

POLICY COMMITTEE

13 May 2014

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

Apologies: Councillor Pickin.

No members of the public were in attendance.

412 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.

413 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2014, as detailed in Minute Book No. 6, 2013/2014, pages 286 - 288 and as adopted by the Town Council on 29th April 2014 (reconvened Council meeting), be received and approved.

414 REVIEW OF TOWN COUNCIL POLICY AS EMBODIED IN MINUTE BOOK No. 7 (2013/2014)

Members reviewed Minute Book No. 7 which had been circulated with the agenda and no matters were raised and the minutes were moved.

415 CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk reported on the following;

- a. Local works – Support request to government under the Sustainable Communities Act (1) – Business Rates

It was agreed that support be given on the request to government under the Sustainable Communities Act (1) – Business Rates.

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Councillor Campbell declared a non pecuniary interest in the next agenda item.

416 PERMIT POLICY SCHEME

The Clerk gave details of correspondence received relating to the permit policy re; passes to the Water Park for local residents.

It was agreed that no exception/change to the policy would be made to people living outside the Town Councils Township.

417 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.

418 CORRESPONDENCE

It was agreed that the Chairman's actions to date in dealing with the correspondence (serious complaint) received on 29 April 2014 be approved and that authority be given for the Chairman to obtain necessary legal advice and to bringing this matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

419 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.

b. Community Asset Transfer – Cemetery Road Playing Fields

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

420 POLICY - REVIEW OF SERVICES

Members discussed the operational procedures and policies of this Town Council in relation to all services provided.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk continue to monitor operational and staffing issues and put forward any recommendations for changes that would improve current arrangements.

Tina Pattison
Town Clerk
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