

POLICY COMMITTEE

24 June 2014

Present: Councillors Draper, Campbell, Jones, McIntyre, Nicholson, Swift, Upton, Westmorland & Wootton.

Apologies: Councillor Pickin.

No members of the public were in attendance.

64 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Jones proposed Councillor Campbell for the position of Chairman of this committee. This was seconded by Councillor Wootton.

RESOLVED: That by a unanimous vote Councillor Campbell was appointed Chairman of this committee for the ensuing year.

65 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Swift proposed Councillor Nicholson for the position of Vice Chairman of this committee. This was seconded by Councillor Upton.

RESOLVED: That by a unanimous vote Councillor Nicholson was appointed Vice Chairman of this committee for the ensuing year.

66 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors should disclose pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest/s in any item/s on this agenda.

The Chairman read out the following statement. Members are referred to, and shall observe, the provisions of the Hemsworth Town Council's Code of Conduct. If a Councillor has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest he/she must, unless a dispensation has been granted, withdraw from the meeting room and take no part in the discussion or vote. If any interest (Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary) has not been entered in the Town Council's register then you must disclose it at the meeting and inform the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of the date of initial disclosure. Failure to abide by the provisions of the Code in regard to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests now amounts to a criminal offence.

No disclosures were made.

67 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2014, as detailed in Minute Book No. 7, 2013/2014, pages 327 - 328 and as adopted by the Town Council on 20th May 2014, be received and approved.

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68 REVIEW OF TOWN COUNCIL POLICY AS EMBODIED IN MINUTE BOOK No. 1 (2014/2015)

Members reviewed Minute Book No. 1 which had been circulated with the agenda and no matters were raised and the minutes were moved.

69 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Meeting Town & Parish Councils/Wakefield Council (refer to Minute No. 358)

The Clerk informed members that she had not received an acknowledgement or response to the letter sent in March 2014 (refer to Minute No. 358); however an email inviting one or two representatives from the Town & Parish Councils within the District to a meeting with Councillor Jeffery had been received.

It was agreed that the information be noted but no further action be taken on this matter.

70 HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

It was agreed that the details relating to the next inspection (end of July) be noted.

71 LOYALTY CARD – LAKESIDE CAFÉ

Members discussed introducing a loyalty card for the Lakeside café during the winter period (X No. of visits receives free entry into Play area).

It was agreed that the Clerk would undertake a report providing additional details to the next committee for members' consideration.

72 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in view of the confidential nature of business to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the public and press be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

73 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED: That the update provided by the Chairman of the Town Council be noted (Refer to Minute No. 418) and approval to the legal costs associated with this matter were agreed.

It was further agreed that Councillors Jones, Swift & Westmorland would be the members appointed for the disciplinary hearing panel.

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74 HEMSWORTH COMMUNITY – STRATEGIC PLANNING STRATEGY

The Town Clerk provided details on the following:

- a. Contractual matters (including update re: S106 Sport Contribution) re: Planning Application at Kirkby Road, Hemsworth

It was agreed that the updated information provided by the Clerk be noted along with the Solicitors correspondence.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk be instructed to contact the Solicitor and give instructions to implement the advice and recommendations put forward.

- b. Community Asset Transfer – Cemetery Road Playing Fields

It was agreed that the updated information provided by the Clerk be noted.

- c. Feasibility Study – update (Community Assets & Service grant)

It was agreed that the updated information provided by the Clerk be noted.

Meeting closed @ 7.55 p.m.

Tina Pattison
Town Clerk
24 June 2014
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