

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 7 December 2015 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs P N Aldis, P Blaine, A M Hill, W Jackson, G Leach, C Osborne, M Pettitt, M Scott (Chairman), P Sharman and Cllr P Smith (CBC).

Absent: Cllr D Sharman.

In attendance: Mr C Robson (Town Clerk) and Ms M Bracey (Minutes Clerk) and one member of the public.

| | <i>Actions</i> |
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| 1 Apologies for absence (46-2015/16) Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr D Sharman. | Admin |
| 2 Declarations of interest (47-2015/16) i) Declarable pecuniary interests –Cllr P N Aldis is Chair of Sandy Enhancement Group which will be discussed at Item 7 ii) Non pecuniary interests –None | |
| 3 Minutes of previous meeting (48-2015/16) RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the Policy, Finance and Resources Committee held on 12 October 2015 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings. | Admin |
| 4 Public Participation Session (49-2015/16) The member of the public present was advised by the Chairman to speak at Item 7. | Admin |
| 5 Financial Reports (50-2015/16) i) A balance sheet and detailed financial report showing income and expenditure against the revenue budget for year to September 2015 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The Town Clerk presented the Report and clarified a number of the member's questions. Those he was unable to clarify at the meeting will be investigated and members informed. RESOLVED to note the report. ii) A balance sheet and detailed financial report showing income and expenditure against the revenue budget for year to October 2015 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The Town Clerk presented the Report and clarified a number of the member's questions. Those he was unable to clarify at the meeting will be investigated and members informed. A member said that it would be useful if there are items that require | |

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the Councillors' attention that a note or a report be attached regarding this.

A member noted that any expenditure allocated to a zero budget would need to be moved to a correct code.

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that at a recent meeting with CBC he was told they were cutting the CCTV budget which would likely affect one of Sandy's cameras. On 1st April 2016 Sandy Town Council will have to take on this camera or it will be removed. The Town Clerk has requested the costs for this camera so that the matter can be discussed at the budget setting meeting. He informed the Committee that the credit balance against CCTV will be reviewed.

A member queried 'Other income car park' and the Town Clerk will investigate this entry.

RESOLVED to note the report.

iii) A schedule of payments made in September and October had been circulated in advance.

RESOLVED to approve the schedule of payments.

iv) Bank reconciliations and statements.

RESOLVED that Cllr Scott scrutinise the bank reconciliations and statements and sign these as approved at the end of the meeting.

6 Action List (51-2015/16)

The Town Clerk presented the Action List which identifies Actions from previous meetings and their status.

The Town Clerk is reviewing all the Service Agreements and will bring a report to Committee.

There is a report on the Agenda regarding the Jenkins Pavilion.

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7 Grant Applications (52-2015/16)

Mid Beds Link a Ride

A member raised the confusion regarding running costs and whether the Council Policy stated that organisations requesting running costs could not receive a grant. Members supported the Mid Beds Link a Ride but required clarification of what they are doing in Sandy on a regular basis.

A member raised concern that as Unitary and District authorities budgets are squeezed and grant funding withdrawn, how these community organisations will continue.

CBC is carrying out a survey on Public transport, as part of establishing their transport strategy, including community transport and disabled access.

The Chairman suggested that when considering the amount to put in the grants budget next year the members consider they may be requested for increased funding from community organisations.

RESOLVED to defer a grant at this stage but seek further information, from the applicant, in particular with regard to the several

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organisations providing this service, working together to provide community transport.

Members also requested that Sandy Town Council be involved in the Transport consultations and the Town Clerk was requested to email CBC regarding this.

Sandy Enhancement Group

Cllr Aldis left the room.

Mr D Osborn of Sandy Enhancement Group spoke on behalf of the grant application from SEG. He said that since the Sandy Enhancement Group had been restarted twelve months ago the small committee had achieved a great deal. He mentioned a number of areas of town which the group had enhanced. The group had also attended the Sandy Carnival to raise awareness of their activities. In 2016 they are planning a display in the middle of the town to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday and also a painting competition for young people.

They require materials for these projects. A member stated he fully supported the projects particularly the celebration of the Queen's birthday.

RESOLVED to **RECOMMEND** the grant of £250 to Sandy Enhancement Group.

8 Jenkins Pavilion (53-2015/16)

The Town Clerk presented the report. A member asked about any on going maintenance costs. The Town Clerk replied there would be no ongoing maintenance costs with the system recommended.

RESOLVED to **RECOMMEND** that Company A install a GSM unit which can be monitored by the SLL management.

9 Boot Camp Policy (54-2015/16)

The Town Clerk presented the Boot Camp Policy which had been amended to include fees applicable from April 2016.

RESOLVED to approve the amended Policy.

10 Scouts Fire Work funding (55-15/16)

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that the Scouts had confirmed that they will be returning the full £2,000 awarded.

A member raised the question of future events and the Town Clerk will have discussions with the Scouts about the future of the event.

The Town Clerk will check the Scout accounts when they are received and a report will come to Committee.

A member stated that a recent internal audit had been completed with a clean result and also a recent external audit had produced the same result. It was agreed that this should be publicised.

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