

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD 7 JULY 2020

Councillors Present: Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Sheila Baynes, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Patricia Jenkins, Cllr Keith House, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Derek Pretty (Chair), Cllr Jane Welsh

In attendance: Sarah Schlesinger, Youth Team Leader

P957 Apologies: Cllr John Shepherd

P958 To consider the Minutes of the meeting held 2 June 2020

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2020 be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising

None arising not already on the agenda.

P959 Correspondence

A street trading request has been received from Eastleigh Borough Council for a market on the former Budgens site. **RESOLVED: No Objection.**

P960 Hedge End Youth Provision

The Youth Team Leader outlined what has been happening since lockdown was imposed. The group have been holding zoom meetings and running various activities. Guidance today has said that youth clubs can resume with up to 15 people. Sarah has been scoping working from the paddling pool kiosk to be able to run FNP as outdoor projects and is completing the risk assessment. It is looking unlikely that the Hub will be available before September 2020.

Counselling has been on hold as the hub is not opening until September and there are no other suitable spaces that this can be held.

Sarah S has been in contact with the sports in the park organiser to see what we can link in with them to run some activities.

Cllr Corben asked if there was any additional funding that we can apply for. Sarah was not aware of any grant funds available.

Cllr Welsh asked what the breakdown is for FNP from Hedge End and non-Hedge End. Cllr Welsh asked if we could write to the parishes to request contribution for running services. Sarah did respond to say that it is difficult as Hedge End young people do go to West End Youth Club.

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Cllr Pretty asked that we contact EBC to see if there was any additional contribution to these services. **RESOLVED: The Town Clerk to approach this with the other Parish Councils.**

P961 Budget Implications

In response to the letter from the leader of Eastleigh Borough Council requesting details of the impact of Covid-19 on Town and Parish Councils.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed that a figure of £129,902 per annum should be used for each month's loss of income and sent to EBC for June and then reviewed at this meeting monthly.

P962 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20

Cllrs had previously received the unaudited statement of accounts for year ended 31 March 2020. Cllr Pretty spoke about the current financial position.

Cllr Ian Corben asked about the council position in terms of deficit and if this is allowed in audit terms. The Clerk confirmed that the Council can not be in a deficit position.

The Town Clerk spoke about the need to either reduce expenditure or increase income, at this stage the income is less reliable given the Covid-19 and subsequent loss of income.

Cllr Welsh agreed with Cllr Pretty that we should look at all options and request of the chair of personnel committee to convene a meeting.

Cllr House noted that if it were an immediate cash flow problem then EBC would be happy to advance the next payment.

Cllr Pretty also noted that when the opportunity arises that we can revisit the hall hire charges. **RESOLVED: To revisit hall hire charges when Cllrs are able to meet in person to discuss.**

Cllr Corben asked if Cllrs need to consider any additional measures. Cllr Pretty noted that the committee has seen the Projected Outturns over the past year and now this is readily available to the committee. **RESOLVED: That Projected Outturns will be a standing item on the agenda.**

The Town Clerk took the Cllrs through each of the individual accounting statements confirming agreed or not agreed. **RESOLVED: Clerk to submit to the auditor.**

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P963 Disposal of Minibus

Cllr Pretty outlined the reasons for the proposed sale of this vehicle in that it has not been used in some time and the new Youth Team Leader doesn't have the correct licence to drive it and prefers the young people to make their own way to the activities. The annual cost of keeping it outweighs the potential costs of hiring a minibus when one is needed. **RESOLVED: To see what offers we get around the £4K advertised as a minibus or camper van conversion.**

**P964 All members of the public and press are requested to leave the meeting
Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960**

**P965 Exempt Business – Leases and Rents
 Buildings Valuations
 Unauthorised Encampment**

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:35 hours.