

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES
COMMITTEE HELD 18 June 2019**

Councillors Present: Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Keith House, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Derek Pretty (Chairman), Cllr Jane Welsh, Cllr Geoff Westgarth

In attendance: Itchen South District Scout Canoe Centre, 31st Itchen North Sea Scout Group

P876 Apologies

None received.

P877 To consider the Minutes of the meeting held 2 April 2019

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 April 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

P878 Correspondence

A thank you letter has been received from Hampshire Search and Rescue regarding their recent S137 grant award.

Life Education Wessex have also sent a thank you letter. The councillors noted the letters.

P879 Approve Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 following by Accounting Statements 2018/19 and unaudited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019.

The Town Clerk referred to the finance documents previously circulated and explained the accounts performance and main points.

RESOLVED That councillors approve the Annual Governance Statement 2018/2019 together with the Accounting Statements and Unaudited Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019.

P880 2019/20 Revised Budget Proposals.

Councillors discussed the paper and noted the recommendations.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council approves a revised budget for 2019/20 and capital expenditure is put on hold pending a mid-term budget.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council approves the BACS payment for the John Deere Mower.

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P881 Youth Provision

Cllr Pretty gave an overview of the options available from the previously circulated paper. This included increasing the provision to include two additional drop-in sessions and the existing Friday Night Project.

Cllr Corben asked about previous provision and what sessions we offered under the previous post holder. The Town Clerk confirmed that previous sessions included the Friday Night Project and a twilight session on a Wednesday.

Councillors reviewed the financial implications against the level of service delivery.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to funding the service in house via a part time position for 22 hours per week. The Town Clerk to begin the recruitment process.

P882 Matters for Resolution

a) HEYCA Refurbishment

RESOLVED: Propose to defer to Strategy Committee on the 24 June 2019.

b) Eastleigh Local Plan Consultation

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk submits the consultation response, with no requirement to attend the oral examination.

c) S137 Grants

This item was moved after item 4 to allow the members of the groups in attendance to leave after their item.

Cllr Pretty suggested to the meeting that given there is £2,000 budget per annum that in this round we allocate up to £1,000 saving funds for future rounds.

RESOLVED: That the councillors only commit expenditure up to £1,000.00 in this meeting.

Cllr Ian Corben asked both groups attending about the number of beneficiaries that attend from Hedge End.

The Itchen South District Canoe Centre group confirmed that last year there was approximately 70 young people from Hedge End.

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The 31st Itchen North Sea Scout draws from all of the district, however a significant number come from the Hedge End area and there is now a waiting list from the new development at Dodwell.

The RN reaccreditation will take place on 10 July at 7pm to 9.30pm at Mercury Marina and the invite was extended to councillors to attend this. Please contact David Heffer to arrange.

Cllr Pretty proposed that given there are an increasing number of applications that we should review the criteria to help with the selection process.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk draft revised criteria and guidance for applicants for the September meeting.

After discussion of the bids the following items were agreed/declined for funding.

RESOLVED: That funding is awarded to:

31st Itchen North Sea Scouts - £300
Hedge End Village Hall - £200
Itchen South District Scout Canoe Centre - £200
Victim Support - £100
Wildern Opportunity Group - £200

A total of £1,000 has been awarded in this round of applications.

RESOLVED: That funding is declined for:

Hedge End Guides
The d@art Centre

Bids that have been declined are not precluded from applying again in the current or future financial years.

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P882 Christmas Lights Switch On

Cllr Pretty proposed that Cllr Allingham worked with the Office Manager and other councillors as requested to facilitate the 2019 lights switch on event.

Cllr Allingham asked the committee if consideration could be given to a change of day (Saturday) and a potential road closure to encourage more people to attend.

The Town Clerk outlines that additional staff time would need to be factored into the costs as this would incur overtime rates.

Cllr Pretty felt that it may not be achievable in this year and to be explored for future years.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:27 hours.