

POLICY COMMITTEE

17 November 2015

Present: Councillors Campbell (Chairman), Beck, Briggs, Draper, McIntyre, Mellows, Nicholson, Riley, Swift, Upson, Westmorland & Wootton.

Apologies: Councillor Jones & Morris.

1 member of the public was in attendance.

216 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.

Councillor Riley declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 05a (Correspondence).

217 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 29th September 2015, as detailed in Minute Book No. 3, 2015/2016, pages 181 - 183 and as adopted by the Town Council on 6th October 2015, be received and approved.

218 REVIEW OF TOWN COUNCIL POLICY AS EMBODIED IN MINUTE BOOK No. 4 (2015/2016)

Members reviewed Minute Book No. 4 which was circulated with the agenda and no matters were raised and the minutes were moved.

Councillor Riley having declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the following item left the room taking no part in discussions.

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219 CORRESPONDENCE

a. Political Educational Classes – Room hire

The Clerk gave details of correspondence received and the request for free room hire re; Political Education Classes. The Clerk gave additional information on advice received from the YLCA in relation to this matter. Members discussed the details provided.

Councillor Upson proposed that the request for free use of the room be refused and that the organizers be informed that they would be required to pay the appropriate charges for room hire. This was seconded by Councillor Swift.

RESOLVED: That by a vote of 11 for and 1 against the proposal was carried.

Councillor Riley returned to the meeting.

220 VALE HEAD PARK (refer to Minute No.s 124 & 174).

The Town Clerk gave details of a meeting she had attended with the Chairman and 2 Officers from the District Council.

It was agreed that the details be noted and that the Clerk obtains additional information (costings, maintenance regime etc.) and reports back to committee for further consideration.

221 CIVIC REGALIA

Members discussed matters relating to Civic Regalia.

It was agreed that the Clerk obtains costings to purchase a chain for the Consort and reports back to committee.

222 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.

223 HEMSWORTH COMMUNITY – STRATEGIC PLANNING STRATEGY

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

a. Contractual / Legal issues (including update re: S106 Sport Contribution)

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

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223 HEMSWORTH COMMUNITY – STRATEGIC PLANNING STRATEGY - continued

b. Hemsworth Water Park (Greenspace issues) update

It was agreed that the updated details provided by the Clerk be noted and that the Clerk be instructed to deal with the actions agreed and report back to committee.

The meeting closed @ 7.45 p.m.

Tina Pattison
Town Clerk
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