

POLICY COMMITTEE

27 January 2015

Present: Councillors Campbell (Chairman), McIntyre, Nicholson, Swift, Upson,
& Westmorland-

Apologies: Councillors Draper, Jones & Wootton.

No members of the public were in attendance.

272 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.

273 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2014, as detailed in Minute Book No. 4, 2014/2015, pages 146 - 147 and as adopted by the Town Council on 02 December 2014, be received and approved.

274 REVIEW OF TOWN COUNCIL POLICY AS EMBODIED IN MINUTE BOOK No. 5 (2014/2015)

Members reviewed Minute Book No. 5 which had been circulated with the agenda and no matters were raised and the minutes were moved.

275 PLANNING APPLICATION 14/02578/FUL

It was agreed that the information be noted and that no comment be submitted.

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276 CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

a. Youth Project

The Clerk gave details of correspondence received highlighting facilities for youths in the Township. A meeting had taken place with the Chairman of the Town Council and discussions took place on ideas for projects, for example a skate park.

It was agreed that a further meeting takes place to continue the discussions on how to help with youth facilities and the outcome of the meeting to be reported back to committee.

b. Yorkshire Local Councils Association – New Local Council Award Scheme 2015

It was agreed that the details of the new Local Council Award Scheme which replaces the Quality Scheme be noted and the Clerk attends the briefing event to obtain additional information and reports back to committee.

c. DCBL Certificated Bailiffs and High Court Enforcement.

It was agreed that the Clerk contacts this Company to obtain further details re; pursuing outstanding CCJ's.

277 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.

278 HEMSWORTH COMMUNITY – STRATEGIC PLANNING STRATEGY

The Chairman of the Council provided an update 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 be noted and approval was given to four areas where action was required.

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279 DAC Beachcroft Claims Ltd

The Town Clerk reported on the following matters;

a. Insurance Claim Hemsworth Water Park

It was agreed that the details relating to the settlement of the claim be noted.

b. Meadow Croft, Hemsworth

The Clerk informed members of a claim received, details of which had been forwarded to the Council's insurers.

It was agreed that the information be noted.

280 LEGAL ISSUES

It was agreed that further to Minute No. 225 (Correspondence from Keeble Hawson) that the Clerk obtains clarification and reports back to committee.

The Town Clerk gave details to members on information received relating to a leaflet circulating in the Township. Members discussed how they would address this matter. The Clerk gave additional information relating to an email she had received from a parishioner regarding the leaflet.

It was agreed at this stage that the Clerk responds to the email and ascertains any further information that may help the Council pursue this matter.

The Clerk informed members that a policy on providing a standard format for providing references was required and gave details of advice from Legal (HR Consultants) on what the standard format should be.

It was agreed that the Policy on references as detailed by the Clerk be adopted.

281 CORRESPONDENCE – Continued

Members discussed the requests received from Councillors Kenyon and Wilson re; correspondence dated 23 November 2014 (circulated with the agenda).

RESOLVED: That members agreed that the correspondence was once again of a vexatious and repetitious manner and following the policy of the Town Council no response would be sent.

Meeting closed @ 7.55 p.m.