

Sandy Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Policy, Finance and Resources Committee of Sandy Town Council which was held in the Council Chamber at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 3 August 2015 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs P N Aldis, J Ali, T Cole (Vice Chairman), A M Hill, W Jackson, M Pettitt, M Scott (Chairman) P Sharman and S Sutton

Absent: Cllrs G Leach, C Osborne, Cllrs C Maudlin and T Stock (CBC)

In attendance: Mrs C Baker-Smith (Acting Clerk) and 3 members of the public

	<i>Actions</i>
<p>1 Apologies for absence (12-2015/16) Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr C Osborne and Cllrs C Maudlin and T Stock (CBC).</p>	Admin
<p>2 Declarations of interest (13-2015/16) i) Declarable pecuniary interests – None ii) Non pecuniary interests – Cllr Aldis declared an interest in Item 7ii) he is no longer a member of MBDC CAB and will withdraw from the meeting. Cllr Jackson declared a personal interest in Item 12, as he was a long standing member of 1st Sandy Scout Group.</p>	
<p>3 Minutes of previous meeting (14-2015/16) RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the Policy, Finance and Resources Committee held on 22 June 2015 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings.</p>	Admin
<p>4 Public Participation Session (15-2015/16) A member of the public questioned why the Council should be considering a grant application from MBDC CAB when they were a national organisation? It was explained that this request was for a project in Sandy. He stated that he welcomed the new co-option procedure. He also asked if the settlement to the previous Clerk had been completed and the amount paid and was told that this is a confidential matter and the council cannot disclose any information but that the matter was now closed.</p>	

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5 Financial Reports (16-2015/16)

- i) A balance sheet and detailed financial report showing income and expenditure against the revenue budget for year to the end of May 2015 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. This was discussed. **RESOLVED** to note the reports.
- ii) A schedule of payments made in May had been circulated in advance. **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments.
- iii) **RESOLVED** that Cllr Scott scrutinised the bank reconciliations and statements for the month of May and signed these as approved at the end of the meeting.

Admin

6 Defibrillators Maintenance Costs (17-2015/16)

RESOLVED that the costs be noted and that they are included into the budget on a yearly basis.

Admin

Cllr Pettitt expressed his disappointment at the turn-out from the public at the meeting to demonstrate how to use the defibrillators earlier in the year.

Cllr Jackson stated that he would be transferring £233.00 from the Mayor's Charity Account to the Council to cover the costs for this financial year, although the battery should be covered for 5 years in this amount.

7 Grant Applications (18-2015/16)

- i) Biggles FM: **RESOLVED** to grant £250.00 for running costs and that audience figures were obtained.
Cllr Aldis left the meeting.
- ii) MBDC Citizens Advice Bureau: **RESOLVED** to grant £250.00 for running costs for the project in Sandy.
- iii) Audrey Boothby Award: **RESOLVED** to continue with the grant for £20.00.

8 Allotment Site (19-2015/16)

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to all residents on the waiting list and previous allotment holders to gauge interest in having an allotment on the new site with a return date of the 4 September 2015. Also that a press release be issued to local press and put on the Council website.

Admin

9 The Limes, Elder Close, Beeston (20-2015/16)

RESOLVED that Cllr Hill write to the residents of Elder Close to see if they wish to have this piece of land tidied up, as the Management Company do not wish to take over responsibility for the land.

Cllr Hill

Cllr Hill reported that he was awaiting the Way family to inform him about the siting of the memorial seat in Beeston.

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10 Central Bedfordshire Council Consultations (21-2015/16)

- i) The Gambling Act 2005: **RESOLVED** that the consultation is noted.
- ii) Home Library Service: **RESOLVED** that the consultation is noted.

11 Review of Complaints and Vexatious Complaints Procedure (22-2015/16)

RESOLVED that the policies are agreed in their present form and that they are reviewed together annually.

Admin

12 Funding for the Scout Bonfire (23-2015/16)

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND that the 1st Sandy Scout Group formally apply to the Council for a loan of £2000.00 towards this year's Bonfire event.

Cllr
Scott

13 Financial Reports (24-2015/16)

- i) A balance sheet and detailed financial report showing income and expenditure against the revenue budget for year to the end of June 2015 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. This was discussed. **RESOLVED** to note the reports.
- ii) A schedule of payments made in June had been circulated in advance. **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments.
- iii) **RESOLVED** that Cllr M Scott scrutinised the bank reconciliations and statements for the month of June and signed these as approved at the end of the meeting.