that Goole needs to provide as many sporting facilities as possible. He said that there are many sports available for younger players such as rugby, football and cricket and that young and old should be encouraged to play bowls. He said that West Park is conveniently located in the centre of Goole. This encourages lots of people watching at no charge and this should be a wider consideration than monetary. Mr Barber said that with the Centenary year approaching in 2023, this is not the time to consider closing the bowling green.

Further points made by the bowlers were : increased use bringing more revenue this year with a full season of 18 weeks, 10 cup competitions, supporting bowling helping the bid for city status. The age of the bowlers was also discussed, the youngest being 74, with this in mind there is only so much that they can do.

Councillor Turner stated that he didn't know why the bowlers think that the Council wants to close the green. He said that at the last meeting they said that they wanted it to remain open. He said that they needed to work together to keep it, asking if the bowlers could cut the grass as many other teams such as Airmyn do.

Councillor Handley thanked the bowlers for attending stating that at no point had the Council said that it would close the bowling green. She said that there is lots of investment coming into Goole which will bring new people. She suggested contacting the Windfarm Trust for funding saying that they would look favourably at the health and longevity aspect. She stated that she would attend the FOWP meeting and suggested getting the press involved.

Councillor Bailey also thanked the bowlers for their attendance. He said that it would be a shame to see the bowling green disappear and did not want to close it. He said that the more people that use it the less spend per head making it more justifiable.

The OMA informed Members that the bowling green is losing £ 8,500 per year.

Various suggestions were made regarding working together to keep the green open including asking for volunteers to cut the grass.

It was agreed that several members of the Council would attend the upcoming FOWP meeting to look at what more could be done in way of recruiting, fundraising etc.

The reporter for the Goole Times stated that the paper would be happy to support the bowlers and would provide free advertising for any upcoming events.

Councillor Flynn thanked the bowlers for attending and reiterated the need to work together.

PR2113 REPORT OF THE ARTS PROGRAMME MANAGER – PRESENTATION: JENNA HOLMES – RELATIONSHIP MANAGER, COMBINED ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

Members were in receipt of the above report

Jenna Holmes, Relationship Manager of the Combined Arts Council England presented the Arts Councils new strategy 'Let's Create' and the implications of that for Junction as a National Portfolio Organisation.

The presentation can be viewed at : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EuHDoP_nsg8&t=1s

PR2114 REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK – AMENDMENTS TO FEES AND CHARGES, 2022/23

Members were in receipt of the above report

The Town Clerk informed Members that the fees and charges recommended by the Amenities Working Party and accepted by the Policy & Resources Committee of 21st June, 2021, were not reflected in the fees and charges recently agreed by Members for 2022/23.

Members **AGREED** to **NOTE** the corrected fee.

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.

PR2115 MONTHLY DEBTORS –DECEMBER, 2021

Members were in receipt of the above report

The Town Clerk informed Members that Debtor A's rise was possibly due to an unpaid utilities bill.

Members noted that Debtor C's debt is starting to decrease.

PR2116 REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK – CATERING ARRANGEMENTS AT VPG

Members were in receipt of the above report

The Town Clerk informed members that the report is self-explanatory. There are only 2 remaining matches under the existing contract but the contractor has indicated that he is willing to continue to provide a service until August, he has indicated however that the present arrangements are unsustainable.

After meeting with the Town Clerk and the Operations Manager an interim arrangement has been suggested. The 20% currently paid to the clubs will be discontinued in favour of a fixed £20 per match paid to the Council for use of utilities.

A specification and tender will be drawn up for consideration by the Council in time for the new football season in August.

Lengthy discussions took place regarding the rising cost of fuel, whether the current contractor wishes to continue and the VPG being in a very different position now to previously.

A discussion took place regarding GAFC being a private company. Members agreed that the Council should not be using public money to subsidise a limited company.

Councillor Raspin suggested that the hirer of the ground also hires the snack bar at a cost of £30 and does its own catering. He said that they would be responsible for cleaning and suggested that Council staff check the site on a Monday. He informed members that the Rugby Club need the income.

The Town Clerk informed members that in his opinion this would not work with multi users and extra pressure will be put on Council staff if the snack bar is left dirty or unkempt. Each user would also need their own insurance, food hygiene certificate and public liability.

The Town Clerk suggested that the proposed arrangement continue until August. Following this, the contract be put out to tender.

Councillor Moiser **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the suggested arrangements whereby the current contractor pays £20 per game to the Council until the end of the football season when the contract will go out to tender.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Handley.

Councillor Raspin **PROPOSED** an **AMENDMENT** that each hirer be allowed to cater for their own day at a fee of £40 payable to the Council for utilities.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Turner.

On Being put to the vote the **AMENDMENT** failed with 3 votes for and 7 against.

Therefore the substantive motion was carried by 7 votes for and 3 abstentions.

It was **RESOLVED** that Members **APPROVE** the suggested arrangements whereby the current contractor pays £20 per game to the Council until the end of the football season when the contract will go out to tender.

PR2117 REPORT OF COUNCILLOR B JEFFREYS – FUNDING REQUESTS

(a) FOUNTAYNE STREET – INSTALL GOAL END

Members were in receipt of the above report

Councillor B Jeffreys informed members of her proposal stating that she is seeking approval to Commuted Sums for £9,897.00 for the project outlined in her report.

When asked would the play equipment adhere to Health & Safety regulations, the OMA informed Members that the equipment is still being sold and is not outdated.

Councillor B Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the application for funding.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Bailey.

Members voted all in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that Members **APPROVE** the application for funding.

(b) SOUTH PARK CAR PARK EXTENSION

Members were in receipt of the above report

Councillor B Jeffreys informed members of her proposal for the extension to the car park at South Park. There are currently only 22 spaces with no disabled parking available.

Councillor Walker suggested that photographic evidence be provided along with the application to the Windfarm for funding.

Councillor B Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the application for funding.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Handley.

Members voted all in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that Members **APPROVE** the application for funding.

PR2118 REPORT OF COUNCILLOR D JEFFREYS – FUNDING REQUEST FOR OLD GOOLE LIGHTING PROJECT AND SPEED AWARENESS FLASHING SIGNS

Members were in receipt of the above report

Councillor D Jeffreys discussed his proposal with Members. He stated that this is a very dark area which people find horrendous to walk down.

He discussed the possibility of a grant with the Police Crime Commissioner when he visited. He sent an Engineer out to survey the area and agreed to look at a grant for solar lighting.

Councillor D Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the application for funding.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Handley.

Members voted all in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that Members **APPROVE** the application for funding.

Meeting concluded at 9.15pm

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