

POLICY COMMITTEE

04 August 2015

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

Apologies: Councillors Edwards, Jones & McIntyre.

No members of the public were in attendance.

121 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 Wootton declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 07.

122 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June 2015, as detailed in Minute Book No. 1, 2015/2016, pages 66 - 68 and as adopted by the Town Council on 7th July 2015, be received and approved.

123 REVIEW OF TOWN COUNCIL POLICY AS EMBODIED IN MINUTE BOOK No. 2 (2015/2016)

Members reviewed Minute Book No.2 which was circulated with the agenda and no matters were raised and the minutes were moved.

124 VALE HEAD PARK

Further to Minute No. 75 – Policy Committee held 23 June 2015 the Clerk gave details relating to maintenance work undertaken by the District Council which included the reduction in service, i.e. Vale Head golf course being part of the cuts in the District Council's reduced core maintenance budget leaving the golf course grass area to "naturalise". The Clerk informed members that she had not commissioned a feasibility study but was obtaining information on the maintenance/running costs for the golf course.

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124 VALE HEAD PARK - continued

Councillor Upson proposed that a meeting be arranged with the District Council to look at taking over the golf-course at Vale Head Park. This was seconded by Councillor Swift.

RESOLVED: That by a unanimous vote the proposal was carried and the Clerk be instructed to arrange a meeting with the District Council to discuss matters relating to the golf course and to report back to members.

125 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.

Councillor Wootton had declared a non-pecuniary interest in the next agenda item.

126 1, BANK STREET

The Town Clerk provided details of the marketing report received and members considered the information along with the previous request (Refer to Minute No. 77 – Policy Committee held 23 June 2015).

Members discussed the marketing figures and options relating to the sale/lease of the building.

It was agreed that the Clerk provides details on the marketing figures re; value and rent for the building to the interested party and ascertains if they wish to proceed with their request.

127 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 information provided be noted.
- b. To consider suggestions and options to introduce into a new Strategic Plan (2015 – 2019) – The plan will seek to address and set out what the Town Council will be doing to implement improvements and deal with changes (to include a review of the Annual Report & Council Plan 2014) – (Refer to Minute No. 78 – Policy Committee held 23 June 2015).
It was agreed that due to the present workload that this matter be put on hold for 3 months.

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- c. Hemsworth Water Park (Greenspace issues) update
It was agreed that the updated information provided by the Clerk be noted and that the Clerk contacts the District Council to deal with matters raised by members and reports back to committee.

Meeting closed @ 7.35 p.m.

Tina Pattison
Town Clerk
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